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

SPECIAL ISSUE FOR JULY 2013

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 92ND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION!

THE WOLCOTT FOUNDATION LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS!

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.

Opening Prayer: "Giver to all things, as we gather for this luncheon, we give thanks that we are again permitted to gather in this fellowship. May our friendships be strengthened and our lives be broadened. We give thanks for this food. Please bless it to our use and guide us so that we may help others be the best they can be. Amen."

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: A Poem about July 4th by [Bridgitte Williams](#), [Yahoo! Contributor Network](#): Jun 16, 2011

What Does the Fourth of July Mean?

What does the fourth of July mean?

What does it stand for in regards to you and me?

In the year 1776.

Our declaration of Independence.

The USA is free of the ruling Great Britain.

We are independent and we win.

One nation.

Under God, who blesses our celebration.

We fought and won.

Let the brave dream and live on.

Fireworks are not the end.

In 2011, we struggle for one dollar to spend.

Our pockets are very empty.

Still, we love, learn and are free.

Freedom seems to be more costly every day.

My American people, what do you say?

What is the answer?

On this Fourth of July, we pause and remember.

And, we must wonder.

Can we survive and become stronger?

As you set your fireworks off this year...

Pray that your children will still be here.

Alive, safe and well, so very dear.

In many decades from now, free from fear.

For our independence is theirs.

We must care.

What tomorrow brings.

Let freedom forever ring! Happy Independence Day!

International President James Parker (OH): In checking the list of new officers, I see a well-rounded TEAM of well-placed team members. My humble thanks go out to those who have placed their trust in me as your International President. We all need to thank PIP Don Whistler for his tremendous leadership this past year and those years leading up to his presidency.

Your Executive Committee has again established a very ambitious agenda for this year. The Officers of the Executive Committee, collectively, accomplished much last year and are just as committed to continuing for the 2013-14 year. Our monthly phone conferences were extremely helpful in keeping the team focused and they will continue with advancing video for more exact information.

Membership development is a must for any organization. Our proposed presentation to the Lodges and other Masonic organizations is almost out of the development stage and ready for distribution. It is suggested that a presentation be delivered at every Club so we all can get excited in presenting it to all prospective members. We have two paths for delivery: **1.** if you have a DVD player and projector, this is best. **2.** Those without, and I suspect it is fewer than we think,

can present an Info Board. The Info Board contains pictures from the video for illustration. Both formats come with “Talking Points” to assist the delivery and answer questions.

We will again review our International Bylaws, using this background to develop our other manuals to better serve our Club members. The redundancy found through our material becomes a target rich environment for conflicting statements.

Just as important is establishing a user friendly “Data Base.” This tool, when delivered will help every level of the organization serve our members. The Technology Committee still has a large task to complete prior to all being happy with the use of this Data Base. More to come. Thanks again for your support! Sincerely and Fraternaly, Jim Parker

Past International President Don Whistler: It was an honor to serve as President of High Twelve International for the 2012/2013 year.

It was very enjoyable to travel to a number of State Associations for their meetings or conventions. In these travels, I made new friendships and strengthened existing ones. I also was very fortunate to be invited to attend the Annual Selection Committee Meeting of the Wolcott Trustees for the second time. It was such a pleasure to meet a number of Wolcott Fellows and graduates. They are very impressive individuals. The attendance at the Wolcott meetings also gave me the opportunity to develop closer relationships with the Trustees and their Ladies.

I certainly appreciated the support, in general, which I received during the year. There was support from a number of State Association Presidents as well as some members of their Associations. When it came time for advertisements to be placed in the program booklet for the Annual Convention, Winton Hewitt and I were very pleased with the financial support which came from the State Associations, Clubs within Associations, the Clubs in Pennsylvania, individuals and vendors.

I want to thank Winton Hewitt, Chairman of the 92 Annual Convention, for all of his hard work. As special thanks also goes to Paul Fulton, Bill Hartman and Bill Haynes of the Pennsylvania State Association, who helped in many ways. Finally, I am humbled by the support, morally, financially and personally by my home Club, First Capital High Twelve Club, No. 668. They supported me while I was going through the different offices of Vice President on my way to the Presidency. They had two full page advertisements in the program booklet. John Krout, Roger Stabley, John and Donna Schmitt, and Jim Wilson attended the Convention. The Club presented a beautiful recognition plaque to me at the Club's 25th Anniversary Celebration in May of this year. I cannot express how much all of this has meant to me.

It is said that Masonry makes good men better men! It also gives one the opportunity to support some very worthwhile causes, in our case it is the Wolcott Foundation. We also develop many friendships which we would not have if it were not for Masonry. It has been a great journey!

Wolcott Foundation Luncheon at the 92nd Annual International High Twelve Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 15, 2013.



High Twelvians had the honor and privilege to have two Ambassadors attend the luncheon. Seated on the left is Ambassador Charles Ford and on the right Bulгаа Altangerel, Ambassador of Mongolia.

Ambassador Ford was our guest speaker and Ambassador Altangerel was visiting our Convention as a guest. He has recently become a Mason and was interested in learning more about High Twelve.

Both Ambassadors were welcomed and both enjoyed their visit. Ambassador Ford is a Senior Wolcott Foundation Fellow, who graduated from George Washington University. His presentation was well received by those in attendance.



