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

Happy New Year to One and All! **Let's Make 2014 the Year We Start Growing Again** **And Double Our Contributions to the Wolcott Foundation**

Prayers are provided by R.W. Reverend Mark Megee, PDDGM & Past President of the Union County High Twelve Club (NJ). He has provided them for our needs and possible use at your club meeting as the opening and closings prayers.

Invocation: Father of Light, keep us diligent in the quest for Masonic knowledge and faithful in the spreading and sharing of the same. We thank You, O God, as we gather for food and fellowship, for the heritage we share in Masonry, of meeting at this festive occasion. As brethren of old all throughout the world have found their spirits refreshed and their strength renewed during occasions such as this, so may we be sustained in health and strength from this fare. May our lives overflow in gratitude to you. Amen.

Benediction: Grand Architect of the Universe, in Thy name we have assembled and in Thy name we desire to proceed in all our doings. Grant that the sublime principles of Freemasonry may so subdue every discordant passion within us - so harmonize and enrich our hearts with Thine own love and goodness, that this High Twelve Club at this time may humbly reflect that order and beauty which reign forever before Thy throne. 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; www.FlagRules.PoetPatriot.com; or www.Veterans.PoetPatriot.com. We want to thank him for the use of the poems in the Monthly Update on a continuing basis.

Our Flag

Our country's flag, a banner heralds,
equality learned, equality seeks.
Represents created rights,
out of oppression came foresight.

Our nation's flag may not be liked,
but has respect through out the world.
Power exists when premise just,
victory came when right entrust.

The colors evoke the pride in us.
Patriotism; red, white and blue.
Right prevails when self, denied,
then rights for all are fortified.

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An Appeal from the Editor of the Monthly Update: Brethren, The Prayers for the Monthly Update have been provided by R.W. Reverend Mark Megee, PDDGM & Past President of the Union County High Twelve Club (NJ), since 2009. I have used the Prayers each month since then and have started re-running some of them in the past few months.

His prayers have been used by some of the club Chaplains to open and close their meetings and many of them have thanked me for publishing his Prayers. I want to thank Reverend Megee for his support over the years and his assistance in providing the Prayer Guide for our use.

I hesitate asking him to continue to provide the Prayers again and ask the many Ministers in our organization if one or more of you will volunteer to step forward and provide the opening and closing Prayers for the Monthly Update.

I have tried the Internet for Prayers without success and feel that one of our own members would be more experienced in providing them. Please let me know if you can take on the commitment for providing the Invocation and Benediction Prayers for the Monthly Update. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated and you would be doing a great service to the clubs, State Associations and High Twelve.

International High Twelve 1st Vice President Winton Hewitt (PA): Brethren, Christmas has passed and we are just a day or so away from the New Year, 2014. That means that we will be in Las Vegas in a couple weeks. If you haven't made your plans yet it is not too late to get your registration in.

I was invited to attend the December meeting of Valley Club No. 305. This was a well-attended meeting of the club with the wives present. Because there were so many in attendances it was necessary to expand the meeting area. The speaker for the meeting was Brother Bruce Caster, a local Montgomery County Commissioner, who spoke on the trials and tribulations of a County Commissioner. Since several of the members were from Montgomery County he was quizzed on some of the local projects.

How many Club Secretaries have visited www.high12.org to review the monthly report that they should be filling each month after their monthly meeting? There are detailed instructions on how to fill in all the requested information such as Regular, Masonic and Honorary members, new members, dropped members, reinstated members, a change of address all of this information is needed by the State Associations as well as International

to be better enable service to the membership. The monthly report section also has instructions on how to download the report so that it is not necessary to reenter certain data that does not change from month to month. If you haven't taken the time to visit the web site; I think you will find it very helpful and it may even answer some of the questions as why certain information is requested. Take a look and I am sure you will like it.

The International Secretary has requested that the State Association Secretaries re-validate the EIN information that was provided last December. This process will insure that all Club EIN's are included in the Group Exemption of High Twelve International. **This does not mean that High Twelve International is filling 990-N (e-Postcard) for the individual Clubs.** The **IRS requires** that each **State Association** and **Club files their own 990-N (e-Postcard)**. A failure to file the requested Form for 3 years could result in the loss of nonprofit status and the IRS could secure the clubs funds and/or include a fine. This is an important piece of club business that can't be put off, for it will not go away. It is not an International High Twelve problem but a local club item. High Twelve International will assist the clubs in any way it can. Losing the nonprofit status could mean filling the Long Tax Forms and paying taxes.

