



## HIGH TWELVE MONTHLY UPDATE April 2014 Issue



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

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

**Invocation:** Grand Master of the Universe, we ask your help in facing the challenges each day brings. Help us to keep our thoughts cheerful and our words kind. Keep those who care for us in your hands, and bless them. As you guide worlds through their revolutions, forget not the individuals who occupy this world, and ease their suffering as best you can. Forgive us our sins, even if we find it hard to forgive ourselves. Please see us through the remainder of today, and guide us through tomorrow. Amen.

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

**Benediction:** Supreme Grand Master, ruler of Heaven and Earth, now that we are about to separate and return to our respective places of abode, wilt Thou be pleased so to influence our hearts and minds that we may, each one of us, practice out of the High Twelve Chapter those great moral duties which are inculcated in it, and with reverence study and obey the laws which Thou hast given us in Thy Holy Word. Amen.

**Flag Presentation:** Permission to use the Patriotic Poems has been granted by Roger W. Hancock, who's Website can be found at <http://poetpatriot.com/poemsflag/htm>. His Website is copyrighted and permission is required to publish anything from the Website. I have found that his Website is the most complete for many types of poems and other material. He has several Websites, which can be used to find a large assortment of poems. They are [www.FlagPoems.PoetPatriot.com](http://www.FlagPoems.PoetPatriot.com); [www.FlagRules.PoetPatriot.com](http://www.FlagRules.PoetPatriot.com); or [www.Veterans.PoetPatriot.com](http://www.Veterans.PoetPatriot.com). We want to thank him for the use of the poems in the Monthly Update on a continuing basis.

**Red White and Blue**

Stars and Stripes, clear blue skies,  
reminding glorious blessings,  
wind whipped, waving free.  
Grand flag silhouette, sunset red,  
reminding Scarlet price paid.  
Wind whipped, waving free.  
Banner, white puffed clouds,  
highlighting Nation's glory.  
Wind whipped, waving free.  
Stars and Stripes, clear free skies.

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**Death of a Brother:** It is with a sad heart we announce the passing of Brother Robert R. Smith, Past Honorary International High Twelve President. Brother Bob passed away on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at his home in Spring Hills, Florida.

Masonic Services will be held in both Florida and Michigan. The Services in Florida will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Downing Funeral Home, 1214 Wendy Court, Spring Hill, Florida. Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at the York Rite Location in Michigan.

Brother Bob was a High Twelve Past State President of Michigan; Florida State High Twelve Secretary; Suncoast High Twelve Club #418 Secretary in New Port Richey, Florida; and a member of the Royal Arch Masons in Michigan; in addition to many other Masonic Organizations.

Brother Bob is survived by two daughters and will be missed by his family and friends. Please keep Bob and his family in your prayers.

**International High Twelve 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Winton Hewitt (PA):** I have been working with the State Associations and Clubs that are in the Zones assigned to me by President Parker; and I feel that we have made some progress and are moving in the right direction. Some of the issues we have worked on are for late Per Capita Payments, missing Monthly Reports and general monthly updates on each of the Clubs' memberships. They may seem like trivial items, but if these reports are not sent in each month, it does not take long until you aren't sure of the actual status of the State Associations or Clubs.

The Monthly Reports have been around for a long time and have always asked for the same data, except they did not show the breakdown of the members that were in the Masonic Villages. This added record keeping has enabled the International Secretary to have an accurate account of the membership for predicting the expected budget figures and how the membership is represented. I would hope that the Club Secretary would realize the importance of these reports and forward them to the State Association Secretary after each meeting. It then places the burden on the State Association Secretary to forward these reports to International.

I am not sure how many of the Members have taken the time to log in on the International Website [www.higHighTwelve.org](http://www.higHighTwelve.org) recently. It is always being updated to provide the Membership with all the tools and information that they may need to know about High Twelve International, other State Associations and Clubs. It has back issues of the High Twelvian Magazine and Monthly Update available and other listings such as the meeting times and places with contact information of Clubs that may be in a city that you may visit. There are a lot of items that the Club Secretary can order such as Thank You, Get Well, and Sympathy Cards. Take the time to visit the site. If you think there is something that would be useful to add just send in your input to the International Secretary.

