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Congratulations to our members and ladies, celebrating their Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event in March. 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: Great God above, we come to you in prayer. When we feel overwhelmed, help us to find an inner peace. Help us to remember that first; we must reconcile ourselves with God. And second, apply our Masonic teachings to our own behavior. And third, help us to be understanding of our friends and neighbors, and always to remember that, if opinions differ, respect eases the conflict. Finally, Lord, let us remember that you are with us always. Amen

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

Benediction: Living God, remind us as we prepare to depart just who we are as Masons. We are supposed to be men who would rather yield up our lives than forfeit our integrity. We are supposed to be men who believe that selfishness must die in us if we are truly to live. We are supposed to be men who believe that the soul is immortal, and that this has consequences for our lives on this earth right now. Keep us ever mindful of those teachings from the Sublime Degree and enable us to put them into practice in our daily living. 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 throughout the world.
Power exists when premise just,
victory came when right entrusted.

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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International 1st Vice President Winton Hewitt (PA):

Welcome Brethren! President Jim Parker and I were in attendance at the Grand Masters Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. The Conference was from January 15 – 18, 2014. I was unable to stay for the entire Conference but found it to be quite interesting. We had our CD going and the Tri Folds out spreading the word of High Twelve International to those who stopped by to see what we were offering. There are still a lot of Masons who do not know about High Twelve. We got their information and President Parker will see that they receive information from us. We each attended different breakout sessions where new ideas and suggestions were presented.

International President Parker has decided, that in an effort to have High Twelve International better serve the membership he has divided the States with State Associations and Independent Clubs into zones. Each of the Vice presidents has been assigned a zone of State Associations and/or Clubs that he is responsible for. The Vice presidents will not be making decisions for those Associations or Clubs but will be acting as an interface with them to answer any questions and give them help in resolving any problems that they have or of those that may arise. It is hoped that we will be able to get a better flow of information from / to High Twelve International and the Clubs. We believe that we now have a better understanding of High Twelve International's total Membership, but we are not there yet. That is, how many Members are Regular Members and how many Members do we have residing at our various Masonic Villages and how many are dual members. This also helps in determining the proper distribution of the High Twelvian Magazine so that we don't have a large number of returned magazines. The Vice Presidents will be looking to the State Associations or Clubs to tell us **what you need from International** but we will also be asking you to supply International with the proper information it needs.

How is this all possible? It takes **everyone's co-operation** for the system to function as a well-oiled machine. This is why the President has divided High Twelve International into Zones. We still have some Clubs who are not passing on the proper information to the State Association Secretaries and State Associations Secretaries that are not passing information to High Twelve International. There are those that feel International is not servicing

the Associations and Clubs. That is the job assigned to the Zone managers to resolve these issues. **We need everyone to help on this matter.**

The International Secretary has reported that the IRS has received the latest update of the subordinates (Associations & Clubs) included in the International group exemption and they have made the corrections that were listed. Kevin has requested an updated listing to verify that they have truly been made.

We are still working with the Tax Attorney and will keep you informed on this. He is addressing the liability issues if State Associations and Clubs do not file annual tax information returns (990 N E-Postcards).

I hope that everyone has received the news by now that the High Twelve International Secretary, Kevin Hokerk, will soon be supplying the clubs with dues cards for their Members. All the necessary information for the Member will be pre-printed so that all the Secretary needs to do is included the date the card was issued. It will also have the information printed on the side for the records of the Secretary. This will be offered at no cost to the Clubs. However, the member information will come from the Monthly Reports which emphasizes the importance of the State Associations and Clubs sending these reports on a regular basis to us.

International Secretary Kevin Hokerk (AZ): Fellow High Twelvians – Greetings from your International Secretary.

Club Secretaries – International has moved forward to the 21st Century with ability to now provide each club pre-printed member dues cards! Each card will have pre-printed the member's international membership ID number, club number and name, member's name, dues period and signature lines for the secretary and member. The club's receipt stub has the same information with places for \$ amount paid, date paid and comments. All a club has to do is request dues cards for club XXX and provide the 'period' as in the following formats: 2014 or 2014-2015 or 8/1/14 to 7/31/15. You can view a sample on the international website in the club secretary tab.

For this program to be successful your club membership information must be **CURRENT** with the international office. So, if you are not filing Monthly Reports you need to start now! The international office can provide each club with a current international roster of your members to assist in updating. It is these member records that are used to send out the *High Twelvian*, Pocket Planner and Address Labels fundraisers. Ask your members how many have received the mailings mentioned and you will have some idea of how accurate the membership roster is. As club secretary you [there are some 170 of you!] are the link that makes this organization function properly but I need your support and cooperation.

You still have a few [and I mean a few] days to send in your copy for the spring edition of the *High Twelvian* – do it **today** as later will be too late.