At the completion of the Wolcott Foundation Luncheon, many photos were taken and interviews conducted. Mike Clark, Wolcott Trustee Zone 5, will have a presentation available for Association and Club use in the future. Pictured from left to right are PIP Willie Mier, Wolcott Foundation Secretary; Donald Garrido, Wolcott Foundation Vice Chairman; Ambassador Bulгаа Attangerel, Ambassador of Mongolia; Ambassador Charles Ford, Wolcott Foundation Senior Fellow and guest speaker; and Malcolm White, Wolcott Foundation Chairman.

We were very fortunate to have such distinguished visitors at our 92nd Annual International High Twelve convention.

INTERNATIONAL HIGH TWELVE CONVENTION : Wolcott Presentation by Chairman Malcolm White (CA)

President Whistler assigned me the task of speaking about the Wolcott Foundation Program at this session for, and I am not too clear here-- was it for at least 40 minutes -- or no longer than 40 minutes; all the time remembering that the mind can absorb only what the behind can endure.

Fear not as the speaker following me will not doubt awaken you should I put you to sleep and will redraw your attention to the matters then at hand.

First off – let us remember how Wolcott is spelled, there is no ‘a’ in Wolcott!

Now, everyone should know that the Wolcott Foundation membership includes all High Twelvians – it cannot be said often enough, each member of High Twelve is a member of the Wolcott Foundation; the Spanish language has a term to indicate this; *ustedes!* Or in southern U.S. speech - all y’ all. Each and every one of you/us is a member of the Wolcott Foundation.

The fellowship program provides a maximum of 40 graduate hours at George Washington University towards a Master’s Degree in public service areas; the applicant must be an American citizen, native born or naturalized, have a belief in a Supreme Being and not be over the age of 30 years when accepted into the program.

The aims and objectives of the/our/your Wolcott Program is to produce able, competent and dedicated civil servants; not to produce professional politicians.

Some examples of where and what these senior fellows are doing – at the cloud analytics capability at Booz Allen Hamilton and working with F.E.M.A.; Financial Consultation specializing in Emerging Market Project-Finance; Fiscal Policy Analyst for National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO); a Congressional member’s Chief of Staff; Analyst in Asian Affairs by the Congressional Research Service; International Relations Officer at the U. S. Dept. of Labor; Advisor to the U.S. Agency for International Development; Exec. VP of Energy Solutions – a Worldwide Nuclear Disposal Company, also teaching graduate courses at GWU; Exec. Director for Office of the Electronic Commerce; Exec. Secretary of the South Korean - U. S. Chamber of Commerce; and on Saturday you will hear in person from a retired U.S. Ambassador. These are but a few of our Senior Wolcott Fellows, whom you/we have enabled to pursue their respective goals.

To keep informed and up to date as to the Senior Fellows, please refer to the Monthly Update that P.I.P. Merv Harris produces and distributes monthly – articles from Senior Fellows appear in that publication together with submissions from the Wolcott Trustees. This is a wonderful method of communication that Merv has generated – not the least of which is that it is current! Thanks to the electronic transfer of data, via e-mail, each High Twelvian can be informed of the same information at the same time. Regardless how you may regard the computer and its blessings and curses, the Internet is a marvelous tool – and just think of the savings in postage.

Some High Twelvians may ask of what value is the Wolcott Program to High Twelve? May I submit for your consideration: of what value is a newborn baby? It has an insatiable appetite on one end and an utter lack of responsibility on the other!

But, with nurture, care, support and direction given in its early life; what is the limit to what it can become? We/you/all of us is participating in that support and direction by way of what it is that is being done for the/our/your Wolcott Program.

High Twelve created the Wolcott entity, not the other way around. Wolcott was not generated to promote membership in High Twelve, although if that happens, and I am most certain that it does, that really is coincidental to the objectives for which High Twelve created the/your/our Wolcott Program. And in as much as High Twelve generated the/our/your Wolcott Program, it is incumbent upon High Twelve to support that which it generated! It is really not the purpose of the Wolcott Program to garner membership into the High Twelve, however attractive that activity might seem to some individuals; the responsibility of the support of the Wolcott Program rests upon the membership of High Twelve.

This Wolcott year the Foundation was fiscally enabled to offer six fellowships – each valued at \$60,000.00. These were financed mainly by the income from the Wolcott Endowment Investment Program – this program produced \$330,000.00 of the funds necessary; the various club contributions totaled \$30,000.00. Were it not for the Investment Program, High Twelve would have been able to only offer one half of a Fellowship!

The cost of education is indeed high, but what then is the true cost of ignorance?

President Whistler shared an experience that he had had with a Shrine Hospital Board Governor at which time it was suggested that there be put in place a plan to encourage the High Twelve clubs to make contributions.

