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High Twelve Monthly Update

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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! Some members donate \$1.00 or more for every year they have been married. Seems like a very nice gesture on their part and a great tribute to a Happy Marriage to that Special Person!

With Deepest Sympathy:

Alton Emerson, International President 1990-91, February 22, 2015

Donald L. Griffiths, International President 1994-95, February 14, 2015

International High Twelve President Winton Hewitt, PSP (PA): Greetings Brethren. Jerry Saville and I attended the Grand Masters Conference of North America February 14-17, 2015 in sunny Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The weather there was much better than it was at home.

Jerry and I were selling High Twelve International to all who stopped by our table. The Grand Master of Georgia stopped by and said that he had recently approved High Twelve for Georgia. That was good news. I have to E-mail him to see who was making the inquiry. On the shuttle in from the airport there was a Past Grand Master from Louisiana who said that High Twelve was one of the first bodies that he joined after becoming a Mason. I told him that we needed someone to stir the pot down there. Kevin later told me, that he had an inquiry from someone from Louisiana. After talking to all that stopped by our table I see the value of attendance of High Twelve at the Grand Masters Conference. The table next to ours was a software provider from Tampa, FL. One was a District Deputy Grand Master of Florida and the other was the Senior Warden from his lodge. I told them that I didn't think that High Twelve was in Tampa and they should try to get one established there. In talking with Kevin he said at one point we did have several clubs in Tampa. I gave Kevin all the information and he will send copies of the old clubs records with membership listing. Who knows we might get things restarted.

I had plans to visit the club at Sewickley, PA but the weather canceled those plans. I plan on going to First Capital in York tomorrow and that looks like bad weather as well.

I hope that all the clubs got back to Kevin with their EIN contact information so that he can update the High Twelve information with the IRS. Brethren, this is something that we have to deal with on an Individual Club basis and it is not going away. I know that you may think it a lot of bother but we have to comply with the IRS ruling. The International team is willing to help in any way that we can. All you have to do is to ask.

As you now know, the dead line for submitting the Uniform Club Bylaws Amendment submission is due by April 15, 2015. The Executive Committee feels that the clubs have had ample time for their submissions and therefore set the dead line as April 15, 2015.

Things are moving along for the Annual Convention in June. The Convention Chairman, Don Whistler, is working on the Tour for those that want come in the day before the Convention starts to see the sights of Philadelphia. We think that all will be pleased with the tour. Make plans for coming in the day before the Convention starts.

International 1st Vice President Jerry Saville, PSP (CA):

Brethren, I joined our International President at the Grand Masters Conference of North America (GMCNA) in Vancouver BC on 14-17 February 2015. Thanks to President Winn we had our High Twelve table set up in the convention area with a very impressive High Twelve display of Brochures, Forms, Pocket Planners and our Tri-Fold Board charts and the High Twelve Story.

I'm pleased to report that we were not only well received but was introduced in the main convention room. There was a vendor (Ken) next to our table from Tampa that's interested in High Twelve and our very own PIP Merv Harris will follow up with Ken in the great state of Florida. We spoke with several Grand Masters, Deputy GM's and Grand Wardens about High Twelve and all comments were positive. We will continue our work in those States without High Twelve Clubs while continuing our efforts to open new clubs in the other States...

The day after the GMCNA I was invited to speak with the Union City Masonic Home High Twelve members in Union City, CA. It was an honor and I'm always amazed at our great Masonic Benefit when I visit Masonic Homes. Union City has approximately 58 members in their High Twelve Club and they are very active in the community.

I mentioned in my article last month that the 2015 International High Twelve Convention is scheduled for next June in Philadelphia - we hope you will attend. I also mentioned that competition is a good thing - we hope that you will consider running for an office - it's very rewarding and an honor to serve. Contact our Secretary for details. And speaking of our International Secretary he's still working miracles with computer programs for ease of club use to make their reports. Check out the professional International High Twelve Website at <http://www.high12.org>. Anyone that can work with the IRS deserves to be recognized. Until next month.....Fraternally, Jerry.