If you think that there is something that High Twelve International is not providing for the membership, please let the President or any of the Vice Presidents know. We will be more than glad to listen to what you may have to offer. The Organization is sure to grow with a team effort and, at the same time, it makes for a lighter load for everyone, when we all are supporting the same goals. Rest assured that the International Officers are working for the **good** and **continued growth of the Organization** and **with** the help and **team effort** of all us, **it will happen**.

**International High Twelve 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jerry Saville (CA):** Greetings from the West (NO – not the SW):

A couple of nights ago we initiated two EA's and have three more in the queue. Once again I was reminded how fortunate we are to be Masons, and High Twelvians, and decided to drop a few names not to impress but to share a few names from the past.

Names like George Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Howard Taft, Warren Harding, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman and Gerald Ford. These Brothers certainly had something in common other than being Freemasons! Of these Past Presidents I'm sure you can name the only Past President that was not elected. He was also the only Past President that was a High Twelvian and received the International Founder's Award in 1975 – yep, none other than Brother Gerald Ford from the great State of Michigan.

LBJ received his first degree on October 30, 1937, but after receiving the degree he found that his congressional duties took so much time he was unable to pursue the Masonic Degrees.

While Ronald Reagan was not a Freemason he was an honorary member of the Imperial Council of the Shrine and on numerous occasions he was involved in Shrine and Masonic functions throughout this career.

While Abraham Lincoln was not a Freemason he did apply for membership in Tyrian Lodge, Springfield, Illinois, shortly after his nominations for the presidency in 1860 but withdrew the application because he felt that his applying for membership at that time might be construed as a political ruse to obtain votes. He advised the Lodge that he would resubmit his application again when he returned from the presidency. On his death Tyrian Lodge adopted, on April 17, 1865, a resolution to say “that the decision of President Lincoln to postpone his application for the honors of Freemasonry, lest his motives be misconstrued, is the highest degree honorable to his memory”.

Of course all of the above information is online and books but it's always a great reminder of those who have gone before us.

International High Twelve Convention is only 3 months away. As you know, the Convention is scheduled at the Masonic Home in Springfield, Ohio. I have visited both Masonic Homes in California and give thanks for these great Masonic benefits - “Masons taking care of Masons”. We had a very disappointing turn out at Mid-Year in Las Vegas last January. Please consider attending the June Convention. It's your organization – join us to plan the “future” of our great organization.

And finally I want to give our International Secretary a big “THANK YOU”. Kevin spent hours setting up the Mid-Year conference and is now busy planning the Convention. He also spent hours working with the IRS regarding Club High Twelve taxes, EIN, etc. In his free time he created a program to print dues cards for the High Twelve Clubs (provided you send him the information). Kevin is a 24/7 Secretary and remember that International High Twelve has no payroll.

That's all folks. My time and space is up! See you in Ohio. Sincerely and Fraternaly, Jerry Saville.

**International High Twelve Secretary Kevin Hokerk (AZ):** Spring time greetings to all! As I write this it will be 82 in Phoenix AZ – windy with ‘dust storms’ and snowing in Provincetown MA – crazy weather this year.

The spring edition of the High Twelvian should be in the mail by the time you receive this update. Some things to note when you received it:

- Is your mailing information correct? If not let the international Secretary know.
- The last pages contain information about the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Convention which will be held [June 27-29, 2014](#) in Springfield Ohio, including a two side Registration Form.
- The proposed Uniform Association Constitution and Bylaws that will come before the convention for approval.
- A proposed Uniform Club Bylaws change/amendment that will come before the convention for approval.
- There is an opening in the International Line for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President and Treasurer.
- Notice of election for Wolcott Zone Trustees for Zone 1 & 3.
- Additional information will be on the International Website

Everyone should have received the custom address labels in the mail by now and we hope you can use them. If you have not sent in a donation please consider doing so. Custom Dues Cards are now available from the International office. I hope your club will consider utilizing this free service to make one thing easier on the club secretaries.

Annual International Per Capita Statements will be going out to the clubs via the Association Secretaries on [May 1<sup>st</sup>](#) so Secretaries get your March Monthly Reports submitted as March is the basis month. Fraternally, Kevin Hokerk.

