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Congratulations to our members and ladies, celebrating their Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event in October. 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: O God, Divine Architect of the Universe, We bow with gratitude to thy Omnipotence. We acknowledge Thee as the Creator and Preserver of all things. We thank Thee for Thy daily blessings conferred on us in all our undertakings, more particularly, O God, we crave Thy presence at this meeting. Do Thou preside over us in the spirit of Peace, Love and Charity, and to Thy Holy Name be power and Dominion, forever, Amen.

Benediction: Supreme Architect of the Universe, accept our humble thanks for the many mercies and blessings which thy bounty has conferred on us, and especially for this friendly and social intercourse. Pardon, we beseech thee, whatever thou has seen amiss in us since we have been together; and continue to us thy presence, protection and blessing. Make us sensible of the renewed obligations we are under to love thee, and as we are about to separate, and return to our respected 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 Lodge, those great moral duties which are inculcated in it, and with reverence study and obey the laws which thou hast given us in thy Holy Word. Amen

Flag Presentation: Permission to use the Patriotic Poems has been granted by Roger W. Hancock, who's Website can be found at <http://poetpatriot.com/poemsflag/htm>. His Website is copyrighted and permission is required to publish anything from the Website. I have found that his Website is the most complete for many types of poems and other material. He has several Websites, which can be used to find a large assortment of poems. They are www.FlagPoems.PoetPatriot.com; www.FlagRules.PoetPatriot.com; **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**, 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 entrust.
The colors evoke the pride in us.
Patriotism; red, white and blue.
Right prevails when self, denied,
Then rights for all are fortified.

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International President James Parker, IV (OH): Two and a half months have quite rapidly passed and accomplishments are beginning to show progress. Your Executive Committee has had two meetings. All were on board and participation is high. As the agenda was worked through decisions and action items were set. The new website is up and running. It is truly transparent, with no change in address: www.high12.org.

Immediately after Installation I was able to attend the youth three group annual meetings in Ohio. I have been a regular at all three as I passed through various organizations and was able to bring greetings.

Next, was Washington DC. I cannot begin to share how happy I was to be able to attend the AASR Southern Jurisdiction's Biannual meeting in Washington DC. Much of the joy came from having my Lady Barb be able to make the trip with me. Our hotel was just north of the city on 17th Street. The view of the city and the Washington Monument, on a clear day, was breath taking. Driving in DC should come with some special training. Their streets run like spokes of a bicycle wheel from one focal point to another with north-south and east-west streets and avenues intermixed. One of my favorite stops is the Vietnam Wall.

The chance to share High Twelve with other participants was a highlight at the several luncheons, banquets and hallway encounters we attended. Never sitting with the same group, made sharing our "Masonic Rotary" easy and FUN! Business cards were exchanged and the knowledge that this was only the beginning of our friendships. I am beginning an introduction letter to be sent to all Grand Masters where ever dispersed. You will receive follow up as it arrives.

All Masonic meeting seem to take an inordinate amount of time with introductions and presentations. For those of us in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the AASR, we shared our 200th birthday with the rest of those assembled. 1813- 2013 was nice but I got a view of the bigger picture when the opening statement we all have heard stated "The Mother Supreme Council of the World." There were 40+ Sovereign Grand Commanders from around the world in attendance. Now that is a bigger picture. Kind of like thinking the world is flat, only to discover that is not the case. What a eureka moment that was for me. There were about 100 dignitaries presented in less than 2 hours.

Future travels include California and Arizona. I want to attend as many State Association meetings as possible, but we need to know when they are.

Plans to change direction with the long awaited database, are in process. We authorized the expenditure of a few dollars to upgrade our website capability. These expenses are well within the agreed upon budget. Fraternally, Jim.

International 2nd Vice President Jerry Saville (CA): Greetings from California. Judy and I were in Vegas for a few days this month and decided to visit the Plaza Hotel/Casino in “Old Town” Vegas – the site of our January 2014 High Twelve Mid-Year Meeting. While I did not see any of the rooms, the Lobby was neat and clean and filled with fast food establishments – at least one is a 24/7 operation. There was a couple of restaurants and, of course, a “Casino.

The Plaza is located at the end of “Freemont Street” in Old Vegas and trust me if you have never been to Vegas there is something there for everyone. We hope you will add the weekend of 19-20 January 2014 to your schedule and join us in Vegas. The details of the conference will be posted in the near future. Your support, and opinion COUNTS; if we are going to keep moving this great organization forward!