I submit that there are ‘plans’ in place at this time; it is obvious that we trustees have not been overly successful in implementing or publicizing these plans. For a long-time Carol and I have been using Wolcott Heritage Bonds at a time when one would normally think of a gift of flowers – flowers last but a few days whereas a contribution of the cost of those flowers will last a long, long time. A very active High Twelvian in the Fresno, California Club, who had a very persuasive way about him, was actively involved in fund raising for the Wolcott Foundation and for California’s unique Ensign Mayo Educational Loan Fund – he convinced many, many people to direct portions their funds towards these two activities. A case in point, a widower High Twelve member, who had retired as an Economics Professor at Fresno State College wrote into his will to distribute his estate of 2.4 million dollars towards six Masonic Charitable Organizations – Wolcott being included and listed first; one example of a way of supporting your/our Wolcott Program. Each Wolcott Trustee, Deputy or Representative can inform you about similar tools and methods of estate disposition, or day to day contributions, or put you in touch with our Wolcott Treasurer, who can establish just what you may want to do in the way of Charitable Remainder Trusts, Bequests, or any form that you may wish to use in your estate distribution. How better could money be invested?

A brother High Twelvian has expressed his idea that the Wolcott Foundation not issue all of the Fellowships that are fiscally possible in some given year, but use -- say one half of the earned/contributed funds to finance the transportation of Wolcott Fellows to club meetings and State Conventions where the individual High Twelve members may see and hear just what it is that they get for their dollar. I submit that for a number of years Carol and I have contributed to the Cancer Society – I have yet to see anyone in person who has benefited from those contributions – we know that the research thus financed has saved countless lives –I know that to be true as I am a cancer survivor, going on 15 years. I don’t know who contributed the money that resulted in the knowledge and skill that resided within the medical personnel who evoked my treatment and cure, but I am grateful to them and they know in their heart just, as I do, what their dollars do. Consider the impractical use of Wolcott funds to provide transportation and board if necessary to a club of say 12 to 15 present. A wise use of hard to come by dollars? I think not. Would that club care to fund the costs involved in bringing in a Wolcott Fellow as a speaker or would they wish your contribution to pay for something to ‘benefit’ only their club?

The Senior Fellows are located throughout the nation, sometimes not as close as we would wish, but some are nearby. Contact your Zone Trustee to locate these Fellows for a presentation for your State Convention or even where and when possible for a club presentation; every one of the fellows that I have contacted, as well as those who, on their own have

contacted me, are willing to appear at functions and express their appreciation for what it was that the Wolcott Program enabled them to do.

I have heard it expressed that High Twelve is in danger of extinction. Hopefully, this is not to be – but – the effort to prevent this from happening is up to the action of each and every member of High Twelve. This is distinct yet parallel to the effort of each High Twelvian to support the/your/our Wolcott Program. It is said that if High Twelve folds, Wolcott could/would continue. This is due to the Endowment Fund income. The program would/could continue, certainly at a lesser pace, but it would/could continue.

Your foundation is in the throes of producing newer brochures and such as well as the production of appropriate videos for club and Association usage. When available please use them. When in existence; they would be available from the International Secretary and especially your Zone Trustee.

Brother High Twelvians, would you take to heart and back to your clubs what you have learned about the/your/our Wolcott Program; it is up to each one of us that we work together for the/our/your Wolcott Program.

The Junior Past Wolcott Trustee/Treasurer Warren Bolton, always concluded his communications with – “send money!”

Wolcott Foundation Fellow Laura Ebert 2012-2013: Wolcott Foundation Fellowship; To my Dear Friends of the Wolcott Foundation:



I am so happy to have been able to share another special weekend with many of you at the Selection Board Meeting last March. Your encouragement and support has meant so much to me through these two years of challenging but rewarding study. I'm pleased to report the successful completion in May 2013 of my master's degree in International Trade and Investment Policy at the Elliott School of International Affairs of the George Washington University. This completes two years of very hard work, and many years of pursuing my dream of working in international affairs.

Over the past two years, my education has been my priority and I'm proud to report that I've completed my degree with a near perfect grade point average. (I received straight A's except for one A- in a particularly tricky statistics class—I'm sure many of you can relate.) I've also spent the last two years engaged in meaningful career development experiences. I interned part-time throughout my studies and was able to take advantage of the many conferences, seminars, and other events that take place in Washington, D.C. every day. During my first year of studies, I interned with a financial consulting firm that helped structure and finance renewable energy projects in developing countries. Over the last year, I've interned at the U.S. Department of Commerce for the International Trade Administration. This position has been a great fit with both my past experience and my future goals. Fortunately, my hard work and dedication has paid off, and I'm currently in the process of converting to a full-time employee with the Department of Commerce. In my future role, I will help U.S. companies enter and compete in foreign markets and work to ensure that our trade partners are abiding by their international trade commitments. I'm so pleased to have been offered this position in my area of interest and to be able to uphold my commitment to public service.

Without the support of the Wolcott Foundation, I may not have made the decision to return to school for my master's degree for financial reasons. I therefore would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Wolcott Foundation and High Twelve for their support of the Fellowship program. Your generosity has helped make my new career possible and I truly appreciate it. I hope to be able to give back to my country and community through public service and by upholding the values embodied by the Wolcott Foundation in my private and professional life. Sincerely, Laura Ebert

International 1st Vice President Winton Hewitt (PA): Brethren on behalf of Past International President, Donald M. Whistler and myself I want to thank all those that attended and supported the 92nd High twelve Convention. I think that all those in attendance enjoyed the event.

Thanks to all who supported me in electing me as 1st Vice President. I will work to continue the progress that was made for our organization during this past year. The eight tools that were developed for use by the Clubs and State Associations for recruiting and development efforts will go a long way in attracting new members if they are utilized by the Clubs and State Associations.