International 2nd Vice President Jerry Saville (CA): Greetings to all and Happy New Year! Let's start with good news this month. One of the many California High Twelve projects is called the Ensign Mayo Loan Fund (EMLF) for Masonic Youth Group members and Master Masons. We just received an \$80,000 donation from the estate of Brother Milton T Simmons, a California High Twelve Past State President. Brother Milton's service and dedication to Masonry and High Twelve was second to none. This is the 3rd estate donation to California's EMLF over the past decade totaling almost \$900,000. To date over 1600 students in the Masonic family have used this program to attend college and trade schools. **MASONRY AND HIGH TWELVE IN ACTION!** Keep inviting Masons and Guests to High Twelve lunch – you just never know the impact Masonry has on a person.

The dates, and location, for the **2014 California High Twelve Convention** are 24-25 October in Bakersfield. Our International Secretary, Kevin, has already posted this information on the web site. Immediately after the last California Convention, the State President invited the Deputy Grand Master to the 2014 High Twelve Convention only to discover he's already booked! So if you always invite the Grand Master to your Convention, call early. I'm sure you already know this but just wanted to share another "lesson learned". Now they will send an invitation to the Senior GM for the 2015 State H12 Convention.

In closing, we are still faced with the challenge of keeping our High Twelve Clubs open and to open new clubs – not an easy task. Please bring your "lessons learned", thoughts, ideas and suggestions to the Mid-Year Conference in Las Vegas on 20 January. Together, as a team, we can keep this great organization moving forward! I hope 2014 is a great year for you !! Fraternally, Jerry Saville, International 2nd VP.

International High Twelve Secretary Kevin Hokerk, AZ PSP (AZ): Happy New Year to all of you. Hopefully you have had time to recover from too Merry [Christmas](#) and an overload of a way-too-much Happy New Year!

Here it is 2014 and we are pushing the 50 yard line heading into Mid-Year at the Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, [January 19-22, 2014](#). Come join us for a bit of work – Governing Board Meeting, fellowship – meals and FUN at the many casinos, shows, sights and sounds of **LAS VEGAS!** Additional information can be found on the International Website on the home page – upcoming events – along with the Registration Form. Remember hotel reservations are to be made through the International Office, please do not contact the hotel directly.

I hope you enjoyed the articles and information in the winter edition of the *High Twelvian* – the last few pages have information and the Registration Form for the Mid-Year meeting.

See *YOU* in Vegas! Fraternally, Kevin L. Hokerk, International Secretary

Wolcott Foundation Zone 3 Trustee PIP Stanley Gardner (CO): Sometimes in these articles from Zone Trustees, we focus only on “money”, which is very important to continue the education of outstanding young people. But, I would like to tell you of some of the outstanding young people that I have met in my term as a trustee. Many Fellows have been in Home Land Security or national defense, securing the freedoms that many people take for granted. One young lady termed herself as a “debt collector”. In her own words “I do not collect from people, I collect from countries that have a debt to the United States, and I won’t settle for minor pennies on the dollar.” Another effervescent lady was an interpreter for the United Nations and the President of the United States. She traveled all over the world with her knowledge of languages, meeting Heads-of-State everywhere, as an ambassador for her country. A remarkable young man became a minister after his four years of government service and now serves as a confident to a congregation as well as to former friends and colleges. “I help to keep your food supply safe,” was a statement from a Fellow that worked in a lab that did testing for meat and the effect of steroids fed to cattle in feed lots across the US. Other Fellows have gone into securities and money management, to secure good returns on investments for businesses and individuals. The spectrum is far reaching for every citizen of the United States.

We may never know the personal importance or benefit to each of us that all the various positions and jobs, held by Wolcott Fellows. Each is a vote of confidence that we, as High Twelvians, have for these young scholars. To realize the importance of this benefit we must continue to support the Wolcott Foundation to sustain and maintain more Fellowships. Stanley A. Gardner PIP, Zone 3 Trustee

Brethren: We are saddened to inform you that our Brother Beryl Franklin, Louisiana High Twelve passed to the Eternal Lodge above. Our Wolcott Foundation Treasurer will send a Wolcott Heritage Bond in Memory of Beryl. Beryl was a great attribute to Freemasonry and especially to the Wolcott Program. He will be missed. Cards may be sent to his wife, Nancy, at 402 Beasley Street, Monroe, LA 71203-4006. Phone – [318-343-1602](tel:318-343-1602). Beryl Franklin was emeritus Chairman of our Wolcott Foundation for 20 years.

