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

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: We know, O God, of the metaphors for building found in the symbolism of our Craft. We know of rough and perfect ashlar, the Tabernacle of Moses, the cornerstone, the northeast corner, the oblong square, angles, parallel lines, the five orders of architecture, the working tools, and the erecting of King Solomon's Temple. Remind us, Father, as these symbols are meant to do, of the importance of the spiritual life and of character building. Show us how to use the proper materials, methods, and influences in shaping our lives in harmony with your will and way. Guide us in our deliberations in this hour that which we construct may stand the test of time. For Your honor and to Your glory we pray. Amen.

Benediction: Gracious God, teach us the benefits of living so as to cause our lives to be as pure and spotless as was the first Masonic apron presented to us. Make us careful about our reputation as individual Masons and as a fraternity. Remind us of the blessings which flow from purity of heart and blamelessness of conduct in a world where scandal seems to be the rule rather than the exception. Guide us on our way as we journey from this place and strengthen us to make purity of life and rectitude of conduct our aim. 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.

Freedom's Colors

"Red is for Bravery";
bloodshed in sacrifice.
Freedom came with lives the price.

"White is for Liberty";
freedom's purity.
Life be free from God's decree.

"Blue is for Justice";
as vast as the sky.
Over freedom's land to occupy.

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International 1st Vice President Winton Hewitt (PA): Brethren, I was with our International President, Jim Parker at Ohio's Annual Meeting for their Election and Installation of the State Officers for the year 2013 -2014.

The Meeting was held at the Browning Masonic Community Center in Waterville, Ohio. The Browning Center has just recently completed a major addition for the care of the residences in the center and we were able to take a tour of this new facility which is a great addition for Browning and its residents.

What I witnessed was a show of the **togetherness or we** factor that I have been talking about. At Ohio's Annual meeting there were representatives from Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. These brothers have visited and supported each other over the years and have established a bond across their respective boarders. They have added their support in whatever way they are needed. Such as assisting in the installation of the Officers, reports on what has been working in their particular State or Clubs. The members from Indiana had an all-day drive to be there. We all went out the first night to a nearby restaurant for a Dutch treat of Fellowship followed by more snacks at the Hotel.

I was able to visit Michigan's Installation last year and will make every effort to get out to one of the Illinois and Indiana meetings.

We in Pennsylvania try to make it to New Jersey each year. It only takes a little effort to show support to the other Clubs. Fraternally, Winton.

International 2nd Vice President Jerry Saville (CA): All, The International President James Parker asked if the 'Glow' video featuring Ernie Borgnine, could be added to the Home page. The full video is too big to upload (Wild Apricot file restrictions) so as a compromise, just the Ernie Borgnine introduction is posted. Take a look at the Website and let International Secretary Kevin Hokerk, know what you all think.

Past International President M. Donald Whistler (PA): When I stepped down as President, I picked up the responsibility as Chairman of Club Expansion from Past President Merv Harris. This position is responsible for follow up on inquiries received by our International Secretary Kevin Hokerk from Brothers asking about starting new clubs. In addition, I want to contact the Grand Lodges of the states where we currently do not have High Twelve Clubs. The purpose of this article is to provide you with a status report on these efforts to date.

States:

The first Grand Lodge which I contacted was **Alabama**. I talked with Grand Secretary Jerry Underwood. He told me that there had been High Twelve Clubs in Alabama years ago but that they just faded away over time. In fact, he said that some of the Lodges still have High Twelve plaques hanging on their walls. Jerry said he did not believe that there would be any reason why a new club could not be started there if a group of Brothers wanted to start one. He said that they should write a letter to the Grand Lodge asking for permission to do it.

