GREETINGS!

High Twelve International
Monthly Update

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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!

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: Dear Father in Heaven, when I am worried about family and friends, help me to understand that worry is unnecessary, that Your in every life event, that You are always with us. Help us to remember that all we have to do is "Let go and Let God". Forgive us for when we forget to say "Thank you" to you or to our brothers, or to those who serve us. Help those who are in distress, we know we do not always see the distress in others, but we know you are watching over them, and over us, and for that we thank you. Amen!

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

Benediction: God of action, enabler of all life, never let us forget that Masonry is meant to be lived. Show us that Masonry, to be true to its purpose, must be translated into life. Help us to boldly and faithfully live our Masonry. In Your Holy Name, Amen!

International President Winton Hewitt, PSP (PA): Brethren, Have you been looking at the Website lately? There have been a few changes added that you might want to check out. We now have a merchandise section for all those things that you might want to buy. This is being handled by Bill Lofquist from Tucson.

I was unable to get to Arizona's Annual Convention this past weekend because Pennsylvania's, RWGM Robert J. Bateman dedicated an Eternal Flame for our fallen hero's and all those who have served our Great Nation at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania Masonic Village. This is Pennsylvania's largest facility. All the service flags were carried in by Veterans from the village, who were dressed in that service uniform. Leonard Bezar and I were dressed in Colonial Uniforms (proper dress for National Sojourners Hero's of 76) and we delivered the Toast to The Flag. If you visit the Website you will see pictures of Len and me at the new addition, of the Eternal Flame to the Veteran's Grove. The high light of the final dedication was the fly over of a B25 Bomber, which made 4 passes at a low altitude. An awesome sight!

We also had a High Twelve Booth set up and Paul Fulton, PSP had all his wares out to try to attract some new members for the High Twelve. We did have a District Deputy Grand Master from Scranton, Pennsylvania stop by and take information on forming a High Twelve Club up there.
I will be traveling to Ohio this weekend for their Annual Convention and Installation. This is always a great meeting with the visiting State Representatives. Then in October I expect to travel to California to their Annual Convention and Installation.

I hope that the word is getting around that the International Officers are ready to aid any of the Clubs in whatever way we can.

I wish I could give you the exact dates of the Mid-Year Meeting but we are still working on that. We will get that out as soon as plans are finalized.

Everyone should have received their pocket planners by now. We are getting some feedback on the weekly versus the monthly. We will keep you posted.

I want to thank Will Wilkerson for standing in for me in Arizona this past weekend. I understand that you did a fine job Will.

I will let you know how I make out on my travels. Until the next Update let the International Officers know if you need any information or assistance. It takes all of us pulling this ship together to make for a smooth sailing.

Fraternally, Winton

**International First Vice President Jerry Saville (CA):** Greetings to All, The California High Twelve Annual Convention will be held 24-25 Oct 2014 in Bakersfield. Our International President, Winton Hewitt, has accepted our invitation to attend the Annual California Convention and serve as the Installing Officer. On behalf of the California State Officers, and California High Twelve Club, thanks Winton. We will also have a Grand Lodge representative for the Grand Master's Luncheon at the Convention.

Kevin maintains a list of all active, and inactive, High Twelve clubs in the International Secretary's office. As I mentioned before we found a couple of High Twelve clubs in our area that closed in the 80's. Unfortunately we have not been able to open (or reopen) these clubs but we have visited the Lodges in the area to present the High Twelve story and hopefully our visit will have positive results.

Also, the Lodge Secretaries maintain a list of all the Lodges in their State. This would be a great initiative across the land, with the possibility of opening new High Twelve clubs, to compare the list of inactive High Twelve clubs to the closest Lodge(s) in that area. We had a great time breaking bread with the Lodge Officers at their stated meeting while discussing High Twelve - try it - it's fun. If we can assist, please contact me or any member of the International High Twelve Executive Board. Let's all continue our travels and efforts to find new members and open new High Twelve clubs.

Our outstanding International Secretary, Kevin, is still working miracles on the International Website. Keep checking www.high12.org. My space is up Brethren. Keep fun, food and fellowship on your agenda AND invite someone to lunch.

Fraternally, Jerry

**International 2nd Vice President Richard Kessler (AZ):** Brethren, I don't have much to report, but I wanted to let you know that we are alive and kicking in Arizona. Our State Convention was Saturday, September 20, 2014. We had a great Convention at the Scottish Rite Building in Tucson, Arizona.

Our President, Walt, had a great program for all attendees and great food at our meals. The Scottish Rite has just finished with a $250,000.00 renovation. Everyone says it is outstanding in every way.