Arizona High Twelve Association:

Rice, Rice and more Rice

The Valley View Community Food Bank in [Sun City](#) was the scene of the recent presentation of more than 3,000 pounds of long grain rice by the [Sun City West High Twelve Club #567](#) which was gratefully accepted by Jesse Ramirez, the Founder and Executive Director of the Food Bank. The residents of the [Sun Cities](#) and the surrounding area are well aware of the fantastic service that is provided to the thousands of people in the area on a regular basis.

The [Sun City West High Twelve Club](#) is one of many regular donors that assist the Food Bank in this highly successful community service. The High Twelve Club has donated more than 110 tons (220,000) pounds of rice as well as several tons of pinto beans in the past years and is extremely proud to be of service to the wider community and assist those in need.

[Sun City West High Twelve Club # 567](#) is a Masonic affiliated social group of men who meet for breakfast on the second Wednesday at 8:00 AM at Lou’s Tivoli Gardens in Surprise as well as on selected Third Thursdays with the ladies at the Briarwood Country Club. Interesting and informative speakers and programs have made these meetings a rewarding experience for all attendees, and the support of the wider community instills pride in all members. Fraternally, John Geyer.

Acacia-Santa Rita High Twelve Club No. 505: Acacia-Santa Rita High Twelve Club No. 505 had its annual Christmas Party for the children at Sopor School. This is our annual program for the kindergarten children in

Amado, AZ. It was held on [December 9, 2013](#) at 12 Noon. From our treasury, we purchase a gift for each child in kindergarten plus some additional children who are brought to school by the parents who wish to watch the gala event. This year we purchased about thirty (30) gifts.

The teacher is asked to find out from each child what they would like for [Christmas](#) and every effort is made to get that gift. The Ladies of Club 505 do all the buying of the gifts and are reimbursed by our Club. This year the cost was around \$600.00. The Ladies then wrap all the gifts and put name tags on them so Santa can make sure each Child gets the gift they asked for.

Santa played by a Club 505 member, Gus, a Past Master and District Deputy of the Masons, presents each Child his or her gift. The Children wait until every Child has received their gift before opening them. It's pandemonium for a few minutes; the Children show their gifts to everyone in the school.

Santa's helpers include our Ladies, Alice; Betty; Jackie; Jean; and Lorraine, Our Men present were; Werner; Larry; Walt Williams, AZ. State President; Lindy Lindamood, AZ. State First Vice-President; Bob Kline, AZ. State 3rd Vice-President; David Haynes, P.S.P., AZ. State Chaplain, our photographer; Jon Ruse, AZ. State Sergeant-at-Arms and Club 505 Secretary; and Rich Kessler, P.S.P. and International High Twelve 3rd Vice-President.

When all the excitement dies down, everyone is treated to an ice cream treat, pictures are taken and the party slowly comes to an end. We then pack up all our paraphernalia and adjourn to the Cow Palace for our annual dinner party, with Santa and all his helpers.

So far this year, I have assisted at the Installation of Officers of High Twelve Clubs; No. 523 in North Tucson; No.773 in East Tucson; No. 703 in Sierra Vista, AZ. I will help with the Installation of Officers in Club No. 505 Green Valley, AZ. at our Stated Meeting on [January 6, 2014](#) at High Twelve at the Triple Play restaurant in Sahaurita, AZ. just west of the Titan Missile Site. Bebie and I wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season!

California High Twelve Association: We were notified recently that the estate of Brother Milt, PSP of California, left an legacy to International High Twelve; the Wolcott Foundation; and the California High Twelve Project "Ensign Mayo Loan Fund." All three organizations are very appreciative of the remembrance by Brother Milt. The inheritance will ensure the Ensign Mayo Program; High Twelve International; and the Wolcott Foundation will continue to remain strong and be of assistance to Masons, Wolcott Fellows and Masonic Youth Groups in the future.