Nevada: Mike Clark, Past State President of the Michigan State Association and Wolcott Trustee, met Brother Robert Taylor, Secretary for the Scottish Rite Valley of Las Vegas, when he was a guest of the Furniture City High Twelve Club No 236 in Grand Rapids, MI. Mike said that Robert enjoyed the luncheon and program and expressed interest in learning more about High Twelve. Mike told him that we will be having our Mid-Year Meeting in Las Vegas in January. Mike sent an email to Kevin Hokerk about meeting Robert and Kevin forwarded it to me. I talked with Robert and had a very nice conversation with him. He indicated that no one in his area knows anything about High Twelve. He also said that he would come to our Mid-Year Meeting and would bring some of his contacts from the Grand Lodge with him. I followed up our conversation with a letter to him and include information on High Twelve and the Wolcott Foundation. I plan to call him the week before the Mid-Year Meeting and learn if we can schedule a time on Monday, January 20th for them to visit with us.

Washington State: This is an interesting one! In early October, I talked with Brother Paul Waadevig, who is a District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington. He is very interested in High Twelve and is trying to get other Brothers interested in it. He did say that things are in a state of transition at this time but that he will pick up the effort when he finishes his term as District Deputy in a little more than a year. I followed up our conversation by emailing Paul some High Twelve information. At almost the same time, Jerry Saville, Second Vice President of High Twelve International, was attending the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California and met Washington State's Deputy Grand Master, Sam Roberts. Sam also expressed interest in High Twelve. He told Jerry to contact the Chairman of his Public Relations Committee, Steve Pennington. Jerry emailed Brother Pennington, introduced himself, told him of his discussion with Sam Roberts and attached information about High Twelve. Now we need to keep in contact and follow up until we have clubs in Washington State again.

Clubs:

I talked with Brother Raymond Kozor, who lives in **Maricopa, AZ**, and who expressed interest in High Twelve. I learned that Raymond lives within driving distance of Kevin Hokerk's club, West Valley Masonic High Twelve Club No 605. After talking with Kevin, I forwarded a copy of the club's meeting notice to Raymond and told him that Kevin would be happy to have him as a guest for a meeting and gave him Kevin's telephone number. We will follow up with Raymond.

One of the names which Merv Harris turned over to me is Brother Cory Hunt who lives in **Charlotte, NC**. I talked with Cory and thought that he seemed very interested in High Twelve. We had a general discussion and he said that he would be seeing the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina at a Masonic function the coming weekend and would discuss it with him. I tried to call the Grand Lodge office a number of times but kept getting a recorded message that they were either out of the office or on another call. I have since made two calls to Cory and have left messages for him but have not received a return call from him. I am going to continue to try to reach the Grand Lodge office until I do talk with the Grand Secretary.

I have initiated communications with two more Brothers. One is in Newport News, Virginia and the other one is in Littleton, ME. I will report on them in a future article.

Finally, if anyone one has any contact with any of these prospects for club development or other prospects, please contact Kevin Hokerk or me.

Past International President Merv Harris (FL): When I published the October 2013 Monthly Update, I mentioned that we would be taking a trip and ultimately end up at the California High Twelve Convention. We had only been on the road for two days when I received a call from my good friend John Silver Feather, asking me to take over the Chaplain's duties at the Convention due to his health issues. I told him I would be happy to take care of it for him and would act in his place.

I had not taken anything with me for the Convention because I was to assist the International President James B. Parker install the officers for 2013-2014. California made some changes for the installation and International President Parker was the Installing Officer; International 2nd Vice President Jerry Saville was the Marshall; and I was the Installing Chaplain. Everything worked out well and the officers were installed in grand style.

Now back to the Convention. On our way from Washington State to California, we were able to stop and visit John at his daughter's home in Grants Pass, Oregon and he explained how he planned on doing the Memorial Service. As John is a Chaplain, I told him that I could follow his outline but would have to do the Service a little different. Between Cleveland Valrey, Spencer Sargent and me, we were able to conduct the Necrology in a satisfactory way. It went over but not with John's expertise and professionalism. He sure was missed and we look forward to seeing him at the International Convention in Ohio next June.