### **Wolcott Foundation Article Submitted by Michael “Mike” Clark, Trustee Zone 5:**

#### **Wolcott Foundation Trustees Select “The Fab Five” 2015 Fellows**

All the media excitement around George Washington University in Washington, DC centered on the Colonials making the NCAA Men’s National Basketball Tournament. However, the real news story was the awarding of five \$60,000.00 Fellowships from the 74 applications received and reviewed by the Wolcott Trustees the previous weekend.

While the five names may not currently register with Americans around this great country like the names of the athletes who will represent their schools in this year’s “March Madness,” the five Wolcott Fellows may well make their individual and collective marks on the history of the United States. If and when that happens, it will be due in part to your dollars put to work through the Wolcott Foundation.

Your contributions to the Wolcott Foundation through the Little Red School House, personal trusts, estate planning gifts, and additional individual giving, allows the Wolcott Foundation to continue our own March Madness through the awarding of Fellowships. These Fellowships allow the best and the brightest students in our country the opportunity to receive a graduate degree from one of, if not the finest educational institution in the United States, George Washington University.

The Wolcott Trustees had the opportunity to meet with many of our former Fellows at an evening reception hosted by the University. We talked with many of the former Fellows, some now retired and others in the middle of exciting, rewarding and productive careers in government service all over the world. They all expressed the same appreciation for the opportunity given them by the members of High Twelve and the Wolcott Foundation, as they could not have afforded to attend George Washington University without our help.

Several of the former Fellows are now members of the Craft and they expressed how learning about Masonry through their understanding of the Wolcott Foundation has helped fulfill their lives. We even had two brothers,

both former Fellows ten years apart, tell us about their years in government service and how they now work together in their own government consulting firm.

A morning breakfast also hosted by the University gave us a chance to meet the 2013 Fellows as they near the end of their first year of graduate school. These five young men and women told us about their plans for their future careers in government service. The excitement in their voices while talking about the opportunities already provided them through internships and employment, gave each of the Trustees a feeling of pride in what we do in the name of every member of High Twelve and the Wolcott Foundation.

The next time that Little Red School House passes you at the table, or you pass it while attending a High Twelve meeting, put a little extra inside to help us continue to make dreams come true for the real Champions of our Nation, The Wolcott Fellows.

**California High Twelve Association, Fresno High Twelve Club: Brethren:** We had a very good meeting in March. There were 17 members and 8 guests in attendance. Louis Garcia from the Fresno Police Department Office of Crime Prevention was our guest speaker. He presented different methods of Identify Theft Prevention and answered many questions from the assembled members and guests. We Thank Mr. Garcia for a wonderful program; that was of interest to everyone at the meeting.

We will have Stacy Nolan from the Fresno County Fire Department Prevention Office as our guest speaker at the April 1, 2014 meeting. We look forward to a very good presentation on fire prevention and hope that many of you will be able to attend this meeting.

We have missed our President the last two meetings and look forward to welcome him back at the April Meeting. We also welcome our newest member, Brother Larry Loring. Larry is currently the Master of Fresno Lodge No. 247. Jack Farson, Secretary/Editor

**COULSA COUNTY HIGH TWELVE #627**, President John A. Zwald, Secretary John Hinely The Colusa County High Twelve has announced that the **“Jim Reading Memorial Golf Tournament”** is scheduled for [May 23<sup>rd</sup>](#) and is being jointly sponsored, as a fund raiser, with the Colusa County Lions Club to fund Scholarships for local students. Jim Reading was a member of both the Lions Club and Colusa High Twelve Club and was for many years the Club Secretary and their go-to-guy.

The base amount and number of scholarships will be awarded on the proceeds from the tournament alone. All the money taken in will be paid right back out in scholarships!! Usually about \$2,500 is awarded each year to students graduating from a Colusa County School, and attending a vocational school, 2 year, or 4 year college. They have provided scholarships to students attending Harvard, UCLA, Duke, Cal-Poly, and a multitude of Community Colleges.

The students, who apply are interviewed at the Colusa Masonic Lodge. Not only does this give an opportunity to learn more about the students, but it also opens the Masonic doors to the public, so they can see first-hand what a lodge room looks like.