In order for High Twelve International to increase its membership we must visit the Blue Lodges and the appending bodies using the 8 tools which were developed.

For those Clubs that are struggling to fill the offices of President and Secretary it is necessary for all the members to each take a term in these positions. If you feel that you can't get the speakers for the meetings see if one of the other members will take on that responsibility. As I was telling the committee when I was interviewed before the elections for 1st Vice President; I felt that I had an advantage by serving on Submarines during my service in the Navy. On Submarines it is a requirement that each member of the crew have a working knowledge of all aspects of the boat in order to earn their Dolphins. If you fail to accomplish this task in a reasonable amount of time you are removed from the crew. As an 18 year old, this showed me that on Submarines there is no **I or me only we will work**. A ship requires **all the personnel working together as a team** to keep it on an even keel. This is what is needed in the Clubs and Associations, the working together of all the members to make them successful.

I will help in any way that I can to keep a club functioning. I also believe that there are many areas where we have the opportunity to establish new clubs if we put a little effort toward this goal.

So I am asking all members to remember that it is necessary to remember that it takes the efforts of **WE not I** to move forward. None of your International Officers can keep High Twelve International growing without all of you pulling in the same directions as we are pulling.

International 2nd Vice President Jerry Saville (CA): Greetings from California and your Second Vice President. First I want to thank everyone for their vote of confidence by electing me as your 2nd VP at the June 2013 Convention. I'm honored to not only be a part of this great organization but to have the opportunity to serve as one of International Vice Presidents. I will serve to the best of my ability.

As a way of introduction, I started my Masonic Journey in 1969 as a Texas Mason. I am a Shriner and a Scottish Rite Mason. My home lodge is now in Tehachapi, California #313. My High Twelve Club is Tehachapi, #698, where I have served as President several times and was honored to serve as the California State High Twelve President from 2011-2012.

My non-masonic organizations include serving as the Commander of Tehachapi VFW Post # 12114 this year and my California Kern County (Bakersfield) appointment as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for abused and neglected children in the Juvenile Dependency Process. CASA's speak for the children in the court process! And finally I served the United State Air Force for almost 39 years – 20 in uniform and almost 19 as an Air Force Federal Civil Servant. Enough about me.....

I want to thank PIP Don Whistler and the entire Convention Committee for the outstanding High Twelve convention in Philadelphia last month. I will be in Vegas next month on other business and told President Jim I will check out the "Plaza" on Fremont St – the proposed site of the January 2014 Mid-Year conference.

I'm looking forward to the President's agenda for the year as we work to open new High Twelve Clubs, reinstate old clubs and grow our High Twelve membership. Again, it's an honor to serve and see you in Vegas. Fraternaly, Jerry

International 3rd Vice President Richard Kessler (AZ): I am very happy to have been chosen to represent Arizona on the International Board. I thank everyone who had anything to do with my being elected to the position of International High Twelve 3rd Vice President. I promise to do the best job possible and will not fail my Brothers. Have a great day. Kindest personal regards. Yours in Good Fellowship. Rich. krass26@juno.com

International Secretary Kevin Hokerk (AZ): My first year as International Secretary has ended and now looking forward to year #2 to be of Service To YOU! It was great reconnecting again with the members that attended the convention.

Any website updates need to be sent to the International Office so updates can be made. *Congratulations to the new officers that will lead our organization for 2013-14.* The International Office will be closed for vacation June 25th to July 7th – all phone calls and emails will be returned after Monday, July 8th. Kevin Hokerk PSP, Phone: 623.239.6170 - email: secretary@highHighTwelve.org.

Illinois High Twelve Association: Northwest Masonic High Twelve Club No. 769: Our next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, July 23rd, 2013 at Noon, Red Apple Restaurant, 2121 S. Plum Grove Road, Palatine. Bring a friend.

President Joe Pegoraro opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and then Secretary Don Van Cleave provided an opening and then a closing prayers. As minutes were mailed to all members, a motion to accept as printed was made and accepted. Brother Peter Maris introduced Brother George Houpis as a visitor at [today's](#) meeting.

Secretary Don Van Cleave discussed an invitation to the State Convention, August 9th and 10th in Jerseyville, Illinois. Jerseyville Masonic High Twelve Club is the host. The convention included a ladies program and nine holes of golf. Brothers Ed Rund and Joe Santisteben as State Officers plan to attend. Your reservation for the convention should be in by July 19th.

Our speaker was Brother Prakash Naik as Director of Marketing and Business Development for Caring Touch, Inc. Caring Touch Inc. is a fifteen year old business that specializes in home care including nursing care, physical and speech therapy, and equipment supplier that works in conjunction with Medicare and your personal physician. Technical information on government regulations was provided. Brother Naik can be contacted at [847-674-7200](tel:847-674-7200). Brother Naik was provided a petition and a membership list of our High Twelve Club.

Donations to Wolcott Foundation [today](#) was thirty-four dollars, which will be given to Treasurer, George Korizis. A motion was made and seconded that guests (non-Masonic men and women) are welcome to attend all Northwest Masonic High Twelve No. 769 meetings effective immediately. Mrs. Rund, Mrs. Pegoraro, Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Fabris attended the speech portion of [today's](#) meeting. Our 2nd Vice President, Jay Reed made arrangements that future meetings at the Red Apple Restaurant will be meeting in the larger dining room to accommodate all guests.