As most of you are aware, I am also the President of the Western Grotto Association consisting of Arizona, California and Nevada. Our Convention is October 16-17-18, 2014, here in Tucson at the Holiday Inn & Suites on Palo Verde Road. Saturday Night is our Annual Banquet at 5:30 P.M. for line-up of dignitaries with the banquet to start thereafter. This Banquet is in Honor of yours truly. If anyone wants to be there, the cost is $36.00 per person.

Dress for the banquet is: Ladies; Dress, Gown, or dressy Pants Suit.: Men: Trousers, Shirt & Tie, Dress Coat or White Dinner Coat. No Jeans! No children under 16 please."

For those that do not know about the Grotto, a part of the Masonic Organizations. We are a Sister Organization of High Twelve. Our philanthropy is Dentistry for Handicapped Children and donating to research for Childhood Disease.

If anyone wishes to attend the banquet, please contact me at 520-573-1132 or if you would like to be a Booster for our Convention, contact me. Fee is $1.00 per name or listing. If attending the banquet, you may pay me at the banquet, but please advise if you want to attend. We have to have a total to give the Hotel for the meals. Fraternally, Richard

**International Secretary Kevin Hokerk (AZ):** Greetings from your International Secretary! I do believe that summer has come to an end here in the desert southwest as our temps are now in the upper 90's and low 100's - could not be better. And with the fall type weather many clubs in Arizona and around the country will now be picking up the working tools of our order again to enjoy a meal, program and conversation.

An email blast went out recently requesting YOUR input for the next issue of the High Twelvian - deadline for submission of articles...
A big thank you to those club secretaries that are using the ONLINE Monthly Reporting, it really does make things easier all around. One improvement coming in the near future is a more condensed version of the return email of your submission to keep it to one page. Don’t forget to submit the F-200b online report when your officers change or your meeting time/location changes - this report is used to keep our Website up to date. Also you do not need to be 'logged in' to do a submission.

All High Twelve International Merchandise is now being handled directly by High Twelve International - the merchandise can be viewed and ordered from our Website. If you do not know what is available take a look at the merchandise tab on the International Website.

Club Secretaries - Dues Cards are available anytime you need them, just contact the International Secretary and provide the 'period' they are covering. These dues are custom for your club's membership and are based on the members of record at the International office.

Did you know... that when you sign into the International Website (a valid email address required) you have access to the Member Directory? You can search for a member, obtain their contact information and send them a message, if they have an email address associated with their name.

The 2015 Monthly Pocket Planner went into the mail 9/1/14. If you have not made a donation yet, please consider doing so today. If you can't use the Planner please give it to a brother as a way to invite them to a meeting to see what we are about. Don't forget to include the survey with your donation on Monthly vs. Weekly Planner for the 2016 calendar year.

Brother High Twelvians your International office staff is pleased to bring these improvements to you, the membership, and to be responsive to your inquiries. Fraternally, Kevin

Merv Harris, PIP and Editor Monthly Update (FL): Just a reminder... am still putting the Monthly Update together and then sending it to Kevin Hokerk for distributing through the International Website.

I need your articles and photos to make the Update interesting and beneficial to the membership. What we are looking for is articles about your meetings, Awards received by your members and ladies and different functions your club is involved in. We really want you to send in photos of the events. "You know that a picture is worth a thousand words" and people enjoy seeing them.

I need the articles and photos by the 20th of each month. If you send photos, list the names of those in the photo. We would like to have you list them starting on the left and working to the right. Photos can be black and white or in color. Send the photos separate and do not include it in the article. We cannot move the photos around unless they are independent from the article. Photos should be sent in JPEG or other photo formats for the best results.

We invite members, ladies, clubs, Associations to submit article and photos. We try to give appropriate recognition to everyone sending in the photos and articles.

Thank you for your support and assistance. Remember, you are the ones, who makes the Update successful!

Guest Speaker at the October Club Meeting: NFL DON NOTTINGHAM SCORES WITH TRI COUNTY HIGH TWELVE MASONIC CLUB #674 OF LADY LAKE, FL. HE SCORED BIG POINTS AT ITS OCTOBER 1, 2014 CLUB MEETING. OF COURSE THEY HAD HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE, AS WELL AS THE BEST FIRST STRING OF PLAYERS AROUND.

AS THEIR 2014 SEASON WAS COMING TO AN END, THE STANDS WERE PACKED TO SEE FORMER NFL, GREAT FELLOW MASON AND SHRINE NOBLE, DON NOTTINGHAM. AS HE WAS USED TO DOING WHEN HE PLAYED FROM 1973-1978 WITH THE PERFECT SEASON AND SUPERBOWL WINNING MIAMI DOLPHINS, BROTHER DON SCORED EVERY TIME HE TOUCHED THE FANS HEARTS WITH HIS STORIES OF INTEGRITY AND FAIR-PLAY. WEARING HIS #36, MIAMI DOLPHIN FULLBACK SHIRT.