**Brethren, please note: It is time to start thinking about our International Officer Corps for next year. No current officer is locked into any position. If you are interested in running for any position, you can do so. Just follow the guidance in the International High Twelve Bylaws. We need the best qualified men to guide High Twelve! If you feel you are better qualified than any current officer, please submit the appropriate documentation. Candidates must be nominated by their own club and endorsed by the State Association. (See International Bylaws Article II, Section 4 – Nominations.)**



**THE VILLAGES (San Jose, CA) President, Michael Baudghn, PP - Secretary, David Fullerton, PP**



We are at the corner of winter and spring, the weather is changing, warmer and longer days. Ladies Night was held on **March 22**. Everyone had a good meal and the entertainment was super. Special Sweethearts were guests of the Club. Good fellowship, good food and a nice evening was once again enjoyed by everyone.

March is always Ladies Night with our Special Sweethearts as guests of the Club. We always enjoy good company, good food, and great programs. The program this year was Ms. Kellen Perry, Harpist and Vocalist. The Villages meets in a Country Club setting

overlooking a beautiful Golf Course. State President Cleveland Valrey attended this year's event.

**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 4 meetings this month: April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup>. April HI-12 meetings are at **DENNY'S RESTAURANT**, 2601 52<sup>nd</sup> 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.

The program chair for April is John Blair. He has programs that I'm sure we'll all benefit; learn; be enlightened and enjoy

**APRIL 4:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> speaker is Sylvia Bivens, Certified Hypnotherapist. She will speak on Pain Management through the use of hypnosis in treating illness, e.g. dealing with physical pain or psychological problems.

**APRIL 11:** Jim Lehman, Hy Vee Markets, will enlighten us about the Grocery Business and how the grocery stores function.

**APRIL 18:** Don Johnston, Supervisor Moline Township. His presentation will be about Township Government and what it takes to be a successful supervisor.

**APRIL 25:** Joe Taylor, President/CEO, QUAD CITIES Convention & Visitors Bureau. What it takes to operate a Convention & Visitors Bureau. We will all benefit in knowing the logistics involved in providing this service to the community.

A Historical Review of what events happened in April, besides income taxes.

**April 2, 1513** - Spanish explorer Ponce De Leon sighted Florida and claimed it for the Spanish Crown after landing at the site of present day St. Augustine, now the oldest city in the U.S.

**April 3, 1860** - In the American West, the Pony Express service began as the first rider departed St. Joseph, Missouri. For \$5 an ounce, letters were delivered 2,000 miles to California within ten days. The famed Pony Express riders each rode from 75 to 100 miles before handing the letters off to the next rider. A total of 190 way

stations were located about 15 miles apart. The service lasted less than two years, ending upon the completion of the overland telegraph.

April 4, 1949 - Twelve nations signed the treaty creating NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The nations united for common military defense against the threat of expansion by Soviet Russia into Western Europe.

April 4, 1968 - Civil Rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King was shot and killed by a sniper in Memphis, Tennessee.

April 6, 1896 - After a break of 1500 years, the first Olympics of the modern era was held in Athens, Greece.

April 9, 1865 - After over 500,000 American deaths, the Civil War effectively ended as General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant in the village of Appomattox Court House.

April 11, 1970 - Apollo 13 was launched from Cape Kennedy at 2:13 p.m. Fifty-six hours into the flight an oxygen tank exploded in the service module. Astronaut John L. Swigert saw a warning light that accompanied the bang and said, "Houston, we've had a problem here".

Birthday - American orator Edward Everett (1794-1865) was born in Dorchester, Massachusetts. In 1863, at the dedication of the Gettysburg Battlefield, he delivered the main address, lasting two hours. He was then followed by President Abraham Lincoln who spoke for about two minutes delivering the Gettysburg Address.

April 12, 1861 - The American Civil War began as Confederate troops under the command of General Pierre Beauregard opened fire at 4:30 a.m. on Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina.

April 12, 1945 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt died suddenly at Warm Springs, Georgia.

April 12, 1961 - Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first human in space.

April 14, 1865 - President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded while watching a performance at Ford's Theater in Washington.

April 15, 1912 - In the icy waters off Newfoundland, the luxury liner Titanic with 2,224 persons on board sank at 2:27 a.m. Only 700 were rescued by the liner Carpathia.