A moment of silence was made for the passing of our brother Alfred T.A. Helgesen on June 3rd. Brother Helgesen was 89 years old and twice Past Master (1963 and 2002) and Secretary for seventeen years of Palatine Lodge No. 314. Submitted by Don Van Cleave, Secretary

Pennsylvania High Twelve Association First Capital Masonic High Twelve Club : International Convention Update: John and Donna Schmitt attended the reception on Thursday evening June 13th, they toured the Grand Lodge of PA and then attended the installation banquet on Saturday, June 15th. Roger Stabley and John Krout attended the business sessions on Friday and Saturday, June 14 and June 15, as well as the Wolcott Foundation Luncheon on Saturday noon and the PA Grand Masters dinner on Friday evening. Jim Wilson joined Roger and John at that dinner.

As one might expect, our own Don Whistler did his usual outstanding job in conducting the meetings and keeping things moving along while still allowing all those who wanted to speak the opportunity to express themselves. The election of officers was held and the President for next year is Jim Parker from Ohio. The convention next year will be held near or in Dayton, Ohio. Winton Hewitt (Past President of PA Association of High Twelve Clubs and current Secretary) was elected as First Vice President which means Winton will be President for the 2014-2015 year, another Pennsylvanian will lead our organization. Don is now a Past International President (PIP.) Congratulations on a job well done Don, we are proud of you.

New By-Laws for International were adopted as was a template for consistency for local club By-Laws. As soon as they are published, it might be beneficial for the Officers to use them to adopt the By-Laws for First Capital. (to the best of my knowledge, the By-Laws we adopted a couple of years ago, were never approved by International, that was because of

these new changes) A budget was passed (I am thinking that the International Dues stayed the same, since I don't recall any specific discussion about increasing them, that of course is good news. Having said that, I suspect that the rent for the Masonic Center of York might be increased, no official word has been received, and that is only your editor's best guess)

A former Ambassador spoke at the Wolcott Luncheon. He received a Wolcott fellowship back in the 70's. It was reported that only about 50% of the High Twelve Clubs contribute to the Fund (shame on those who give nothing, the Wolcott Foundation is our charitable objective). It was also reported that the money contributed each year by the High Twelve Clubs pays for one-half of one person, not even for a whole person. A goal that was discussed was to up the financial participation of the local clubs so that we are at least paying for at least one whole fellowship. (My brothers, that includes us). First Capital contributes about \$275 each year to the foundation. Given that this year there was a young lady from York, Pa selected for a fellowship. Given what we contribute and the cost of one year fellowship, it will take 100 years of contributions at our current level to repay the foundation for one year's cost for the young lady from York. Brothers perhaps we need to re-examine our commitment to Wolcott.

There are over 5,000 members of High Twelve International. Declining membership is certainly a concern. International has produced some new tools to help the local clubs gain new members. Those tools can be accessed via the International web site. It might be prudent for First Capital to avail themselves of these new tools. Hopefully the new officers will give some consideration to this effort. Those in attendance were reminded that various certificates are available at no cost and can be accessed via the web site. It was announced that Past International President, Merv Harris will in all likelihood be continuing to publish the monthly email International updates. As one can imagine, Merv spends a great deal of time pulling all that info together. Thanks Merv for your hard work on our behalf.

Roger and I met some new and really interesting people, made some new friends and came away with a greater appreciation of how much effort goes into the convention planning and how much time and energy is expended by the various International officers on behalf of the organization. There were attendees from as far away as California, Texas, Arizona, Florida, Hawaii, and places in-between.

Indiana Masonic High Twelve Association: Once more the Traveling Five journeyed to another Indiana High 12 Club. The President of Chapter 99 was unable to make the trip, so, I guess we should say the Traveling Five minus one. This trip we visited Indianapolis Chapter No.722, which meets at Zelma's Restaurant. They had a good turnout, the room was packed, the food was good and the fellowship was great. It was good to visit with so many Masonic Brothers.

Introductions were made. And once more we stated our mission. They seemed to think it was a worthwhile project, and indicated they would return our visit. Indianapolis Chapter is the home chapter of two of Past State Presidents: Brother Gene Lackey, aka Uncle Gene, and State Treasurer Brother Daniel Gates. Brother Thomas Bevington, P.I.P., a dual member and Indiana State Secretary, and our State President Brother David Nickerson were also in attendance.

After the minutes were read and the financial report was given by the secretary, the speaker was introduced and received a hardy welcome. The speaker was Brother George Ingles, Jr., P.G.M. of the Indiana Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons and a member of Muncie Chapter No.699. He shared with us his most memorable moments as Grand Master. The meeting was closed with prayer by the Chaplain. Fraternally, Rudell Wilburn, 1st.S.V.P.

Update Editor Merv Harris: Brethren, I apologize for the Update not being in Association or International Officer article sequence. We had many pictures submitted and some articles submitted after the newsletter was prepared, which makes it very difficult to move pictures from page to page. So, what you see is what you get!