International High Twelve 3rd Vice President William Haynes (PA):

When was the last time you asked someone to attend and hopefully join your High Twelve Club? Members need to be solicited. If advertising were successful, then all Masonic bodies would be overflowing with members. It takes a personal contact. Only you can do that.

Please stop delaying and ask your friend to become a member of High Twelve. It is really a great Masonic Body. Low dues, good meals, short business meetings and great fellowship characterize our clubs. How could you go wrong in asking a friend to become a member? Remember, it's up to us to help High Twelve grow. Fraternaly, Bill.

International High Twelve Secretary Kevin Hokerk, PSP (AZ):

Some reminders for March:

- Send in your club and association articles by 3/15 for the Spring High Twelvian.
- The group exemption updates were submitted to the IRS on 3/2/15. After this date information can be updated when the annual 990-N ePostcard is filed.
- Have you submitted nominations for International High Twelvian of the Year and Founders Award? If not, please consider doing so.
- All clubs that have not adopted the Uniform Club Bylaws [UCBL's] over the past 20 months were notified via email that they have until April 15, 2015 to adopt them voluntarily. If they do not adopt them by April 15, 2015 they will be considered adopted by default and a copy mailed to the club secretary.

- Khaki style ball caps with the High Twelve International logo embroidered are now available through the website; merchandise; HTI-33 for \$20.00 plus shipping.
- Interested in becoming a High Twelve International line officer? If so, you will need to be endorsed by your club and association, provide a resume, the office you intend to run for and send to the international office not later than April 1, 2015. After this date nominations will have to come from the floor of the convention which requires an additional ten [10] signatures of authorized voting delegates.
- 2015-16 Per-capita statements will be mailed to the club secretaries on April 30, 2015 based on the March 31, 2015 Monthly Report membership numbers reported.

That's enough for this month and wishing many of you a warmer and greener spring!

Wolcott Foundation Malcolm White, Chairman & Zone 1 Trustee: Letter of Appreciation submitted by Wolcott Fellow Kathryn White.

Dear Mr. Malcolm S. White, Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation:

As a 2011-2012 Wolcott Fellow and graduate of the Master of Public Policy (MPP) program at The George Washington University, I am writing to provide you with an annual update on my employment status. Beginning on May 21, 2012 (nearly three years ago) through the present, I have been working as a Fiscal Policy Analyst (now Senior Policy Analyst) at the National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO). NASBO advances state budget practices through research, policy analysis, education and knowledge sharing among its members, the chief budget and finance officers of all states and territories.

As Senior Policy Analyst at NASBO, I track and provide information to our members on federal policy developments that affect state budgets. I also conduct research and policy analysis on K-12 and higher education state policies, the use of performance information in budgeting, and state budget processes. In my new role, I will also be conducting an annual survey of fiscal data to inform states, policymakers and the general public on state fiscal conditions.

It is an honor to be a Wolcott Fellow and I am truly grateful for all the support the Foundation has given me. Please let me know if you require any additional information from me at this time. I am mailing a signed copy of this letter to you as well. I hope you and Mrs. White are both happy and healthy!

Best regards, Kathryn White, 2011-2012 Wolcott Fellow

Past International President Merv Harris, PSP (FL): I would like to pass on to the clubs and Associations something that is working for us here in Florida. In the month of October Tri County Club #674 started hosting a Monthly Dinner. It was held at a Seafood Restaurant with 40 people in attendance.

In November we hosted a Prime Rib Dinner at the Ocala Florida Shrine Club and had 44 people in attendance. The room could only hold 44 people. We had 58 people make reservations, so we held a second dinner in February with 27 people in attendance.

We are planning another Prime Rib Dinner in March at the Shrine Club and have over 50 people signed up and reservations are still coming in.

Planning for the dinners is very simple and easy. We find a restaurant that can hold 40 or more people and then send out an Invitation to the local Masonic Lodge, Shrine Club, Shrine Scooter Club, Lady Shrine Group and our club members and Wham we have our 40 or more people.