Although there were not as many members at this year's Convention, under the leadership for Cleveland Valrey and his officers, the Convention was an OUTSTANDING success. Congratulations to all those in attendance and we wish them the best in the coming year.



Those of you, who did not attend the California Convention, missed some great entertainment during and after the Installation and dinner. It was a quartet called, "Four Goodness Sake." They are (from left to right) Linda Stivers (Baritone), Judy Saville (Lead), Ann Layton (Bass) and Bernie Anderson (Tenor.) You may notice our International 2nd Vice President's wife Judy in this talented group. These ladies were great and entertained us twice during the event. They are not only great singers but are good friends and it shows in their performance.

One of the greatest things that can happen to a High Twelve member is to be made an Honorary Member of a High Twelve Club or Association. I was fortunate enough to be made one prior to the

President's Banquet and Installation of Officers. And to have it presented by President Cleveland Valrey was a real honor and thrill. The Association and members are very lucky to have him as President for nearly two years. His style of leadership should set an example to future officers and hopefully they will learn to be better leaders following his example.

My wife and I may have set a record for attending the California Convention as we drove a little over 7,000 in our trip from Florida to California and then home again by way of Branson, Missouri. The trip to Branson and enjoying seven shows really made the whole trip enjoyable. I would recommend going to Branson if you ever have the chance. The shows are great, the food excellent and the people all seem to be exceptionally friendly.

Our trip included visits to our children in Wisconsin and Washington; and we visited family along the way. The most impressive sight was traveling through South Dakota after a blizzard and seeing hundreds of dead cattle laying in the fields waiting to be buried. Unfortunately, another blizzard happened and it was several days

before they could take care of the remains. In a total of five weeks we only had two days with light showers and we missed all the bad weather during the entire trip. That is some kind of luck for October and November!

Wolcott Foundation Trustee Michael E. Clark, PSP, Trustee, Zone 5: Brothers, we are rapidly approaching two holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas where the “Spirit of Giving” is prominent in all we do for our friends and families. What a great opportunity to honor or remember a friend and Brother from your High Twelve Club, be he living or deceased.

The Wolcott Foundation has a **Heritage Bond** certificate that can be presented to an individual or to a Brother’s family to show your club’s appreciation for past service to your club.

Your Wolcott Foundation club representative, Wolcott state association representative or your Wolcott zone trustee will be glad to assist you by preparing a very nice booklet with a personal inscription inside to honor or remember a Brother.

The Wolcott Foundation contribution should be between \$50.00 and \$100.00. Check the Wolcott Foundation website for the name and information about your Wolcott Zone Trustee and contact him today, so you can be ready to present a Heritage Bond during the “Spirit of Giving” season.

Our “Little Red School Houses” serve as a reminder to each of us of the importance of education in today’s world. The Wolcott Foundation needs each club to do it’s best to provide funds for our Fellowships to graduate students at George Washington University, entering into public service.

We need to think of these students as “**Our High Twelve Kids**” and as such, we are responsible to assist them in obtaining the best education possible to enable them to represent themselves and our country wherever they may serve in the world. If you ever get a chance to meet one of our Fellowship recipients you will be so impressed with the appreciation they have for what we are doing to help them achieve the distinction of graduating as a “**Wolcott Fellow**”.

There are many ways of increasing the amount of money placed in the “Little Red School House”. Pass it around to each table during your meal, there is nothing like peer group pressure to encourage giving.

Members can stand up and place “Happy Bucks” into the school house for happy events that have taken place during the week. Also, don’t forget birthdays and anniversaries deserve a buck in the school house as well. Use your imagination. It only takes one member taking the school house table to table and encouraging giving in a fun way, to quickly increase the amount you collect each week to help pay for the approximately \$60,000.00 per student cost to receive a graduate degree at George Washington University.

Recently, at the Ohio State Convention, Jennie Furnas, wife of Ohio State President Rollin Furnas, collected all sorts of items, and along with other Ladies of Ohio High Twelve, held a silent auction for the benefit of the Wolcott Foundation. In just a couple of hours they sold almost every item and contributed \$255.00 to the Wolcott Foundation. What a great idea!