Also, with the many pictures submitted, I discovered that if you send me a picture, which has been saved as a document file, I cannot copy and then paste. When submitting pictures, please ensure they are sent as JPG or JPEG files. That way I can copy and paste, edit and change sizes as needed.

One last request! When you submit an article, please include your name, club, city and State. We have many people with the same name such as Bob, Jim, Tom, etc., and I sometimes cannot figure out who sent me the article without going back to the email address and asking for clarification. I'm not hedging but it takes a lot of time and sometimes I do not receive a response in several days. Waiting may cause the Update to be late in distribution. Thanks for your support and assistance.



Each year as part of our fund raising activities we donate to various local UK organizations as well as our regular contribution to the Wolcott Fund. These organizations are nominated by the members of the club and one chosen was the USAF 100th Force Support Squadron which is part of the 100th Refueling Wing charged with supporting units in European and the Middle East. The 100th Force Support Squadron provides support to the families, community and geographically separated units.

As a morale and community support function the 100 FSS sponsors community events such as the "RAF Mildenhall Marauder Melee". The Marauder being the name of the monthly magazine that is published with the latest news and upcoming events in the local community. On June 13, a Team Mildenhall Sports & Family Day

was held and all of the private organizations that donated funds to the 100FSS were invited to participate in the event by having a table to promote their individual organizations and to recruit. The marquee and tables were provided by the 100 FSS so all I had to do was show up. For the UK the weather was kind to us, only had a 10 minute shower, but somewhat windy so that being the case you can understand why things had to be weighted down. As it shows in the photos. Events started at 08:30 with a 5K run and continued all through the day with free BBQ and many other food stalls. The family event kicked off at 2pm and at 4pm the 100th Air Wing Commander, Col. Kulas gave out awards to all of the teams and individual winners in the event. Special thanks was given to all the sponsors who donated funds to make this event possible the last being the Arnold Page HIGH TWELVE Club, UK.



Although the club did not hold a meeting this month due to members having other commitments, I, as the Secretary, was contacted by Intl. Sec. Kevin Hokerk who was attending the 92nd Annual International High Twelve Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. As we communicate regularly by "Skype video" he thought that it would be unique that I, as a representative of the Arnold Page High Twelve Club, addressed the assembly on Saturday, 15 June. So after a few initial hick-ups a video link was established via "Skype" and I addressed the High Twelve International Officers and club delegates in attendance. The APHTC 298 received greetings from the International Officers and a special thank you for our continuous support to the Wolcott Foundation. Greetings were sent to all in the UK and I in turn gave ours for the President. It was a great experience and I hope one that can be repeated in the future.

By Art Walton, 2nd Vice President, High Twelve International: A great Event in California: Villages High Twelve Club #442: Twenty Two years ago the Villages High Twelve Club started a tradition. They hosted on the first Saturday in June a pancake breakfast. Each year since its beginning they have served between 900 and 1,100 breakfasts, which included pancakes (2), eggs, sausage, juice and coffee. Do the arithmetic! It is an amazing result. During this period of time they have mixed batter and flipped over 44,000 pancakes. Pictured on the right are a large number of satisfied customer who come back year after year.



How do they do it? Good planning. By now they have computer worksheets that identify their inventory and what they need to purchase. They wrap the utensils in a quality napkins the week before the event. They have the sausage delivered

two days before the event, and purchase the balance of the supplies on the Wednesday before the event. They set up the dining room in two hours the day before the event.



Do they have a large army involved? No! Currently there are 32 members in the Club. They are assisted by Job' Daughters, DeMolay and Rainbow. This provides a great opportunity to work with the Masonic Youth and in turn support their activities with significant financial gifts in thanks for their assistance. Pictured on the left, from this year's event, are Job's Daughter Bethel 109 from San Jose. They along with the other youth groups make sure that the tables are cleared and reset, the coffee is hot and there is plenty of butter and syrup to smother the pancakes.

Pictured on the right and supervising this year is Most Worshipful, William Holsinger, Past Grand Master of Masons in California, who is an active member of the Club. In addition, the person in the middle is a volunteer, Kendall Mills, Lodge Inspector and son of one of our Club members and on his right his DeMolay son. Grandfather was not available for a picture or we could have showed you three generations of the Mill's family helping with our breakfast. To complete the Mill's family team, Kendall's wife is the lady on the right in the Job's Daughter's picture above.



The Villages High Twelve Club is inviting High Twelve Club members and all Masons to attend our next pancake breakfast. Mark your calendars today. It will be first Saturday in June 2014.

Michigan High Twelve Association News: Subject: FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION: Detroit Masonic Temple Receives Generous Donation from Rochester, MI Masonic Lodge - All -- please forward far and wide! - For Immediate Distribution: News Release

Detroit Masonic Temple Receives Generous Donation from Rochester, MI Masonic Lodge. On [Wednesday, May 29, 2013](#), the Corinthian Masonic Lodge No. 241, located in Rochester, Michigan made a generous donation of \$18,000 to the historic Detroit Masonic Temple.

In presenting the donation, the Worshipful Master of Corinthian Masonic Lodge No. 241, William Schlick, stated: "Corinthian Lodge 241 decided to make this donation to the Detroit Masonic Temple as a capital cornerstone so that this historic institution may move forward towards the future."