Napa Masonic High Twelve Club #238: We meet the first and third Wednesdays, 11:30 A. M.; Denny's Restaurant, 1000 Imola Ave. (Imola and Soscol), Napa, CA. No meeting [January 1, 2014](#) New Year Day. We have a new President, Warren M. Brooks. Our outgoing President, Harry E. Fosdick deserves special thanks for his service to High Twelve. At our December meeting we had a gift exchange. Gifts were marked by gender, male or female. Jan Schmutz distributed numbers to all and then called the number for that person to select a gift. Highlite - a smelly bottle of wine, had developed a leak. Discussed drinking it but we did not. Everyone enjoyed their gift. We donated one hundred dollars to each of the three Napa groups, DeMolay, Job's, and Rainbow from the donations received at our meetings. On a sad note we were informed one of our members, Henry L. Pohndorf, had passed away. Our sincere sympathy to his family and friends. We look forward to fellowship with anyone who would like to attend our meeting. Our Masonic Rep. is Milford D Hodges, Scholarship Rep. Tom M Knoblauch. President Warren M. Brooks, Secretary / Treasurer Stanley D. Waggoner [707.226.1138](tel:707.226.1138)

Florida High Twelve Association, Cortez Masonic High Twelve Club #538:



On Monday, December 23, 2013, the Cortez High Twelve Club held its weekly meeting. This was a “Special Meeting,” which included regular business, then the Annual Installation of their incoming officers. It was followed by a “Gift Exchanged” which was enjoyed by all.

Past State President Robert “Bob” Rodd was the Installing officer, assisted by Past State Secretary Gene Black as Installing Marshall and Past State and Past International President Merv Harris, Installing Chaplain.

Photo on left from left to right, includes Robert L. (Bob) Rodd, P.S.P., installed as 1st V.P., Wolcott

Representative. and Master of Ceremonies; David Hauraney, Masonic Representative; Merv Harris, P.S.P., P.I.P., Wolcott Trustee, Installing Chaplain; Jeff Davis, 2014 President; Gene Black, P.S.S., Installing Marshall, also installed as Treasurer; David Gardner, Sergeant-at-Arms; Sandy Nardone, assisting Secretary. Missing from the photo - Lewis Peter, Secretary; and John Sutterley, Chaplain.

Wolcott Foundation Best in Zone 8 High Twelve Club:



The Best in Zone Club this year went to the Cortez Masonic High Twelve Club #538, located in Bradenton, Florida. The club did an outstanding job contributing \$40.37 per member.

What makes their win interesting is that PSP Robert Rodd, Assistant Trustee, inquired at the 2012 State Convention how his club stood in the ranking of donations at that time. His club was 4th in the standing.

At the next club meeting, he informed his club members that they needed to put their shoulders to the grindstone, so they could be the Best. We want to

congratulate him and the members of Cortez High Twelve for accomplishing their goal and pulling themselves to be the #1 spot. Photo shows 2013 Club President Bob Davis on the left and Bob Rodd, PSP, on the right.

We hope the other clubs in Zone 8 will take the challenge and exceed their 2013-2014 donations to the Wolcott Foundation for the 2013-2014 year.

In all seriousness, we want to thank all the clubs in Florida for doing a great job. Zone 8 contributed a total of \$10,111.30 for the Year 2012-2013. **Congratulations for the outstanding contributions made by the Florida High Twelve Association, Clubs and members to the Wolcott Foundation!**

Tri County Masonic High Twelve Club #674: Article provided by Donald Graupner, Past Club President:

Once in a while, there is something that comes down the pike that is of real importance. What is the difference between http and https? Don't know how many of you are aware of this difference, but it is worth sending to any

who do not. The main difference between <http://> and <https://> is it's all about keeping you secure. HTTP stands for Hyper Text Transfer Protocol.

The S (big surprise) stands for "Secure." If you visit a website or web page, and look at the address in the web browser, it will likely begin with the following: <http://>. This means that the website is talking to your browser using the regular "unsecured" language. In other words, it is possible for someone to "eavesdrop" on your computer's conversation with the website. If you fill out a form on the website, someone might see the information you send to that site. **NEVER download anything from a web site that is NOT secured (it will save you from downloading viruses).**

This is why you **never ever** enter your credit card number in an [http](http://) website! But if the web address begins with <https://> that basically means your computer is talking to the website **in a secure code** that no one can eavesdrop on. If a website ever asks you to enter your credit card information, you should automatically look to see if the web address begins with <https://>. If it doesn't, you should NEVER enter sensitive information...such as a credit card number, SS #, etc. **PASS IT ON** (You may save someone a lot of grief!

Illinois High Twelve Association: Greetings Brethren, I hope all our brethren and their families enjoyed a happy holiday season, and a Merry. Christmas Sandy and I wish you all a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

The Illinois Association of High Twelve Clubs will be having their 2014-2015 State Convention, Hosted by Belleville Masonic High Twelve Club #35 on August 15th and 16th 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, James Morris, First Vice President.