April 17, 1961 - A U.S.-backed attempt to overthrow Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba failed disastrously in what became known as the Bay of Pigs fiasco.

April 18, 1775 - The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes occurred as the two men rode out of Boston to warn patriots at Lexington and Concord of the approaching British.

April 18, 1906 - The San Francisco Earthquake struck at 5:13 a.m. The fire raged uncontrollably for three days resulting in the destruction of over 10,000 acres of property and 4,000 lives lost.

April 19, 1775 - At dawn in Massachusetts, about 70 armed militiamen stood face to face on Lexington Green with a British advance guard unit. An unordered 'shot heard around the world' began the American Revolution.

April 20, Birthday of Adolf Hitler (1889-1945) was born in Braunau am Inn, Austria.

April 22, 1864 - "In God We Trust" was included on all newly minted U.S. coins by an Act of Congress.

April 23 - Birthday of William Shakespeare (1564-1616) born at Stratford-on-Avon, England.

April 24, 1800 - The Library of Congress was established in Washington, D.C. It is America's oldest federal cultural institution and the world's largest library.

April 26, 1986 - At the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in the Ukraine, an explosion caused a meltdown of the nuclear fuel and spread a radioactive cloud into the atmosphere, which eventually covering most of Europe.

April 27, 1865 - On the Mississippi River, the worst steamship disaster in U.S. history occurred as an explosion aboard the Sultana killed nearly 2,000 passengers, mostly Union soldiers who had been prisoners of war and were returning home.

April 30, 1789 - George Washington became the first U.S. President as he was administered the oath of office on the balcony of Federal Hall at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets in New York City. Editor: Nikolaj Greza, [ngreza@hotmail.com](mailto:ngreza@hotmail.com)

**Florida High Twelve Association, CORTEZ MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB # 538, BY ROBERT L. (BOB) RODD, PSP [roddbobkat@aol.com](mailto:roddbobkat@aol.com) 941-776-0937:** Club arrival time is between 10:30 and 11:00 A.M. most every Monday, November through April, and we finish between 12:45P.M. and 1:30 P.M depending on what is taking place. At 11:00 A.M., after a blessing by our Chaplain, it is time to head to the buffet tables.

We want you to be aware that maybe you and your lady may have missed out on some great times shared by those who belong to Cortez Masonic Hi-12 Club, who meet most every Monday from Nov. thru April at Duff's Original Buffet located at 6010 14<sup>th</sup> Street West (Route 41) at the corner of 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue West in Bradenton. The food is great and plentiful with a variety of soups, appetizers, salads, meats and veggies, rolls, pizza, etc. and many very nice desserts. You can eat before our day's activities take place, during our activities and even after we finish up for the day or at all of those times. That is up to you. We also do lots of visiting, sharing funny stories and sometimes not so funny stories. Also finding out what others have been up to and just overall having a great time together. By the way, did I tell you, your Lady is always welcome.

In addition we quite often have entertainment, such as Sharon Rhyno who recently came in her Country Western outfit and shared some fond memories with us with her songs of yesteryear. We also have speakers, who come and share areas of interest to us about what goes on in our local areas. Someone like Helen Smith who has so many things to share from all the fields of interest she has been involved with over the years, including her latest, which was on all the various kinds of fabric there are of which she had samples of all of them for us to see and feel. She also has done programs on jewelry, which she also is an expert at making and several other subjects over the years.

Helen's husband Volkart, known as Smitty to most of us, who just recently passed away at age 98, was a very prominent member of our club. Not only had Smitty been a President of our Club, he also had been an Officer of the International High Twelve Board of Directors several years ago. He loved to show us his stained glass creations. He also was an expert at the caning of chairs. If you attended the Sahib Shrine Luncheons you would probably have seen him sitting at the table near the side door, quite often showing off one of his new stained glass creations. If our club didn't have a program at one of our weekly get-togethers Smitty was always ready on a moment's notice to share a story about something he had done, been involved with or just knew a lot about.

Smitty will be greatly missed by all involved with Cortez Masonic High Twelve Club # 538 and also by all the many people that got the privilege to know him.