Worshipful Master Schlick also stated: "the Detroit Masonic Temple is one of the most unique and architecturally beautiful buildings in the world, located in the heart of the Detroit Theater District. We make this donation with the hope that other lodges and individual Masons located around Michigan and throughout the nation and world will join us by making a contribution to the support the future of the Detroit Masonic Temple."

In accepting the donation, Detroit Masonic Temple Association President, Roger Sobran, added: "there is a growth and renaissance that is happening downtown, specifically, in and around the Detroit Masonic Temple. The positive momentum and vibe surrounding Detroit creates a golden opportunity for this historic and beautiful building to revitalize itself and once again stand as a cornerstone for Detroit's 21st century social and economic renaissance."

The donation from the Corinthian Masonic Lodge is in addition to the anonymous donation that was used to pay off the Temple's back taxes.

HOW OTHERS CAN DONATE

To keep the positive momentum going, a lodge or individual who wishes to make a donation can visit the Detroit Masonic Temple website at www.themasonic.com where they can contribute by clicking on the "Support the Temple" tab on the far left side of the home page.

ABOUT THE DETROIT MASONIC TEMPLE

The Detroit Masonic Temple is located at 500 Temple Street, just north of downtown. Construction on the Temple began in 1922 with its dedication four years later. The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. This 14-story historic building with 1,037 rooms, 600,000 sq. ft. is the largest Masonic building in the world.

The Masonic Temple Theatre seats about 4,400 people and is one of the finest theatres in the country. It is used for concerts, Broadway shows, and special events. There is also a 1,586-seat Cathedral Theater and a 17,500-square-foot drill hall that the Detroit Roller Derby Girls currently use for its events.

The Temple has numerous public spaces including three auditoriums and two grand ballrooms. There are also seven lodge rooms, offices, and dining spaces. It can also be used for trade shows, conventions and several other events.

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Brethren, The story is true from my Grand Lodge sources. The back taxes of about \$200,000 were paid off by an anonymous person and the Lodge donation is also apparently true. There is a "Save the Temple" fund set up by the Detroit Temple Association for this purpose. Thanks, Mike Clark, PSP.

Illinois High Twelve Association: President's Corner - This High Twelve year is quickly coming to an end, and with less than two months left in my President's role, I would like to briefly reflect on a few things that I accomplished as your State President.

Shared the honor of assisting in the Chartering to two new Illinois Masonic High Twelve Clubs; Illini # 768, Northwest #769. I was invited to represent Illinois Masonic High Twelve Association in October, at the Illinois Masonic Lodge Communication in Springfield, but due to illness was unable to attend. Brother Ron Thomason ,1st VP, and his wife Sandy had the honor to represent our Association in my absence. They did a masterful job...

For the second year in a row, had the honor of assisting in the installation of the Masonic High Twelve State Association officers in Indiana and Ohio. Hosted the 2012-2013 Illinois Ma-sonic High Twelve Annual State Convention. I was installed as Illinois High President in August 2012.

As State President, attended Club Meetings: Abe Lincoln #38, Belleville #35; Freeport #43, Mattoon #89; Moline #88, Quincy #40; Jerseyville #762, Illini #768 & Northwest #769. Where possible I was able to schedule our visits, to allow joint visitation with other State Officers at the club meetings. I Encourage members of my own club (Quincy) , to travel to other clubs and share in fellowship. Attended a joint club meeting in Davenport Iowa, with Davenport.



California High Twelve Association Oakland High Twelve Club #2:

The Oakland HighHigh Twelve Club was privileged to have as their speaker Bro. Ed Blanchard, U.S. Navy (Submariner), WWII Veteran, who spoke on: "*Diesel Boats Forever, A Tour of USS Pampanito, SS-383.*" This boat made six WWII battle cruises and sank thousands of Tons of enemy shipping and was awarded six Battle Stars. She is currently docked and on display in San Francisco, at Fisherman's Warf, pier #45.

The following month our speaker was Mr. Alexander Zwissler, Executive Director and CEO of the Chabot Space and Science Center in Oakland. The mission of Chabot Space & Science Center is to be a place for students of all ages to learn and be inspired about the Universe and our Planet Earth. Originally built as a Planetarium in 1883, it has become the place of learning for students of all ages. Oakland High Twelve Club meets at 12noon on the fourth Monday of the month at the Majestic Scottish Rite Temple in Oakland, CA.

Gilbert Klingman, President Oakland High Twelve Club, and First Executive Vice President, Cleveland Valrey, Club Past President provided the article.

Ohio High Twelve Association: The 2013 convention of the Ohio Association of High Twelve Clubs will be held [September 27-28](#) at the Browning Masonic Community, Waterville, Ohio (just south of Toledo.). Overnight housing is available through a block of rooms reserved at the near-by Staybridge Suites, Maumee, Ohio. Deadline for registering a discounted room is [August 27th](#). Activities will convene [Friday](#) evening with meetings of State Officers. [Saturday](#) meetings will convene at 8:30 am. An exciting Ladies Program will be presented, while High Twelve members are in business sessions. Following annual business, lunch will be served. After lunch, the election of officers will be conducted. Following free-time, the annual Presidents Banquet will be held highlighted by the installation of new officers. Questions concerning this event can be directed to Ken Hershberger, 2013 Convention Chairman, Grand Rapids, Michigan, [937-244-0554](#).