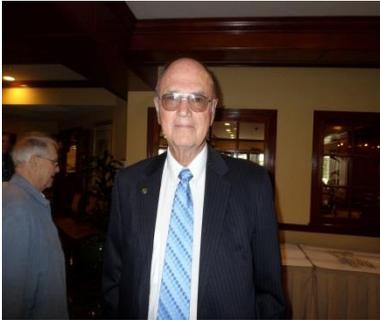
By the time you receive this update the address label fundraiser for 2014 will be in the mail to you. We hope you find these useful in an electronic world! There is a short window to request reprints to fix name miss-spellings or address errors [see second paragraph above] as we have done in the past.

Lastly the April Monthly Update will be delivered to you through the email function of our international database which will eliminate any duplicates and have a broader distribution. If you are forwarding the email you receive from Merv Harris to a distribution please send that distribution list to the international office so the emails can be added to the member record. To do this I need the members name and email as I don't know who bobsmodelplanes@modelplanes.com is specifically. Members can also subscribe using the international website.

Fraternally, Kevin Hokerk, High Twelve International Secretary, Phone [623.239.6170](tel:623.239.6170), www.higHi-12.org

California High Twelve Association 2ND Executive Vice President,

George Roberts: Brethren, President Cleveland has given us a mandate to broaden and expand our efforts concerning increasing and expanding our Hi-12 clubs. At our monthly Masonic stated meetings, we need to have a committee report for Hi-12 every month. All Brethren should be invited to our Hi-12 luncheon or breakfast. We should advise them about our scholarship program, about our guest speakers and about our local club tours.



We can increase our Hi-12 footprint in our state by every member of our organization being more vocal about the masonic pleasures of fellowship, scholarship and breaking bread with masons, wives and friends.

It's very simple, recruiting efforts has a direct relationship to new members. We need to work harder, work-better, and supply fun and pleasure to our constituents and prospective new members.

Hi-12 is a noble endeavor that should be known and enjoyed by all masonic families and we will make it happen.

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Greetings from your PSP and International Second VP, Jerry Saville: Brethren, We had a very productive International HI-12 Mid-Year Conference in Vegas last month. The attendance was less than desired but we realize everyone is extremely busy and life gets in the way. I was honored that our State President, Brother Cleveland, gave me his proxy for California. As you know every Hi-12 State President is a member of the International Governing Board. Our International Hi-12 Treasurer had to resign for personal reasons and we are fortunately that our Past International President, Don Whistler, agreed to fill this position ONLY until the June Convention. Working with Brother Spencer, our State Secretary, I'm asking every California Hi-12 Club for your proxy to take with me to the June Convention - forms will be mailed soon. If you are interested in the HI-12 Treasurer position, or if you know someone interested in this position, please let me know.

At our International HI-12 monthly conference call last Monday, the President decided to break out the States with HI-12 Clubs into Zone assignments and of course I have California. I will continue working closely with our California State Officers to keep the clubs we have open and to open new Clubs. Your State Hi-12 Second VP, Brother George Roberts, is working with several Lodge Masters in his area to start new HI-12 Clubs. He has invited me to the next meeting and I look forward to joining George in hopes we can open new Hi-12 Clubs soon. I encourage everyone to help spread the news about Hi-12 everyone you go!



We have retained the services the a "Tax Attorney" to assist with the EIN/Tax issues. I won't bore you with the details in this article but the International Secretary is very busy working with the IRS on the EIN and Hi-12 group

exemptions. More details will be published in the very near future to help Clubs file the taxes and keep their non-profit status. Stayed tuned!

I think I have used my allotted space for this edition of the Hour. I'm always available to discuss HI-12 initiatives but please keep your State Officers in the loop. Together we can keep this great organization moving forward.

If you find yourself anywhere close to the Masonic Home in Springfield (Ohio) next June (27-29) you are certainly welcome to attend the Hi-12 Convention. You are always welcome! Sincerely and Fraternaly, Jerry Saville, CA PSP/International 2nd Vice President.

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 in MARCH 7th, 14th, 21th and the 28th. March HI-12 meetings are at the Viking Club, 1450 41st Street, Moline. Try to come about 11am and have time to eat and enjoy the fellowship before the program at noon (High Twelve). The Viking Club has a limited menu; they try to make different lunches (soup) for us. So the weekly special menu might be varied. They have a regular menu of soup and sandwiches, so come hungry, enjoy the lunch and the fellowship. Ladies and guests are always welcome.

The program chair for March is Al Giesecke and he has a program that I'm sure we'll all benefit; learn; be enlightened and enjoy at the same time.