Our final auction till November will be on April 7<sup>th</sup>. You want to be there so you can browse and then bid for those items you wish to get for yourself or as a gift for someone dear to you. Members, ladies, guests bring in



new or good used items that they no longer need but maybe you or someone you know do. The funds raised are used to offset the costs of our annual Picnic. In fact on March 12<sup>th</sup> we had this year's picnic out on Anna Maria Island at the Simpson's and a really great time was had by all that attended. Come to our weekly get-togethers and then you will be able to be part of the festivities at next year's picnic.

Another thing we did in March was to visit, as a group, Bearadise Ranch. They have 14 bears there. They put on a show with some of them, have lots of area to browse, be served lunch if you so desire as well as watch the bears play in the open or in the water. There is even a museum to take in. Of course there is also a nice gift shop. Most of you probably have never heard of the place but it is nearby out near Hunsader Farms near the corner of Rt. 70 and County Road 675. For more information about them look them up on the internet. Their Bears have performed for Ringling, The Florida State Fair and Disney among others as well as doing shows all over the country. They have been in business for 18 years but only for past two years give tours and share the activities of their bears here.

Look forward to telling you more in May. Until next time, Bob Rodd, PSP

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

On Friday, August 15th, we will be hosting an informal dinner at 6:30 P.M. at a local restaurant. The convention will start at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday August 16th.

We hope to have all clubs represented at the Convention. Fraternaly yours, First Vice-president James Morris.

**Bellevue Area Masonic High Twelve Club #35:** President; Gene Smith Meeting; Secretary Les King; Meeting Location - The Pie Pantry, 310 E. Main Street, Belleville, Fridays at Noon. Greetings brethren, our Vice President submitted an application for membership for his 19-year-old son (our youngest member,) who was welcomed on board in February 2014, making a total of 42 members. However in March 2014 membership dropped again to a total of 41 members. We lost Brother Forest Hill, a 41 year member to the black camel.

At our noon meeting in January 2014, a Mason from Redbud, Illinois, and his wife, join us for lunch because he was interested in High 12. He also stated that he and 12 other Masons who may be interested in High 12 were looking to contact our State Secretary for information on starting a new club. Our President, Brother Gene Smith and VP Brother Guy Venuti and son Nicholas, attended Redbud Lodge to explain about High 12 and how to start a new club. The reason for taking the young Venuti, was to show them that High 12 is not an "old man's club". Results of this visit are presently in status quo. We hope that Redbud will start a new club or join our club. Our club received the fund raiser stickers and voted to pay the State Association right away so they could have the money at their disposal. The motion passed unanimously.

The plans for the 2014-2015 State Convention are in full swing. The dates are August 15th and 16th, 2014. Club information will be coming soon. Les King, Secretary

**North Central Association of High Twelve Clubs: CALL TO CONVENTION!**

President Dale Cowman has set the time of this 2014 Annual Convention in Des Moines on April 25 – 26.

The annual Convention of the North Central Association of High Twelve Clubs will be held at the West Gate/Adelphic Masonic Temple at 1141-69<sup>th</sup> Street in Windsor Heights, two doors south of the Dairy Queen at 69<sup>th</sup> and University.

Friday evening will be a time of gathering and fellowship with a meal. The table servers will be members of the South Gate Assembly # 161 of Rainbow Girls.

Saturday will be the business meeting, election of officers, Installation, and Necrology Service and is open to all members of High Twelve. More information will be following.

Please make note of this on your calendar and/or in your smart phone! Our club's Secretary, W. B. Richard Anderson is the next Association president apparent! For questions and information contact Tom Gruis, P. S. P., Secretary at (515) 277-2512 or [northcentralhightwelve@gmail.com](mailto:northcentralhightwelve@gmail.com).

Here is a hearty thank you to the club Secretaries that are sending in their Monthly Reports! And to all club Secretaries, please be sure to send in your March Monthly Report and Necrology List as soon as possible! That information will be tabulated for the Convention packet. Please also send an e-mail list of all members and up to date roster of your officers. Thank you!