We are currently planning on another Prime Rib Dinner in October and have lined up a Professional Entertainer to be there and having each club share in the expense. How can you beat a great dinner like this and have an evening of professional entertainment for those in attendance.

We insure the restaurant will issue individual bills to the couples and agree on a menu for the event and everyone is happy and we have had another successful event. The bottom line is that we have recruited 4 new members for our club, 1 new member for the Shrine Club and have several good leads on additional members.

Talk about a win, win situation; we have a great time and the clubs are relating well with each other and picking up new members. What could be sweeter than that!? Give it some thought and perhaps you will have the same luck we are having. Let me know the results if you try something like this. Fraternaly, Merv Harris.

California High Twelve Association: California and International High Twelve have lost two great masons in February

2015. Brother Don Griffiths, International High Twelve President in 1994-1995. Alton Emerson, International High Twelve President in 1990-1991.

We received word that an important and longtime member, Brother Donald L. Griffiths passed away this month. Don was our International President in 1994-1995, our State President 1983-84 and International Parliamentarian for many years. His loss is a loss for California Masonry and International High Twelve as well. He will be remembered. If you or your club wishes to send a card, his address is: 9907 Nadine Street, Temple City, CA 91780 (his lady is Dottie).

Alton passed away on 2/22/2015. The following message was received today. It is with a heavy heart that we announce the death of our Brother Alton Emerson on February 22, 2015. He is at peace now. God Bless!

Fresno High Twelve Club No. 10: Brethren, we will recognize our ladies including our widowed ladies with a Valentine Day gift at the High Twelve Meeting on February 3, 2015. We hope that many of the ladies can attend this meeting.

Although Ike Hollomon did not have a program scheduled for the January meeting, he did arrange for a wonderful program. If you did not attend the meeting held on January 6th you missed out on a program by Susanne Nelson and Vanessa Lopez from the Oakmont of Fresno Retirement Home. This retirement home specializes in Senior Living, Assisted Living and Memory Care. The members and their guests who attended this meeting thoroughly enjoyed this program.

Please note the letter from the Rainbow Girls below. If you know of any girls who may be interested in the Rainbow, please let Mother Advisor Chandra Blasquez know.

Our Program Chairman, Ike Hollomon, has arranged for Dr. Tim Woods, Vice President of Instruction at Fresno City College to speak to us about activities and changes at Fresno City College. I'm sure all in attendance will enjoy this program. Fraternaly, Byron Pretzer, President.

Date: Friday, January 23, 2015, 11:15 AM

Good Morning: Heart of the Valley Assembly appreciates the support of our Masonic Family over the holidays with our Assembly Relocation, Holiday Fundraisers, Holiday Service Project and our Reception Weekend! Shirley and Julia are so grateful for all of the hard work, sweat, and tears that made it all come together. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Heart of the Valley Assembly #217 cordially invites you to the 32nd Installation of Officers. Being yourself is the Privilege of a Lifetime is the theme for Worthy Advisor Elect Rhiannon. Please join the Officers, Members and Advisory Board for a formal dinner and dance following the installation. As you can see from the attached calendar, Rhiannon's term is full of fun and excitement.

Fraternaly, Jim Redman, Heart of the Valley Assembly Advisory Board Member, 559-437-0101 (H) 559-779-6687 (C)

**Attention: Send your nominations for
International High Twelvian of the Year
to the international office TODAY
because tomorrow will never remember to do it!**

Florida High Twelve Association, Cortez High Twelve Club #538: Robert Rodd, PSP, 941-776-0937

Just think, in just about 60 days Cortez High Twelve #538 will go dark till November. Our Club may only be in light six months but those six months are active ones. All Master Masons, Shriner's, their ladies or a widow of a High Twelvian are invited to be with us. For those that have been attending know all the fun times we have been having each week. However, if you have not checked us out yet, you still have time. Just last month you missed our monthly auction; being entertained by Sharon Rhyno with her country western program; Chuck Estano telling us about The Civil War at Gettysburg and the involvement of the Free Masons; as well as Cheryl Fekete sharing information about nutrition for children.