MARCH 7: Our 1st speaker is Ruth Ahnen, FIC, Registered Representative, National Association of Fraternal Insurance Counselors, Modern Woodmen of America. "Everybody can benefit from an orderly, efficient, well-thought-out estate plan. Often, families experience conflict when they try to divide a loved one's large or small estate. You can ease their emotional burden by clearly defining what you want in your estate plan".

MARCH 14: Dr. Jennifer Levan who is a Chiropractor/Acupuncturist with the Natural Health Improvement Center, of the Quad Cities. "Chiropractic care is more than just making the pain disappear. It is about learning, understanding and taking care of your body to improve your quality of life".

MARCH 21: Steve Hernandez, Supervisor of the Illini PULSE program. Lead Exercise Specialist - Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation - Genesis Medical Center, Silvis. Genesis Heart Institute professionals stress the benefits of rehabilitation for anyone who has undergone a cardiac procedure.

MARCH 28: Jim Grafton - Public Works Director and City Administrator, City of Silvis, IL. His topic will be Great New Things happening in the City of Silvis. Should be interesting considering all the snow and cold weather we've been having.

Now for a bit of humor: Joke Stolen from the Moline Illinois Monthly Newsletter:

Religion is Following the Times: The elderly priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, "You had a good idea to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theater seats. It worked like a charm. The front of the church always fills first now." The young priest nodded, and the old priest continued, "And you told me adding a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock 'n roll gospel choir. Now our services are consistently packed to the balcony." "Thank you, Father," answered the young priest. "I am pleased that you are open to the new ideas of youth." "All of these ideas have been well and good," said the elderly priest, "But I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional." "But, Father," protested the young priest, "my confessions and the donations have nearly doubled since I began that!" "Yes,"

replied the elderly priest, "and I appreciate that. But the flashing neon sign, 'Toot 'n Tell or Go to Hell' cannot stay on the church roof!"

North Central Association of High Twelve Clubs, Des Moines- President Dale Cowman has set the time for the Annual Convention in Des Moines as April 25 &26, 2014.

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

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 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. You will be receiving a letter in the next very few days. Thank you!

Mike Lavelle, Past Sate President of High Twelve, is hospitalized, possibly and remains hospitalized. About 20 years ago he broke his back and had a few vertebrae fused. With all of the falls he has taken, the back problems have returned. He was carried from a fall to Madison, Wisconsin and his back operated on. He is in rehabilitation exercises about 6 hours per day. Cards and greeting may be sent to him at: Michael Lavelle; Capitol Lakes; 333 W. Main Street; Madison, WI 53703.

Wolcott Foundation Chairman Malcolm White (CA):



The/Our/Your Wolcott Foundation Trustees will meet next month in Washington [D.C.](#) for the purpose of selecting the Fellows for the Class of 2016. The number of Applications this year totaled 74! Some few more than last year, but not as many as 3 or 4 years ago when we received 150 applications! These are the young people who will become the productive government workers - NOT POLITICIANS - for the future. You hear the Wolcott Trustees pleading for donations; a constant activity, but one that is necessary when one considers the cost of the quality of education offered by the George Washington University. When someone complains about the high cost of education today, I am compelled to answer with, "True, education is costly, but please consider the cost of IGNORANCE!"

Please do what you can to support Your/The/Our Wolcott Foundation. Every High Twelvian should heed the cry of the Little Red School House to fill that structure with the coin of the realm, or paper money, or coins or checks! I know that you get tired of the near constant plea for donations - I have a suggestion to quell that plea - how about giving up a Starbucks Double DO super Espresso Latte once a week and put that money where it will have a REAL stimulating effect - Your/The/Our Wolcott Foundation? God Bless you and all whom you hold dear. And GOD BLESS AMERICA!! Malcolm SO. White, PSP, Chairman -Wolcott Foundation, Inc.

Florida High Twelve Association, Masonic High Twelve Club of Lake Worth No. 316, Club's 54th year:

The President, Executive Board and members of Lake Worth High Twelve Masonic Club take pleasure inviting you to join us on our 55th Gala celebration to be held at Lake Worth, Florida, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple, 2000 D Street, Lake Worth, Florida, 33460, on Tuesday **March 11th** commencing with dinner at 7 PM

Our charity and community work is well known, so your presence at our celebration would be gratefully appreciated. DONATION \$15, R.S.V.P. please by 7th **March 2014**. Sydney King, 2111 N.W 76th Ave, Margate, Florida 33063- Telephone: **954-974-4983**- E-Mail: **sking1474@att.net**. I remain yours sincerely Sydney King President.\

Cortez Masonic High Twelve Club # 538, Robert L. (Bob) Rodd, PSP, 941-776-0937, roddbobkat@aol.com

Our official Club title is "Cortez Masonic High Twelve Club # 538". We meet just about every Monday from November through April of the year. Our gathering place is Duff's Original Buffet, which is at 6010 14th Street West (Route 41) at the corner of 60th Avenue West in Bradenton. The food is great and plentiful with several kinds of soups, plus, appetizers, salads, many kinds of meats and vegetables, rolls, pizza, etc. and all those wonderful desserts.