Jerseyville Masonic High 12 Club #762. We continue to meet on the first Wednesday of the month at Hickory Grove restaurant in Jerseyville. Since our last article we gained four new members and membership now stands at 23 we usually have an average of 10 to 12 attending our meetings. Since the convention our ladies are beginning to also join us for the fellowship.

Our meetings are filled with fellowship and lively conversation. We recently had a couple of very interesting speakers. Ainad Past Potentate Ray Rohr gave a presentation of construction progress of the new Shriners Hospital for children in St. Louis. Our club presented Ray with generous donation for the hospital.

We also voted to accept the new uniform club bylaws is presented and required by High 12 International. We continue to support the Wolcott foundation. Our club purchased the 2014 foundation Pins sent to us by Brother Willie Meyer, and distribute them among our member-ship.

In November we welcomed several guests, Association first VP Jim Morris, third VP Charles Coffey and his wife Donna brother Les King, treasurer of Belleville club number 35. We also had as our guest speaker Scott Isinghausen from the Illinois Department of natural resources. Scott gave a very interesting presentation on fish and wildlife in northern Illinois. If anyone ever gets the opportunity to see one of Scott's presentations be sure to ask him to do some of his animal impressions, especially a squirrel. This meeting was also wearing your bib coveralls day. Everyone seemed to enjoy wearing the relaxed casual attire.

In December we made donations to toys for tots program and several of our members spent a morning helping the Marine Corps. Program package the toys for distribution. We also made a donation to Illinois Masonic Charities

to help our brother in need for storm relief from the tornado in Washington Illinois. And surrounding areas affected by this devastating storm.

Our snow removal program continues when bad weather calls. On a said note, one of our members, Brother Dwight Miller lost his beloved Bertie on December 11. Bertie was a remarkable and active lady passing at the age of 96.

We are a small club but we continue to help our Masonic brother and our community and to strive to promote High 12 throughout area. Ron Thomason, Secretary

Having trouble getting a hold of your Illinois State Officers!!

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Pennsylvania High Twelve Association:



Photo on left is East Toledo High Twelve Club #324 President Tom Hagan (right) presenting Mr. Jim Tische, Honor Flights of Northwest Ohio, a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 to help defray the expenses of sending some of our Veterans to Washington D.C. so they may view the memorials.

God Bless,

J. Thomas Foor, State President (Ohio)

First Capital High Twelve Club: To all members and friends of First Capital High 12,

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE, NOT A CREATURE WAS STIRRING, NOT EVEN A MOU.....WHOA NELLIE.....

Was that the mailman out there, quick as a flash, check the mailbox, it could be one last gift.....yes.....it is a gift.....it is the WINTER ISSUE OF THE HIGH TWELVIAN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

You should have received it by now, and what I am about to tell you is old news, but what the hey, let me tell you anyhow

1. As usual it is chocked full of great High 12 News.
2. Quickly turn to page 10, there he is in full splendor, our own PIP Don Whistler with some news about club expansion, take the time to read that, Don is busy working on new clubs

3. Leisurely turn to page 15 and you will see at the top of the page, the suave, dapper, debonair, smiling face of our club Secretary, Roger Stabley visiting a High 12 club in England. You might recall that Roger did that last year. Now that I think about it, Rotary make a big deal out of visiting other clubs, if High 12 does, I guess I never heard of it.....But.....hey guys , what do you say, we have some clubs within 30 miles of York, is anyone interested in visiting some other High 12 clubs? If you are let either Roger, another officer or me know and let's work on that for 2014.
4. International Secretary Kevin Hokerk has lots of news about some new things with International including the newly designed Website. Read page 8 for that information.
5. There are articles from all the officers, including Winton Hewitt who is from PA; you might recall Winton visited our club when he was PA State President of High Twelve.

Well, that is all for now, another successful year (First Capital's 25th) will soon be in the History Books. Roger Stabley and Dick Graybill said that only 2 members have not yet paid their dues for 2014 and one of them lives in Florida (there is still time to pay if you are reading this). The Jolly old Elf himself is getting ready for his big day.....but for those of us who celebrate **Christmas**.....it is the Celebration of the birth of our savior that we eagerly await.