**Humor sent by Winnie Hill from Temple on the Hill and Gary Capone, Youngstown, Ohio:**

Men Are Just Happier People  
What do you expect from such simple creatures?  
Your last name stays put.  
The garage is all yours.  
Wedding plans take care of themselves.  
Chocolate is just another snack...  
You can never be pregnant.  
You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park.  
Car mechanics tell you the truth.  
The world is your urinal.  
You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky.  
You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.  
Same work, more pay.  
Wrinkles add character.  
Wedding dress \$5000. Tux rental-\$100.  
People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.  
New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet.  
One mood all the time.  
Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.  
A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.  
If someone forgets to invite you,  
*He or she can still be your friend.*  
Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack.  
Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.  
Everything on your face stays its original color.  
The same hairstyle lasts for years, even decades.  
You only have to shave your face and neck.  
*You can play with toys all your life.*  
One wallet and one pair of shoes -- one color for all seasons.  
You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.  
You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife.  
You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache.  
You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives  
On December 24 in 25 minutes.

### NICKNAMES

If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah. If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Bubba and Wildman.

### EATING OUT

When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.

When the girls get their bill, out comes the pocket calculators... YEP!!!

### MONEY

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.

A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.

### BATHROOMS

A man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush and toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel. The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.

### ARGUMENTS

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

### FUTURE

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

### MARRIAGE

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.

### DRESSING UP

A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the trash, answer the phone, read a book, and get the mail.

A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

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### NATURAL

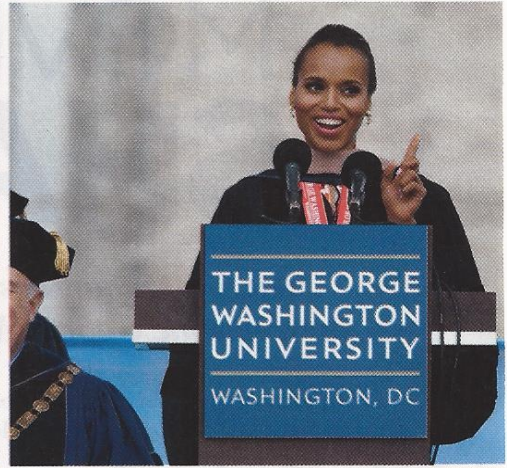
Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed.

Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

**Highlight:** Please see article on the next page taken from the US Airway Magazine: “Tomorrow’s Leaders,” featuring George Washington University, home of our Wolcott Foundation Fellows! The article addresses sports but our graduates excel in all fields The Wolcott Foundation encourages young scholars (age 30 or younger) with

outstanding academic, civic, and social credentials to pursue public service careers. All Fellowships are sponsored by High Twelve International members and friends, an organization of 5,000 dedicated Master Masons.





# TOMORROW'S LEADERS

*George Washington University prepares students for success in sports and life.*

**From left: alumnae Elana Meyers and Kerry Washington**

In the heart of the nation's capital, history is made daily, and at George Washington University (GW), making history comes with the territory.

GW students live just blocks from the White House, intern on Capitol Hill, and graduate on the National Mall. Many alumni carve out prodigious careers across the professional landscape, from the halls of U.S. government to influencing all facets of business, sports, and entertainment. And while the campus is diverse, GW students share a common trait — preparing to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Randy Levine earned his BA at GW before launching a legendary career in sports and law that led him to become president of the New York Yankees. A member of the university's Board of Trustees, Levine chaired a strategic planning committee, which charted the Colonials' rise to prominence in the Atlantic 10 Conference and nationwide.

Alumna Kerry Washington, a movie and

TV star best known for her leading role on the hit show *Scandal*, delivered the 2013 commencement keynote address and credited GW for forcing her out of her comfort zone and sending her on a rise to stardom.

Former GW softball player Elana Meyers cites her experience as a student-athlete as instrumental in honing her mind and body to become one of the world's premier bobsled pilots. Meyers won a bronze medal in bobsled at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games and competed last month at the Games in Sochi. "I studied exercise science at GW and what I learned — how the body moves and proper nutrition — directly correlates to my training."

Closer to home, Jennifer Shasky Calvey, an A-10 legend in women's basketball, serves as director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network at the U.S. Department of the Treasury. She also mentors GW student-athletes as part of the athletic department's initiative to grow and cultivate the leaders of tomorrow.



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