Remember each High Twelvian is a member of the Wolcott Foundation, and we thank each one of you who consistently provide the Wolcott Foundation with money to fund our Fellowships. Your efforts are appreciated so much by our students.

On behalf of the Wolcott Foundation and all the Wolcott Fellows past, present and those yet to come, may we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Michael E. Clark, PSP-Trustee, Wolcott Foundation, Zone 5

Humor: A man and a woman are eating in a restaurant. Suddenly, the woman got something stuck in her throat, causing her to choke. The man rushes outside, cuts a limb off a tree and whacks the woman across the back with it, dislodging the object in her throat. The headline in the paper read "Man gives woman the hemlock maneuver"

California High Twelve Association: Another month is past and gone. This is a time for joy and reflection as our holidays are right around the corner. Time certainly flies by quickly; it seems like yesterday when we celebrated Thanksgiving of 2012. Speaking of time, it is appropriate to mark your calendars and reserve November 21, 2013 for the next meeting of High 12. It is also my wedding anniversary, and I would really appreciate the club sending my wife and me away on an all paid Cruise to Europe to celebrate 49 years of wedded bliss. Back to reality! Please call Bob Morton or email him to reserve your space at the lunch table. He can be reached at Rjmorton4@comcast.net, or 215-285-7266. Do it today, while it is fresh on your mind.

We are serving an excellent meal at the meeting. It will begin with a Caesar Salad, followed by Capon Marsala, together with your favorite vegetables; Mascarpone Potatoes, and Sautéed Spinach. Rolls, whipped butter, and beverages – coffee and tea. Now don't forget to eat your spinach.

Desserts are always unique, and the Inn will be serving Spiced Cranberry Bread Pudding.

Our speaker will be Joanne McHugh. She is a writer and professional personal historian. Through her company, Personal Chronicles (www.PersonalChronicles.net), she helps people tell their life stories and publish them in books.

Description of talk: **Easy Ways to Start Saving Your Personal History**

There are many things that you can leave your children and grandchildren--money, homes, antiques--but the stories that live inside of you will be gone unless you do something now to preserve them. Your personal history is a treasure, and there are simple things you can do to save it for your family.

This talk is **NOT** about genealogy or memoir writing—it is about simple ways to collect your family's stories. Your photos and memorabilia can spark some wonderful memories that you can share. Many people intend to capture their personal history but never get around to it. Do not let that happen to you—come learn easy steps that you can take to start saving your family history. Your future descendants will thank you for it! Fraternally, Perry Ecksel, Nooner Editor.

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 at Denny's Restaurant, 2601 52nd Avenue, Moline. The meetings are scheduled for November 3, 10, 17 and 31, 2013. Try to come about 11 a.m. and have time to eat and enjoy the fellowship before the program at noon (High Twelve). Ladies and guests are welcome.

NOVEMBER 1: The first program for the month is Pastor Felipe Cantu. Pastor Cantu will give a presentation of his trips to Central America. This should be interesting topic as we know little of the area.

NOVEMBER 8: In keeping with the spirit of the season, Alison McCrary will present the history of *witches – the good ones and the ugly ones*. I only knew of the evil witches and thought they were all ugly.

NOVEMBER 15: Dale Hendricks has another seasonal topic with the History of Holidays in the US. Should learn something about our treasured holidays. I'm sure his presentation will enlighten us with the why and the reasons of the various holidays that we celebrate in the US.

NOVEMBER 22: Pastor Dwayne Brothers will give a presentation of his Missions to Africa. I heard that he has made many trips there and his presentation should be a good briefing on what goes on in Africa.

NOVEMBER 31: We will have no meeting on the day after Thanks Giving. As the song says "Over the river and through the woods to Grandma's house we go". Have a wonderful and fulfilling Thanks Giving Day with loved ones.