To those of you who are Christians, your newsletter editor wishes you a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BLESSED NEW YEAR! For any who may not celebrate Christmas, I say HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! John D Krout. Have a Great Day

ARNOLD PAGE HIGH TWELVE #298, United Kingdom, Article by Darrell C. Russell, Secretary:

With the adoption of the new International High Twelve Constitution and By-Laws the Nominations and Elections of Officers was held at our October meeting. Officer positions are as follows: Brother Peter Kerley PP - President; Duncan Greenwood - Vice President; David Hedges PP – Treasurer; Darrell Russell PP – Secretary. These are the key positions for the year 2014. We are hoping to establish a team for member recruitment following the ideas that have appeared in past High Twelve Newsletters and the High Twelvan.

As mentioned in our last article, the annual Charity Dinner was held on the 11th of December and was well attended. Festive Fare meaning lots of Turkey with all the trimmings provided by the catering team. Afterwards, presentations were made to the following organizations; Norwich& Norfolk Association for the Blind; St. Nicholas Hospice; St. Johns Ambulance Service; Little Treasures Pre-School and Wolcott Foundation. The club 2013 donations totaled £2250.00 (\$3667.50). A check in the amount of £250.00 (\$409.16) to the Wolcott Foundation has been forwarded to Brother Michael Clark, Zone 5 Trustee. As one of our fund raising events a raffle was held for prizes that were generously donated by the members and we were able to raise 100.00 pounds that will go directly into our fund raising account. This equates to approximately £34.00 per member over the year. The members of the club are to be commended for the amount raised this past year as due to circumstances only 10 meetings were held. In conclusion the Arnold Page High Twelve Club 298 UK would like to wish all the International Offices and members of clubs throughout the US and other parts of the world a Merry Christmas and New Year.

More California High Twelve Association: Article “borrowed” from the State Newsletter: After many years of loyal and dedicated service to the High Twelve Ensign Mayo Loan Fund Program Ray Rosson resigned as P r e s i d e n t o n November 3, 2013. Prior to his service as President, Brother Ray served as the Ensign Mayo Trustee f o r N o r t h e r n California. Ray's commitment to High Twelve and the Ensign Mayo Program was recognized by the Grand Lodge of California, International and State High Twelve.

During Ray's term as President he was honored with a 5-Star Achievement Certificate from International High Twelve and the Max King Award from California High Twelve for Outstanding Service to Masonry, High Twelve, and the Ensign Mayo Program. Thanks Ray - Well Done!

During the last three years of Ray's term the Ensign Mayo Loan Fund awarded over 130 student loans totaling more than \$528K to our Masonic Youth Groups and Master Masons. We can be extremely proud of our accomplishments. This is what our founder, Brother Frank Mayo, wanted for our Masonic family. Brothers, this is Masonry in Action! Remember to pass the little red schoolhouse at your next meeting. Education never ends! Sincerely and Fraternaly, Jerry Saville, Ensign Mayo Secretary.

Ohio High Twelve Association, Temple on the Hill #720:

On November 8th 2013 the club met for their regular meeting. We were honored to have the President of the State of Ohio Tom Foor, and with him was our Associate Chaplain Charley Ottney, (Toms' traveling companion.) The meeting started out with the opening, Introductions, and then President George Brainard, asked the State President Tom Foor, and our International President James B. Parker IV to escort "Winnie" Hill to the podium.

Winnie reported there was a speech and she did not remember what they said as she was so surprised.

She was presented with a Four Star Award for her work in High Twelve. Everyone clapped, and she was truly amazed and was given the microphone. She said thank you and also made sure she said no one can do anything alone. She acknowledged Karen Humphrey, Joyce Jamison, and all of the members for their help.

What a special gift she said and mentioned that she loves High Twelve and everyone that knows her late husband Jim Hill, had mentioned many times that it was also his true love.

The program was presented by the Club President George Brainard, which started with videos of WW II, in honor of Veterans Day. He then gave a presentation on First Aid, and explained what to do and what not to do in an emergency. Everyone was very attentive and asked many questions. The meeting was closed and all retired to a very good luncheon.

Humor: Little Emily was complaining to her mother that her stomach hurt. Her mother replied, "That's because it's empty. Maybe you should try putting something in it." The next day, the Pastor was over at Emily's family's house for lunch. He mentioned having his head hurt, to which Emily immediately replied, "That's because it's empty. Maybe you should try putting something in it."

An 85-year-old widow went on a blind date with a 90-year-old man.
When she returned to her daughter's house later that night, she seemed upset.
"What happened, Mother?" the daughter asked.
"I had to slap his face three times!"
"You mean he got fresh?"
"No," she answered. "I thought he was dead!"

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar.. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone.. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now she's hitting the bottle.