On March 2nd our monthly auction will take place. The proceeds are used to fund our Annual Picnic being held on March 18, 2015. This year we are trying a new location at Emerson Point in Palmetto. A great time is had every year and you

can help it be even better. Come to our luncheons so you can know about the picnic as well as all the other wonderful things we do.

Ordinarily we meet most Mondays, November through April at Duff's Original Buffet at 6010 14th St. (Route 41) at the corner of Route 41 and 60th Ave. W. in Bradenton. Arrival time is between 10:30AM and 11AM to socialize. Then eat at 11AM, while continuing to socialize. At around 11:45 we start the rest of the day's program. We usually finish between 12:30 and 1:30PM depending on what we are doing for the day.

We are mainly a social organization and there is no ritual to learn but we definitely have a purpose, in fact several. We support the three Masonic youth groups (DeMolay for Boys, Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters for Girls). We also support the Florida Masonic Home in St. Petersburg. Our main philanthropy is the Wolcott Foundation which supports Graduate Students, who attend George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and go into Government Service. Maybe you know someone who would be qualified to apply to receive one of those Fellowships. Come and learn all the details about this great program.

Pennsylvania High Twelve Association, Freeport Masonic High Twelve Club #43: President: Calvin Barklow, Secretary Roger Carson. Meetings held at The Eagles Club, Galina Street, Freeport, Illinois, every Thursday at Noon.

Where has the time gone? Spring is upon us, and we think of the winter we had with our High Twelve friends.

Our new meeting place, the Eagles Club, has worked out very well. Delicious hot meals are served every Thursday. The membership has been enjoying the bounty of Roger Carson's garden, but that is about to end. We even had fresh corn on the cob one meeting! The tomatoes, cucumbers and kohlrabi have been a nice treat.

The programs have been interesting. The latest program was the new Police Chief who gave us his background in the military and law enforcement. Other speakers have been a representative from Comfort Keepers, a member of the board to restore the Civil War monument in Freeport, and a local pastor who is also a Mason who gave us a history lesson on Solomon's temple. Very interesting.

The next time you're in northwest Illinois on a Thursday at noon, stop by the Eagles Club, 1200 W Galena and join us for food and fellowship. We welcome all guests. Fraternally, Calvin Barklow, President.

Illinois High Twelve Association, Moline Area High Twelve Club #88: Charles C. Bess, 91, of Moline, passed away Friday, Feb. 13, 2015, at Trinity Rock Island.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Esterdahl Mortuary & Crematory, Ltd. 6601 38th Ave., Moline. Visitation was 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday with a Masonic service at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial took place in Steedman, Missouri. Memorials may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children or VA Medical Center in Iowa City.

He was very active in Eastern Star and a 50-year member of the Masons, where he was Past Master of Coal Valley Lodge and life member of Eureka Lodge 69 in Milan, High Twelve, Zal Grotto, Viking Club and American Legion Post 227 in East Moline. In his later years, he enjoyed meeting fellow World War II Vets at the Gung Ho Club in Bettendorf. He was also a member of Elim Covenant Church for many years.

Humor:

One Marine is better than...A large group of ISIS fighters in Iraq were moving down a road when they heard a voice call from behind a sand dune, One Marine is better than ten ISIS fighters. The ISIS commander quickly orders 10 of best men over the dune where a gun battle breaks out and continues for a few minutes, then silence. The voice once again calls out: One Marine is better than one hundred ISIS "S.O.B.'s". Furious, the ISIS commander sends his next best 100 troops over the dune and instantly a huge gun fight commences. After 10 minutes of battle, again silence. The voice calls out again: One Marine is better than a thousand ISIS fighters. The enraged ISIS commander musters 1,000 fighters and sends them to the other side of the dune. Rifle fire, machine guns, grenades, rockets and cannon fire ring out as a terrible fight is fought ... then silence. Eventually, one badly wounded ISIS fighter crawls back over the dune and with his dying words tells his commander, Don't send any more men ... it's a trap. There are two of them.