As I reported in my article last month October will be a busy month. We look forward to High Twelve President James “Jim” Parker serving as the Installing Officer at the California High Twelve State Convention and PIP Merv Harris performing the Marshall duties. It's extremely important for State High Twelve Clubs to see International represented at State events! A big thanks in advance to Jim and Merv.

And finally, the California State Officers (and members) are working hard to open new clubs. When possible I will join them in their travels to tell the Lodges about High Twelve. Until next time..... Fraternally, Jerry Saville.

International 3rd Vice President Richard Kessler (AZ): 38th Annual Convention - Arizona Association of High Twelve Clubs, Inc. [9/21/13](#)



It was a pleasure to welcome James B. Parker, IV, International President, to our annual convention! The convention opened with a Necrology Service and the Chartering of a new club, “Old Pueblo Masonic High Twelve Club #773” with 25 charter members. Brother Parker initiated the new members present and installed the officers assisted by Sid Leluan, III, PIP. Kevin Hokerk, International Secretary presented the club Charter to Kristofer Settlemyer, President. The State Association provided the club a banner and officer and charter member pins. The meeting was adjourned to the dining room for the Youth Luncheon. The Job's Daughters and Rainbow

Girls were present and each received their annual donation from the AZ Association. After the luncheon the General Session got underway. International President Parker extended greetings from International and presented an inspiring talk to those present. Then the usual business was conducted after which we then broke for dinner. Then Brother Parker installed the State Officer's for 2013-2014 assisted by Sid Leluan, III, PIP: Walter H. Williams, President; Harold L. Lindamood, 1st Vice-President; Robert Klein, 3rd Vice-President, Kevin Hokerk, PSP, Secretary; Glenn R. Vogt, PSP, Treasurer; David D. Haynes, PSP, Chaplain and Jon B. Ruse, Sergeant-At-Arms. A great time was had by all that attended and I would like to thank the State Officer's from 2012-13 and the membership for allowing me to serve as President of the Association. Now, on to serving High Twelve International as 3rd Vice-President for 2013-14. Fraternally, Richard A. Kessler, PSP, 2012-13.

Above Photo: International President James B. Parker, IV, on the left and Arizona State High Twelve Association President Richard Kessler and International 3rd Vice President on the right at the 2013 State Convention. A great time was had by all in attendance.

International Secretary Kevin Hokerk (AZ): (Below) General Session (left to right) Kevin Hokerk, Secretary; David Hayes, Chaplain; Richard Kessler, President James Parker, IV, International President; Walter Williams, 1st Vice President; Glenn Vogt, Treasurer; William Lofquist, Int. High Twelvian of the Year 2012-13.



Greetings! Fall is now upon us and at least here in the Valley of the Sun (Phoenix, AZ) it is finally cooling off! We had the highest daily high average of 106 this summer.

By now all members should have received your 2014 pocket planner in the mail. The incoming mail box has been busy. Jim and I hope to receive your donation very soon if you have not taken care of it already.

Your INPUT is NEEDED for the fall edition of the *HIGH TWELVIAN*! Please send (email or USPS) in your articles and photographs for the fall edition of your *HIGH TWELVIAN*. **Deadline is 10/25/13.**

Club Secretaries, if you have not acted upon adopting the Uniform Club Bylaws that you received in the mail in early September please bring this up at your next club meeting. This is an important document that needs to be completed. If you have lost it you can print a copy from the International Website from the Reference tab. Fill-in all the 'blanks', date and sign and mail to the International Office.

Wolcott Foundation Senior Fellow Hayden M. Wetzel, Class of 1986: Dear Mr. Harris, at this year's Wolcott reception you asked for former fellows to recount their experiences and results of their years at George Washington University. I received my fellowship and graduated with a master's degree in East Asian Studies in 1986. My uncle was extremely active in High Twelve and I felt somewhat reluctant to apply when he suggested it because of his connection; I was glad to learn later that his involvement was in fact a slight hindrance to my approval, so I felt that I had actually received the honor on my own merits.

My years of study at the University were very demanding (I also married, had children, moved to a new house, continued my full-time government job, and headed an active program at my church simultaneously) but I felt I received a good education at George Washington and learned a lot, not only about Chinese language and history but also how to think, to reason, to write, to research. The school was in every way good for me.