Arrival time is between 10:30 and 11:00 A.M. to pick where we want to sit and socialize. At 11:00 A.M. we head for the buffet tables and then get to enjoy great food, good companionship and find out what our friends (new & old) have been up to or are going to do. By the way, did I tell you, your Ladies are always invited.

On the first Monday of the month we have an auction of items brought in by the members, ladies and guests that they no longer need or want. May be new or old but they are to be in good condition. With items going for \$.50 to \$5 in most cases a lot of fun is had and those funds go to take care of costs having to do with our annual Picnic, which will be held this year on March 12 on Anna Maria Island at the Simpson's home. Come to our weekly get-togethers and you also may come to our picnic.

Last month I said that this month I would explain Hi-12's principal Charity, The Wolcott Foundation. The purpose of this charity is to send qualified Post Graduate Students who will be attending George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and desire to enter the field of Government, be it local, state, national or international. We get applicants from all over the United States and they are reviewed by the Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation (The Foundation is a separate entity from Hi-12 but works in conjunction with Hi-12) to determine who will be awarded the fellowship(s). A very strict and complete examination into each candidate qualifications are gone through and only the very best of the best will be in the running for the final pick(s). Currently it costs about \$60,000 per student that is paid by the Foundation. If, after graduating they spend 4 years in the field of government they do not have to repay any of those funds. I hope this gives you a quick overview of the program. Until next time, Bob Rodd

Humor: A man takes his place in the theater, but his seat is too far from the stage. He whispers to the usher, "This is a mystery, and I have to watch a mystery close up. Get me a better seat, and I'll give you a handsome tip."

The usher moves him into the second row, and the man hands the usher a quarter. The usher looks at the quarter, leans over and whispers, "The wife did it."

You see a gorgeous girl at a party. You go up to her and say, "I am very rich. Marry me!" **That's Direct Marketing.**

You're at a party with a bunch of friends and see a gorgeous girl. One of your friends goes up to her and pointing at you and says, "He's very rich. Marry him." **That's Advertising.**

You see a gorgeous girl at a party. You go up to her and get her telephone number. The next day you call and say, "Hi, I'm very rich. Marry me." **That's Telemarketing.**

You're at a party and see a gorgeous girl. You get up and straighten your tie; you walk up to her and pour her a drink. You open the door for her; pick up her bag after she drops it, offer her a ride, and then say, "By the way, I'm very rich. Will you marry me?" **That's Public Relations.**

You're at a party and see a gorgeous girl. She walks up to you and says, "You are very rich." **That's Brand Recognition.**

You see a gorgeous girl at a party. You go up to her and say, "I'm rich. Marry me." She gives you a nice hard slap on your face. **That's Customer Feedback!!!!**

A woman who died found herself standing outside the Pearly Gates, being greeted by St. Peter. She asked him, "Oh, is this place what I really think it is? It's so beautiful. Did I really make it to heaven?" To which St. Peter replied, "Yes, my dear, these are the Gates to Heaven. But you must do one more thing before you can enter." The woman was very excited, and asked of St. Peter what she must do to pass through the gates. "Spell a word," St. Peter replied. "What word?" she asked. "Any word," answered St. Peter. "It's your choice." The woman promptly replied, "Then the word I will spell is love. L-o-v-e." St. Peter congratulated her on her good fortune to have made it to Heaven, and asked her if she would mind taking his place at the gates for a few minutes while he went to the bathroom. "I'd be honored," she said, "but what should I do if someone comes while you are gone?" St. Peter reassured her, and instructed the woman to simply have any newcomers to the Pearly Gates to spell a word as she had done. So the woman is left sitting in St. Peter's chair and watching the beautiful angels soaring around her when a man approaches the gates. She realizes it is her loser husband. "What happened?" she cried, "Why are you here?" Her husband stared at her for a moment, then said, "I was so drunk when I left your funeral, I was in accident. And now I am here? Did I really make it to Heaven?" To which the woman replied, "Not yet. You must spell a word first." "What word?" he asked. The woman responded, "Czechoslovakia."

A man placed some flowers on the grave of his departed mother and started back for his car, parked on the cemetery road. His attention was diverted to a man kneeling at a grave. The man seemed to be praying with profound intensity, and kept repeating, "Why did you die? Why did you die?" The first man approached him and said, "Sir, I don't want to interfere with your private grief, but this demonstration of hurt and pain is more than I've ever seen before. For whom do you mourn so deeply? Your Child? A parent? Who, may I ask, lies in that grave?" The mourner answered, "My wife's first husband! ... Why did you die? Why did you die?"

That's all folks!