And now for some humor and facts

The story of the piggies. A farmer had five female pigs. Times were hard, so he decided to take them to the county fair and sell them. At the fair, he met another farmer who owned five male pigs. After talking a bit, they decided to mate the pigs and split everything 50/50. The farmers lived sixty miles apart. So, they agreed to drive thirty miles each, and find a field in which to let the pigs mate. The first morning, the farmer with the female pigs got up at 5 a.m., loaded the pigs into the family station wagon, which was the only vehicle he had, and drove the thirty miles. While the pigs were mating, he asked the other farmer, "How will I know if they are pregnant?" The other farmer replied, "If they're lying in the grass in the morning, they're pregnant. If they're in the mud, they're not." The next morning the pigs were rolling in the mud. So he hosed them off, loaded them into the family station wagon again and proceeded to try again. This continued each morning for more than a week. The next morning he was too tired to get out of bed. He called to his wife, "Honey, please look outside and tell me whether the pigs are in the mud or in the grass." "Neither," yelled his wife, "They're in the station wagon and one of them is honking the horn."

Claudine Patton is the November 2013 Program Chairperson. Thank you Claudine. Editor: Nikolaj Greza

Indiana State High Twelve Association State Convention Highlights: Clubs that were present met for the executive meeting; and High Twelve Clubs for the State of Indiana were called to Order at 12:00 Noon. The usual Business was acted upon. Roll call of the clubs present: Lafayette, Club 99, had the most; six (6), Brother Jake Wiebers, PSP, Brother Glenn Allen, PSP, Brother Walter Watts, President Club 99, Brother Bob Waldron. Past President Club 99 and 3rd State Vice President, Brother Ralph Achgill 2nd Vice President Club 99, and Rudell (Sarge) Wilburn, 1st State Vice President Club # 240-No Show, Club # 337, Two, MH Club. # 545, none. Muncie, Club 699, two. And Indianapolis, # 733, two. Fort Wayne, # 723, none.

We had two visitors present; Brother Rollin A. Furnas, International Treasurer and Brother J. Thomas Foor from Ohio; and were accompanied by their ladies, who joined us at lunch.

After concluding business, we adjourned to the main building for our traditional dinner (or as it turned out lunch) consisting of; salad, prime-rib, baked potato, vegetable and a cool desert of sherbet . Afterwards was the Installation of Officers for the year 2014. The installing Officer was Brother Thomas Bevington, PIP. and State Secretary and was assisted by Brothers, Rollin A. Furnas and Thomas Foor.

Officers installed were as follows: Rudell (Sarge)Wilburn, President, Dr. Ronald W. Woods, 1st State Vice President, Robert Waldron, 2nd State Vice President, W.B. George Ingles, Jr. 3rd State Vice President, PSP Gene Lackey Treasurer, Walter Watts State Chaplain and Ralph K. Achgil, State Sgt.-At-Arms.

State President Sarge Installed Brother Thomas S. Bevington, PIP, as the State Secretary, and thanked the installation team for their service, and invited them back.

Michigan High Twelve Association: High Twelvians Help in Masonic Stone Recovery:



Four members of the Grand Rapids, Michigan Furniture City High Twelve Club No. 236 were instrumental in the recent discovery and recovery of a 3,000 lb. Masonic Stone placed in a large Grotto on the grounds of the Masonic Country Club of West Michigan in 1924.

In 2008, Michael Clark, Past President of Furniture City High Twelve Club No. 236 and Past State President of the Michigan Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs began a search for the lost Grotto and stone. He discovered the Grotto and began a four year effort to bring the stone to the current Grand Rapids Masonic Temple for use in its 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2015.

That effort was brought to fruition on October 15, 2013 with the help of Furniture City High Twelve members, John Wilson, Edgar Davies, Tom Brinker and several other members of Grand Rapids Lodge No. 34. The stone was moved to a specially prepared area at the Grand Rapids Temple.