Temple on the Hill High Twelve Club # 720, Youngstown, Ohio: On the 24th of May we held our semi-annual Soup and Salad dinner. The food and fellowship was great and we had ten roasters of various soups. We will hold our second dinner in the fall. This is a great fund raiser for our club.

We always have this event the same night Order of Eastern Star has their meeting. The cooks have a contest to see which soup is the best. Of course we all know each one is cooked with much love and caring. President Gary Ronshausen and officers were on hand to cook, serve and cleanup. We can always count on International President James B. Parker, IV to start things going and is there to the finish. Article furnished by Winnie Hill, wife of PSP James Hill.

2013 Wolcott Foundation Fellowship Awards: A total of eighty-three Applications were received this year for Wolcott Foundation Scholarships to George Washington University. Funds were available to sponsor five new Fellows. They are Christopher Conrad, Pennsylvania; Amanda Conklin, North Carolina; Joseph Nye, Pennsylvania; Deborah Swerdlow, District of Columbia; and Brittany Seiler, Maryland. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to what they accomplish in the future.

High Twelve and the Wolcott Foundation will be investing over \$275,000 in these five outstanding graduates. Each of you are to be congratulated for your part in donating the funds to assist them in furthering their education and then receiving the results as they go to work for a Government entity, whether it be Federal, State, County or Government Contractor.

Reprint with photo: Kentucky Masonic High Twelve Club #105 Downtown High Twelve Club Officers:



On May 3rd it was my pleasure to present a very special gavel to our club. It was donated by the daughter from the estate of Bro. B.B. Rhodes. I must begin by expressing my gratitude to Ms. Nancy Nelson, of Hemet California, who donated this gavel from the estate of her father B.B. Rhodes who passed away on October 9, 1980.

Bro. Rhodes was a very active member of the Fraternity with accomplishments few of us could equal. He was a member of Shreveport #448, 33rd Degree Scottish Rite, Knight of York Cross of Honor, Royal Order of Scotland, Royal Order of Jesters, past head of LA York Rite, Past

Potentate El Karubah Shrine in 1968 and became a Member of Overton Brooks High Twelve #310 in December of 1958. He was also active in the Louisiana Grand Lodge as well as a Life Member of the Shriner's Hospital.

Bro. Rhodes received this gavel as a Roving Fellowship Award at the International High Twelve Convention in 1965. The gavel is made of wood from Churchill Downs and was turned in 1965. So from Shreveport, Louisiana to Hemet, California to Louisville, Kentucky this gavel is now at the home of its origin. It is with a great deal of pride and pleasure I now present this gavel to you and Downtown High Twelve. Fraternally, Bruce Pelham PP & Secretary.

Florida High Twelve Association, Tri County High Twelve Club #674, Lady Lake, Florida:

The club celebrated Independence Day on July 3rd by having CW5 Pedro Arroyo, Past National Sojourner Commander as their guest speaker. Because of his position as Past National Commander, he is designated as a four star General on George Washington's Staff.

General Arroyo gave an excellent presentation and was congratulated by the officers and members for his presentation. He also received a standing ovation for his work. It was an honor to have him visit our club and try as we have; he has not yet made the decision to join High Twelve. We will continue to invite him to our meetings and he also has many friends, who belong to the Orlando Masonic High Twelve Club and they would like him to become a member of their club.

Humor: A very well-known international furniture and interior decoration D.I.Y. Store recently set up a customer assistance department. The first call they got was from a lady who had purchased a wardrobe early in the morning. She explained that after assembly the wardrobe had crumbled three times when the public transport bus passed in front of her house. The store sent a technician over to her place. He reassembled the wardrobe - which was in the night hall on the second floor - and then went into it to observe what would happen when the bus, which was due a few minutes later, went by. The phone rang just then and the lady went downstairs to take the call. Just then her husband came home from work with a terrible flu condition. Hearing his wife on the phone he trudged upstairs where he found the wardrobe; on opening one of the doors and seeing the man inside he exclaimed "What the dickens are you doing in there!?" To which the guy replied "I know you'll never believe this, but I'm waiting for the bus!!"

A man goes to the doctor and says, "Doc., every time I drink coffee, I get terrible pains in my eye."

The doctor says, "Try taking the spoon out first."

An Old man went to the doctor complaining of a terrible pain in his leg. "I am afraid it's just old age", replied the doctor, "there is nothing we can do about it. "That can't be fumed the old man, "you don't know what you are doing." "How can you possibly know I am wrong?" countered the doctor. "Well it's quite obvious," the old man replied, "my other leg is fine, and it's the exact same age!"

Two drunks were in a bar partying like fools. They were drinking boiler makers, buying rounds like there was no [tomorrow](#). They were dancing, calling each other "professor," and generally causing quite a stir. When asked why such a celebration, they boasted that they just finished a jigsaw puzzle & it only took them 2 months! "TWO MONTHS?!" cried the bartender. "That's ridiculous. It shouldn't take that long!"

"Oh yeah?" says one drunk. "The box said 2-4 YEARS!"

A man asks a trainer in the gym: "I want to impress that beautiful girl, which machine can I use?"

The trainer replied; "Use the ATM outside the gym!!!"