The teacher said; Take a pencil and paper, and write an essay with the title "If I Were a Millionaire." Everyone but Joe, who leaned back with arms folded, began to write feverishly. What's the matter, the teacher asked? Why don't you

begin? I'm waiting for my secretary, Joe replied.

An old man decides to go into town one day to run some errands. On the way back, his wife calls his cell phone. Look out honey, I just saw on the news that there's a car driving the wrong way on the interstate. Not just one car, they all are!

My wife asked for the broom...and I said, why? Are you going somewhere?

Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs 2015 High Twelve International Annual Convention Fundraising Drawing

In order to raise funds to assist in the payment of expenses for the 2015 High Twelve Annual Convention to be held on June, 25, 26, and 27, 2015 in Philadelphia, PA, the Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs is sponsoring tickets for a drawing of three prizes, as follows:

First Prize

Timeshare for One Week at The Pines RCI No. 0233
Mt. Jackson, VA 22842, 2013-2014 RCI Directory Pg. 38

Second Prize

Bulova Gold Plated Blue Lodge Watch

Third Prize

Lined Jacket with Logo of your choice

The tickets are \$10.00 each or three for \$20.00. Another option is to buy one ticket for \$20.00 and have your name listed as a sponsor in the Program Booklet for the 2015 Annual Convention.

Tickets may be ordered by mailing your check payable to:
"Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs 2015 Annual Convention"

Donald M. Whistler, PIP, Convention Chairman
348 Hillside Lane
York, PA 17403-4036

and indicate your selection:

One Ticket - \$10.00
Three Tickets - \$20.00
One Ticket and Sponsorship - \$20.00

The drawing will be held at the President's Banquet on Saturday evening, June 27, 2015.

You do not need to be present to win!

**94th High Twelve International Convention
Renaissance Philadelphia Airport Hotel
500 Stevens Drive**

Philadelphia, PA 19113

Hotel rates are \$119.00 per night for a single or double occupancy, plus applicable State and Local taxes at the time of check in, currently 9%. Rates are in effect for 3 days before and 3 days after Convention dates. Please make reservations directly with the Hotel by calling 610-521-5900. Hotel cut off date for reservations is 5/12/15.

Conventions Dates and Major Events

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Arrival Date for Tour
Dutch Treat Dinner

Thursday, June 25, 2015

8:30 A.M. - Tour Begins

Returns Approximately 3:00 P.M.

The tour group will leave the Hotel at 8:30 A.M., travel to downtown Philadelphia for a tour of the historical sites, proceed to Fairmount Park for a tour of the old Mansions and then arrive by 12:00 P.M. at the Academy of Natural Sciences at Drexel University for lunch. After lunch there will be opportunity to see the different area of exhibits there.

3:00 to 5:00 P.M.
6:00 P.M.

Early Registration (Third Floor Mezzanine)
Cocktail Party (Two Free Drink Tickets per Person, dinner on your own)

Friday, June 26, 2015

8:00 to 10:00 A.M.
9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
9:00 to 10:30 A.M.
6:00 P.M.

Registration (Third Floor Mezzanine)
Business Meeting (Break for lunch - on your own)
Program for Ladies
Grand Masters Banquet

Saturday, June 27, 2015

9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. (Break for Lunch)
9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.
12:00 P.M.
6:00 P.M.

Business Meeting
Program for Ladies
Wolcott Foundation Luncheon
President's Banquet

Hospitality Room Hours:

Thursday, June 25th	3:00 to 5:00 P.M.	8:00 to 10:00 P.M.
Friday, June 26th	1:00 to 5:00 P.M.	8:00 to 10:00 P.M.
Saturday, 27th	1:00 to 5:00 P.M.	8:00 to 10:00 P.M.

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Fraternally, Mervyn J. Harris, PIP, Editor

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