The Masonic Country Club of West Michigan is long gone. A victim of the depression, it was sold and became The Green Ridge Country Club in 1934. The land was originally developed by the Masonic Fraternity of Grand Rapids in 1922, and covered 400 acres.

In 1924, a 3000 lb. stone, containing a time capsule, was placed in a large stone Grotto built into the side of a hill, by the Freemasons of Grand Rapids. The Grotto was dedicated by the Grand Master of Masons in Michigan, to commemorate the Masonic family facility. Pieces of pottery, perhaps used during the dedication ceremony were discovered under 18 inches of dirt which have accumulated over the past 89 years.

The Grotto was recently discovered by Clark, a Past Master of Grand Rapids Masonic Lodge No. 34, while researching the Masonic history of the old Masonic Country Club and its facilities.

The time capsule was to be opened in 1999, but the location of the Grotto was forgotten, until a Grand Rapids woman, who after reading an article in *The Grand Rapids Press*, about the hunt for its location, who remembered playing on it as a child, led local Masons to the location.

Unfortunately, the time capsule had been removed by unknown individuals many years earlier and again the stone and Grotto were forgotten, until Clark followed a 1924 map of the original golf course and located the Grotto in a dense oak wood.

The large stone was moved from its location for the past 89 years to the Grand Rapids Masonic Center on East Fulton Street. The stone will be used during the 2015 centennial celebration of the opening of the Grand Rapids Masonic Temple building. A new time capsule will be placed in an opening in the face of the stone during the 2015 celebration. The opening in the stone was hand drilled in 1924, by a stone mason who was a member of Valley City Masonic Lodge No. 86.

After reading a recent article in *The Grand Rapids Press*, about the moving of the stone, a Grand Rapids man came forth with a commemorative coin of the kind placed inside the original time capsule. The coin was left to him by his father with no history of how he came to possess it. The coin will be placed inside the new time capsule and placed inside the opening of the stone and sealed with a plaque in 2015.

North Central High Twelve Association, Des Moines High Twelve Club: Meets Wednesdays at 11:15 am, at the Downtown Holiday Inn located at 6th Avenue and I-235. Club Chartered 04/18/1925.

Pennsylvania High Twelve Association, First Capital High Twelve Club (PA): Brother High Twelvians,

We have much to be thankful for, including all our High 12 brothers. Don't forget to make your reservation for the November 18th First Capital High Twelve Meeting. (note the change in date for this meeting, it will be held on November 18th rather than November 25th.) Please send your reservation to Dick Graybill at 403 Labott Road, Spring Grove, PSA 17362 or email Roger Stabley at ryankeefan@yahoo.com. Your reservation must be in by November 12, 2014.

Hope you can make the meeting. Member John Carroll will be talking about the new scenic train that is located in New Freedom, PA. This promises to be a most interesting topic. Fraternaly, John D. Krout, Newsletter Editor

The message in this month's newsletter is an appeal for your consideration as well as a touch of an editorial. Let me get the editorial out of the way.....are you happy with the actions of our Politicians in both Washington and Harrisburg? There seems to be constant finger pointing, bad mouthing, it's the other guys fault and, well, you can add whatever else you might want to say. Quite frankly, lately it is almost an embarrassment to be affiliated with any political party.

*Now more than ever, we need the results of our contributions to the **WOLCOTT FOUNDATION**. We need more professionally trained, committed people, like those who have received a scholarship from Wolcott and graduated from George Washington University. I know that many of you about this time of the year are considering contributions to worthy organizations. Our own High 12 charitable objective is the Wolcott Foundation; perhaps you would consider a tax deductible contribution to Wolcott this year. A \$10.00 to \$99.99 contribution is considered a Heritage Bond, a \$100 to \$999.99 contribution places you in the Century Club and with a \$1,000 contribution you become a member of the Wolcott Club. It would be great if we individually and collectively could contribute \$1,000 to Wolcott by the end of 2013.*

Please make your check payable to Wolcott Foundation and mail it to Dick Graybill, our Treasurer. Dick will make sure your check is forwarded to Wolcott on a timely basis. This will allow you to receive a tax deduction for your contribution and we can, as a club, keep a record of our collective and individual contributions to Wolcott.