Did the study and degree bring me a job relating to China? No – I continued with the very same office I had been in previously and retired from there about eight years ago. Was the program worthwhile for me? Definitely! I believe I see the world and society much more clearly than before, that I understand society both here and in other places better, that I generally am an improved citizen for the training, and I have tried my best to take these qualities in my endeavors in this community. Is this a satisfactory outcome for the High Twelvians who put so much money into my education? I can't say, but hope so.

Every year I receive an invitation from the school to the annual reception, and go whenever I can. I continue to feel immensely grateful to the Wolcott Foundation for believing in me and putting actual funds into my development. I am regularly astonished at how sincerely the men thank me for coming – thank me for stopping by briefly, eating their nibbles and schmoozing a bit? Shouldn't I be the one to be grateful? By now none of the members remember me – I'm one of the longer-ago fellows. They don't know what I studied or what kind of work I did afterward. But they seem to still have faith in me. I hear them talk and realize how much pure faith they have in Education and Hard Work. I leave feeling once again inspired. Yours truly, Hayden M. Wetzel.

Funny? Did you hear about the restaurant on the Moon? Great food but no Atmosphere.

California High Twelve Association, H12 #698 at work in the community:



CASA is a nonprofit organization that advocates for abused and neglected Children within Kern County. Its mission is to recruit, screen, train and supervise volunteers within the community to become highly trained advocates.

Jerry and Judy Saville, who actively advocate, live in Tehachapi and were Honored at a ceremony on Wednesday Aug. 21 at the Beekay Theatre for all of the hard work they have done. Jerry and Judy graduated in the 45th Graduating class with CASA of Kern County on August 20, 2009. CASA has truly observed dedication for the cause of a child through this couple. In their dedication Jerry and Judy have seen their CASA child through six placements and ten hearings. Through the rollercoaster of changes, Jerry and Judy have given their CASA child 300 hours of Advocacy and driven 4639 miles to give a child a voice. CASA of Kern County is honored to work with two fantastic people who share a passion in Advocacy. The couple also received a Certificate of Recognition of their oaths to stand up for children In Kern County on behalf of Board Supervisor Zack Scrivner, and was presented by his representative Ryan Rush. Thank you Jerry and Judy Saville!

*This is what Freemasonry is all about! Thank you Jerry & Judy. You make us proud.
(From the Loop newspaper, August, 2013)*

Florida High Twelve Association, Masonic Home High Twelve Club #702, President Vincent Unrue (Capt.

Bill): Article "A LIVING MASON" provided by Capt. Bill: His name is John. He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire four years of college. He was the top of his class. Kind of esoteric and very, very bright. He became a Mason recently while attending college. After moving to his new town, he finds that down the street from his new apartment is a well-dressed, very conservative Lodge. One day John decides to go there after work. He walks in with shoes, jeans, his work shirt, and long hair. The Lodge has already started and so John starts looking for a seat.

The Lodge is completely packed and he can't find a seat. By now the Brethren are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything. John gets closer and closer to the East and, when he realizes there are no seats, he squats down right on the carpet. (Although perfectly acceptable behavior at a college fellowship, trust me, this had never happened in this Lodge before!) By now the Brethren are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick. About this time, the Secretary realizes that from way at the back of the Lodge, a Past Master is slowly making his way toward John.

Now the Past Master is in his eighties, has silver-gray hair, and a three-piece suit. A good man, very elegant, very dignified, and very courtly. He walks with a cane and, as he starts walking toward this boy, everyone is saying to themselves that you can't blame him for what he's going to do. How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid in the Lodge? It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy.

The Lodge is utterly silent except for the clicking of the man's cane. All eyes are focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The Secretary can't even continue with the "Minutes" until the Past Master does what he has to do. And now the Lodge watches as this elderly man drops his cane on the floor. With great difficulty, he lowers himself and sits down next to John and welcomes him so he won't be alone.

When the Secretary gain's control, he says, "What I'm about to say, you will never remember. What you have just

seen, you will never forget." "Be careful how you live. You may be the only Mason some people will ever meet." In spirit, Capt. Bill.

Florida High Twelve Association, Tri County Masonic High Twelve Club #674:



CW5 Pedro Arroyo, "Past National Commander of the Hero's of 76, of the National Sojourners" was the guest speaker at the Annual Patriotic Meeting. CW5 Arroyo was accommodated by his lovely Lady Josie.

His presentation was very moving and was enjoyed by all in attendance. CW5 Arroyo is a credit to Masonry, the National Sojourners and himself. At the conclusion of his presentation those in attendance gave him a standing ovation.