DON NOTTINGHAM WAS KNOWN ACROSS THE NFL AS THE "HUMAN BOWLING-BALL." TRUE TO THAT REPUTATION, HE KNOCKED US OFF OUR PINS WITH HIS LONG AND SHORT YARDAGE STORIES OF SERVICE TO THE OCALA SHRINE CLUB WHERE HE IS NOW THE CHAIRMAN OF THEIR SPECIAL OLYMPICS FUNDRAISING PROGRAM.

FOLLOWING THE "GAME", TRI-COUNTY SCORED THE POINT AFTER BY AWARDING BROTHER DON WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR HIS "OUTSTANDING PLAY".


Walter Williams, Association President for 2013-14, led us through the day's activities and business. Everyone had a great time and
full slate of officers was elected and installed for 2014-15.

The Association was pleased to have in attendance the following High Twelve officers: Sidney J. Leluan, PIP; Richard A. Kessler, Int. 2nd VP; Kevin L. Hokerk, Int. Secretary, William E. Wilkinson, Int. General Counsel; William E. Lofquist, International High Twelvian of the Year.

Group picture - 1st row, left to right - George Rusk, State 3rd VP; Sidney Leluan, PIP, Installing Officer; Richard A. Kessler, International High12 2nd VP; Harold "Lindy" Lindamood, President; David Haynes, State Chaplain; Robert Kline, State 2nd VP; Jon Ruse, State Sgt.-at-Arms.

2nd row, left to right - William Wilkinson, Hi-12 General Counsel; William Lofquist, PSP, Installing Marshall; David Miller, State 1st VP; Glenn Vogt, State Treasurer; Kevin Hokerk, Int. & AZ State Secretary; Walter Williams, AZ State Immediate Past President.

Left - Harold "Lindy" Lindamood, newly installed AZ Association President, presenting Walter Williams, Immediate Past President his Past State President certificate and lapel pin.

Center - Harry Brown, PSP, Zone 2 Deputy Trustee, Wolcott Foundation, taking about the Dr. Philip Grubb Foundation Award that was being presented to John W. Geyer, PSP, of Sun City West High Twelve Club #567 (John was not able to be present).

Right - William Wilkinson, International General Counsel accepting the State Secretary of the Year award (3 mast sailing ship) and certificate being presented by Kevin Hokerk, PSP, State Secretary for Jerry Harris, PP, Sahuaro Masonic High Twelve #523.

California High Twelve Association President Cleveland Valley: Greetings High Twelvians, Where has the time gone?

Convention spirit is making itself felt and I'm anticipating that our October 24-25, 2014 Annual California High Twelve Convention in Bakersfield, will be the best ever. This is the time, indeed, the highlight of your High Twelve Year when we have a golden opportunity to meet dear friends and welcome those whom we will have the pleasure of meeting for the very first time. Although Convention is where necessary business is conducted it also provides ample time for fellowship, reminiscing, family and individually oriented activities.

Our California Golden State and surrounding environs are unsurpassed for exotic, scientific, historical and adventure oriented activities. We must take advantage of every opportunity to spend "quality time" with family, dear friends and associates, let them know we love them and that they are important to us.

Our California High Twelve Masonic Year continues moving with alacrity, indeed, although we face challenges we are blessed with the good fortune to live in America, the United States of America, where we have the right to shape our own destiny. In our particular instance we need to work diligently to form new High Twelve Clubs, attain new members and improve attendance at our meetings and social functions. I applaud everyone for work they have done and continue to do but minimal gain in membership, serves to let
us know that we must try harder for future growth and that we still have much more work to do so, let's get to work!

October is special as we take the opportunity to come together as California High Twelvians in Bakersfield. God willing, I'm looking forward with great expectations to meet and greet a record number of High Twelvians from around the country and I'm truly hoping that you and yours will be accounted for in the wonderful celebration of California High Twelve. Be safe and "Travel in Light."

Sincerely and Fraternally Cleveland

Florida High Twelve Association, Tri County High Twelve Club #674: Tri County Masonic High Twelve Club is hosting a Lobster Dinner at Rita’s Oyster Bar and Grill in Wildwood, Florida on October 11th. A total of 38 people signed up for the dinner within one day after the Email was sent to the Villages Shrine Club, The Villages Yellow Jackets Scooter Club, Leesburg Masonic Lodge and the Al Kora Lady’s Shrine Club. The restaurant only has seating for 39 patrons, so we think we did well in our planning.