Interesting story submitted by D. J. Miller, Pennsylvania: A young man passed a pawnbrokers shop. The money lender was standing in front of his shop, and the young man noted that he was wearing a large and beautiful Masonic emblem. After going on a whole block, apparently lost in thought, the young man turned back, stepped up to the pawnbroker, and addressed him: I see you're wearing a Masonic emblem. I am a Freemason too. It happens that I'm desperately in need of \$25 just now. I shall be able to repay it within ten days. You don't know me; but I wonder whether the fact that you are a Freemason and that I am a Freemason is sufficient to induce you to lend me the money on my personal note.

The pawnbroker mentally appraised the young man, who was clean-cut, neat and well-dressed. After a moment's thought, he agreed to make the loan on the strength of the young man being a Freemason. Within a few days the young man repaid the loan as agreed and that ended the transaction.

About four months later the young man was in a Lodge receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree; he had not really been a Mason when he borrowed the \$25. After he had been admitted for the second section of the degree, the young man looked across the Lodge room and saw the pawnbroker from whom he had borrowed the \$25. His face turned crimson and he became nervous and jittery. He wondered whether he had been recognized by the pawnbroker. Apparently not, so he planned at the first opportunity to leave

the Lodge room and avoid his benefactor. As soon as the Lodge was closed he moved quickly for the door, but the pawnbroker had recognized the young man, headed him off and, to the young man's astonishment, approached him and greeted him with a smile and outstretched hand.

Well, I see you weren't a Freemason after all when you borrowed that \$25, the pawnbroker commented.

The blood rushed to the young man's face as he stammered, No, I wasn't, but I wish you would let me explain. I had always heard that Freemasons were charitable and ready to aid a Brother in distress. When I passed your shop that day I didn't need that \$25. I had plenty of money in my wallet, but when I saw the Masonic emblem you were wearing, I decided to find out whether the things I'd heard about Freemasonry were true. You let me have the money on the strength of my being a Freemason, so I concluded that what I had heard about Masons was true, that they are charitable, that they do aid Brethren in distress. That made such a deep impression on me that I presented my petition to this Lodge and here I am. I trust that with this explanation you will forgive me for having lied to you.

The pawnbroker responded; don't let that worry you too much. I wasn't a Freemason when I let you have the money. I had no business wearing the Masonic emblem you saw. Another man had just borrowed some money on it, and it was so pretty that I put it on my lapel for a few minutes. I took it off the moment you left. I didn't want anyone else borrowing money on the strength of my being a Freemason. When you asked for that \$25, I remembered what I had heard about Masons that they were honest, upright, and cared for their obligations promptly. It seemed to me that \$25 wouldn't be too much to lose to learn if what I'd heard was really true, so I lent you the money and you repaid it exactly as you said you would. That convinced me that what I'd heard about Masons was true so I presented my petition to this Lodge. I was the candidate just ahead of you. From the [January 1977](#) New Mexico Freemason

Texas High Twelve Association:



TRI-CITIES HIGH TWELVE CLUB #700, NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, WAS HONORED AT ITS LAST MEETING WITH A VISIT AND TALK BY MRS DIANE SCHAULE, A PENTAGON WORKER WHO WAS A SCANT 150 FEET FROM THE IMPACT SITE OF FLIGHT 77. THAT SHE SURVIVED IS AMAZING AND SHE SAYS A LOT OF IT WAS DUE TO THE RECENT REFUBISHMENT OF THE SECTION OF THE PENTAGON STRUCK BY THE AIRCRAFT AND LUCK. HER HUSBAND, AN AIR FORCE COLONEL, WORKED ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE BUILDING AND WAS UNAWARE OF THE CRASH FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. DIANE REMINDED

US OF THE SIZE OF THE PENTAGON! SHE AND HER HUSBAND RECENTLY RETIRED AND HAVE MADE THEIR HOME AT CANYON LAKE, NEAR NEW BRAUNFELS. WE WERE HONORED TO HAVE HER TELL HER STORY AND THE BRAVE ACTIONS TAKEN BY HER AND SOME OF HER COWORKERS DURING THIS TIME OF TRAGEDY. PHOTO: DIANE SCHAULE; ALBERT WIGGERS, SEC/TREAS; RON THOMPSON, PRESIDENT.