Pictured is Mervyn Harris, PIP and Tri County President on the left; in the center is Lady Josie; and on the right Past Commander CW5 Pedro Arroyo. Arroyo was presented a

Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation along with a check as a donation to the Seminole Chapter #373, National Sojourners.

Club Picnic: We would like to thank Dan and Mary Hodson and his committee for putting together a great outing, held on Saturday, September 28th at the Tree Tops Mini Golf facility, Lady Lake, Florida. The meal served after playing 18 holes consisted of Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw and Baked Bean. The Club Ladies and members brought desserts for everyone to enjoy. Awards were made for the best scores and holes in one. Two people had two holes in one and five had one hole in one. Not bad for Senior Citizens! The Club established a record for the most Sr. Citizens playing mini-golf, who use canes for support!

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



On the left in the photo is the newly Installed President George Brainard, who is also the Ohio State Association 3rd Vice President. International James Parker is in the center and on the right is the outgoing President Gary Ronshausen.

The Fourteenth Annual Installation was held [September 13, 2013](#), at the Temple. All Officers were present for the Installation. Installing officer was the international President James B. Parker IV. Installing Marshall George Brainard and Installing Vocalist Wanda Wilder.

Installed were President George Brainard; 1st Vice President John S. Ranck; Third Vice President Gerald McCullough; Secretary August A. Angel; Treasurer. Thomas Jacobs; Chaplain Timothy Johnson; Assistant Chaplain Reverend John R. Selders; Sergeant-at-Arms Sterling Jamison; Trustees Clarence Shawver, III; International President James B. Parker IV; and Gary L. Ronshausen.

Funny? Confucius say: Man who want pretty nurse, must be patient.

An Honor was awarded to International President James B. Parker IV, with the presentation of a beautiful Temple on the Hill "High Twelvian of the Year Plaque;" made for us by Tom Singer of Custom Awards.

President Jim was recognized for his dedicated services and leadership at all levels to High Twelve. Also the ladies presented him with a Heritage Bond issued from the Wolcott Foundation...A Scholarship Fund to educate young people for your Government's Services.

A single red rose was presented to his wife Barbara, followed by lunch, which was enjoyed by all. The Luncheon was prepared and served by Bill Weems and the Acacia Club.

North Central Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs, Inc., Iowa, South Dakota: Des Moines High Twelve Club Special Dinner Party with the ladies will be held at the Scottish Rite Main Dining Room, Friday **October 4th**, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.-\$12.00 per person.

Special Program and Midnight Madness Quartet - Reservation Deadline, Monday **September 30th**. Please make reservations with George Becker, Earl Gallo or Mel Lightner (Mel. Lightner and Charles Kivett are the coordinators.) A fun evening and the latest information on the Scottish Rite Park. Let's have a big turnout!!

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The Mid-Year Meeting will be on October 12, 2013

At the Waterloo Elks Club.

Registration at 9 A. M.; Call to order at 10:00 A. M. ---

Coffee and rolls will be available.

Registration fee - \$10.00. Lunch in the Elks dining room- \$12.00 P.P..

The 2014 Annual Convention will be in Des Moines on **April 25th and 26th.**

Speakers for this Month: Tom Gruis, P. S. P., Chairman.

- 2nd – Nick Lemmo – Polk County Veterans Administration
- 4th - Ken Brickman and Midnight Madness Quartet - (Friday at Scottish Rite Park)
- 9th – Arvid Huisman – Salvation Army
- 16th – Allen Green – Kiwanis
- 23rd – Jimmy Olsen – Present Day Radio in Des Moines - (Our Club's Newest Member)
- 30th – Rachel Woodhouse – Des Moines Performing Arts / Civic Center – M/M Tom Gruis's Daughter.

Pennsylvania High Twelve Association, First Capital High Twelve #668: Hope you had a wonderful summer, had a chance to do what you wanted to do, caught a couple of York Revolution games, went on a picnic, spent

time with loved ones, did lots of exciting things and MISSED THOSE TERRIFIC HIGH TWELVE MEETINGS AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF YOUR MASONIC BROTHERS. You won't have to wait much longer, come on out to the September meeting and start the fall off right, that is of course after you have attended the great York Interstate Fair. The speaker is one of our own, Korean War Vet, Bob Casbeer.