Humor:

BEST EVER SENIOR CITIZEN JOKE! (Winnie Hill, Temple on the Hill High Twelve Club, Youngstown, Ohio)

A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The little silver haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle.

She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

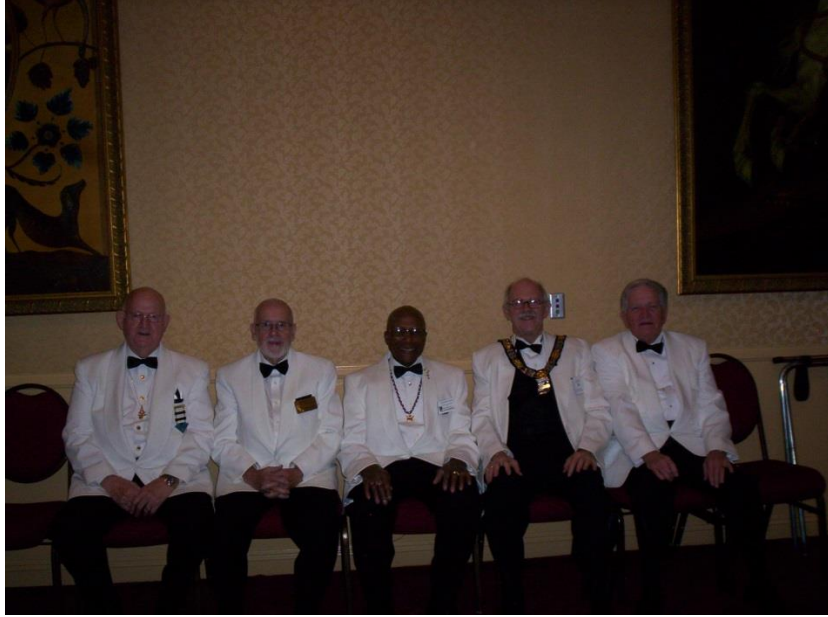
He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sigh....."Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."

One day an employee came in to work with both of his ears bandaged. When his boss asked him what happened, he explained: "**Yesterday** I was ironing a shirt when the phone rang and I accidentally answered the iron instead of the phone!" "Well," the boss said, "that explains one ear, but what about the other?" "They called back!"

A monastery decided to start a fish and chips store. When the store opened, a client comes in, and asks one of the clerics: are you the fish fryer? Oh, no, the cleric answers, I'm the chip monk!

A family of skunks was trapped in a thicket, surrounded by a pack of hungry wolves that were edging even closer. The Mother skunk calmly instructed her young: "Quickly children, let's put our heads together!" After they obeyed, forming a circle, she continued, "Now. Let us spray!"

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Pictured left to right. Merv Harris, PIP, Installing Chaplain; Malcolm White, PSP (CA), Wolcott Foundation Chairman, Master of Ceremonies; Cleveland, Valrey PSP, California State President; James B. Parker, PSP (OH), International President, Installing Officer; Spencer Sargent, PSP (CA), California State Secretary.



California New State Secretary Spencer Sargent (L) and State President Cleveland Valrey (R)



High Twelve International

The High Twelve \$100,000 Endowment Fund Program Overview

Purpose: This fund is established to build a financial base of \$100,000 with earned interest being used to offset future administrative or operating costs of High Twelve International when and if needed as approved by the Executive Board. This fund is a method of ensuring financial stability for years to come.

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