Your officers had a big pow-wow over the summer, they made many decisions that affect all of us (well, they made one decision that affects all of us). YES, YOU ARE HEARING IT RIGHT AND YOUR HEARING IT HERE, AND YOU ARE THE FIRST TO HEAR IT, THIS NEWSLETTER WILL NOT BE SCOOPED BY ANYONE ELSE.....DUES WILL NOT INCREASE FOR 2014, YES SIREE, NADA INCREASE, ZIP INCREASE, NO INCREASE, DUES WILL REMAIN AT \$28. If you need an invoice, see the Treasurer for one to hand over to your accounts payable department and if you don't need an invoice, how about giving it to a brother who is not a member of First Capital High Twelve and try and get him to join. We need new members and this would be a great opportunity to spread the word by spreading the invoices around. It is permissible to make additional copies of the invoice should you need to contact more than one of your nonmember Masonic friends.

Roger Stabley, Dick Graybill, Skip Heath, John Krout and Don Whistler, PIP attended the Quarterly session of the PA. Association of High Twelve Clubs. As usual it was an interesting meeting, it was held at Shady Maple in Lancaster County. High Twelve International has a new website, please make sure you visit it, it is www.high12.org. There was a discussion about the Wolcott Foundation (look in next month's newsletter for more info), and a discussion about the Pa Association High Twelvian Society. One of the main topics of discussion was the new template for Club By-Laws. All clubs are encouraged to use the template and adopt the new uniform by-laws as soon as possible. First Capital High Twelve officers will be working on this in the upcoming months. I suspect that the changes over our standard operating policies and how we do things will be very minor if at all. This was one of Don Whistler's major projects during his term as International President; I would think we would want to be supportive of Don and get this accomplished as quickly as possible.

Humor: A woman walked up to a little old man rocking in a chair on his porch. "I couldn't help noticing how happy you look," she said. "What's your secret for a long happy life?"

"I smoke three packs of cigarettes a day," he said. "I also drink a case of whiskey a week, eat fatty foods, and never exercise."

"That's amazing," said the woman, "how old are you?"

"Twenty-six," he said.

At a party of professionals, a Doctor was having difficulty socializing. Everyone wanted to describe their symptoms, and get an opinion about diagnosis. The Doctor turned to a Lawyer acquaintance, and asked, "How do you handle people who want advice outside of the office?"

"Simple," answered the Lawyer, "I send them a bill. That stops it."

The next day, the Doctor, still feeling a bit reserved about what he had just finished doing, opened his mailbox to send the bills; there [sat](#) a bill from the Lawyer.

We need your articles and photos for the November Monthly Update! Send it before October 20th to my email address – mjghi12@centurylink.net

A young boy enters a barber shop and the barber whispers to his customer, "This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch while I prove it to you." The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, "Which do you want, son?" The boy takes the quarters and leaves. "What did I tell you?" said the barber. "That kid never learns!" Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store. "Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?" The boy licked his cone and replied, "Because the day I take the dollar, the game is over!"

Things to do at Wal-Mart while the significant other is taking his/her sweet time:

1. Get cans of cat food and randomly put them in people's carts when they don't realize it.
 2. Set all the alarm clocks to go off at ten minute intervals throughout the day.
 3. Make a trail of orange juice on the floor leading to the rest rooms.
 4. Walk up to an employee and tell him in an official tone, "I think we've got a Code 3 in house wares," and see what happens.
 5. Tune all the radios to a polka station; then turn them all off and turn the volumes to "10."
 6. Challenge other customers to duels with tubes of gift wrap.
 7. Put M&M's on layaway.
 8. Move "Caution: Wet Floor" signs to carpeted areas.
 9. Set up a tent in the camping department; tell others you'll only invite them in if they bring pillows from Bed and Bath.
 10. When someone asks if you need help, begin to cry and ask, "Why won't you people just leave me alone?"
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A boy was having a lot of difficulty in French class. To encourage him, his teacher said, "You'll know you're really beginning to get it when you start dreaming in French."

The boy ran into class all excited one day, saying, "Teacher, teacher! I had a dream last night and everyone was talking in French!" "Great!" said the teacher; "what were they saying?" "I don't know," the boy replied; "I couldn't understand them."

A butcher saw a Lawyer passing by his shop one day, and asked him: what would you do if a dog came in and stole your meat? The Lawyer replied: why? of course, I'd make the owner pay for it! The butcher said: If that is so, now you owe me \$15 because it is your dog. The Lawyer replied: very well, just deduct the \$15 from the \$25 you owe me for the advice, I'll collect the remaining \$10 the next time I pass by here.

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