Every club will have members in attendance that will enjoy the food and evening. Tri County is attempting to bring all the Masonic organization together and hopefully will help each other bring in new members. After dinner, several couples will meet to play cards and fill out the evening.

We have over 100 restaurants in The Villages but we hope to encourage our members to visit other businesses outside our area and perhaps find new members wishing to join us in fun and fellowship.

Tri County is planning a Prime Rib Dinner at the Shrine Club in Ocala, Florida on November 7th and hope to draw a larger group together. When talking to the Officers of the Ocala Shrine Club and making arrangements for the dinner, they were very appreciative and excited that we going to visit their club for dinner and an evening of good food and enjoyment.

The Ocala Shrine had invited our local Yellow Jacket Scooter Club to join them in the Annual Belleview, Florida Parade and ride in the lead group. We all had such a great time, we decided to join them at their club and support them in their endeavors.

What a great feeling to have several Masonic organizations working together and recognizing them as true Brothers and Sisters. Why don't you have your club try working with the other Masonic organizations in your area and see if it will help your membership grow? Merv Harris, PIP, Wolcott Trustee Zone 8 and Dinner Chairman

Tri County High Twelve Club is honored to have as their Guest Speaker at the October Meeting.

Don Nottingham is a former NFL football player and now a member of the Ocala Shrine Club. Don is the Club's 3rd Vice President and Chairman of the Special Olympics Program for the Shrine Club.

Don had a very successful career as a football player, having been in three Super Bowl Games and winning a Super Bowl Ring in two of them. If you take a look at his ring, it looks like it is the size of a quarter with two large diamonds that any women would die for.

He will let you put the ring on your finger for a few seconds but I warn you that he has his eyes on it at all times. Don may be retired as a football player but he could probably crush a man with little effort.

Don told us that when he played the game they would to smash the opponents and not worry if they caused any damage.

Don will cover his life as a football player and his journey to becoming a Mason. We are all looking forward to him speaking at our club.

Pennsylvania High Twelve Association, First Capital High Twelve #668:

The speaker this month was Mindy Waltemyer, speaking about the management of York County’s Solid Waste, Reuse and Recycling.

As a Community Services Specialist for the York County Solid Waste Authority, Mindy Waltemyer is responsible for promoting community awareness of the management of York County’s municipal solid waste, including waste-to-energy technology, waste reduction, and reuse and recycling. Her primary duties focus on conducting environmental education programs for York County residents, facilitating tours of the York County Resource Recovery Center, developing education materials and programming about responsible waste management, coordinating special events and issuing press releases and other organizational information. Waltemyer received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She previously served as a customer service representative for an insurance company and, prior to that, began her career as a theater and public speaking teacher. Waltemyer is active in her church as a religious education teacher and chair of the Social Justice committee, and has also volunteered with Junior Achievement. She resides in Manchester Township, York County.
NO DUES INCREASE FOR 2015 - Yes, you are reading it correctly. President Lonny announced at the June Meeting, that the officers have decided that the members participation in the High 12 Games, Bulletin Sponsorships, Christmas Party Sponsorships and contributions have been outstanding, as a result, no dues increase for next year. The last time the Dues were increased was in 2007. In addition, the officers have offered an incentive, a way to not pay any dues, yes, your read that correctly, Nada, Nil, Zip, None, Zero, No Dues for next year... How... you might ask... Contribute just $100 to the Wolcott Foundation and your Dues will be paid for 2015. This offer is good for the first 20 members sending a tax deductible contribution payable to the High Twelve Charitable Objective "the Wolcott Foundation" or December 31, 2014, whichever occurs first. What a great offer, that is like getting 28% on your money plus the benefit of a Tax Deductible Charitable Contribution. Remember this applies to the first 20 members that send Dick Graybill a check for $100 made payable to the Wolcott Foundation.

Wolcott Foundation Trustee Michael E. "Mike" Clark, Trustee Zone 5 (MI):

Ohio High Twelve Ladies Lead The Way To A Successful Wolcott Fund Raiser!

This past weekend I made the six hour drive from my home in Grand Rapids, Michigan to Springfield, Ohio. This annual trip to attend the Ohio High Twelve State Convention has become one of my favorite weekend Wolcott activities.

Like most High Twelve Clubs and State Associations, Ohio is experiencing a loss of members and closing of clubs. Unlike some states however, Ohio is talking not about the problem, but about trying to find the solution.

This includes raising money for the Wolcott Foundation. The wives attending this and last years Ohio State Convention got together and with the leadership of Jennie Furnas and Kathy Foor, held a silent auction for the benefit of the Wolcott Foundation.

They ask everyone to bring a nice, but inexpensive item to place on the table for the auction and over 30 items were made available for members to bid on. I've even heard a rumor that when you pay for your item, you had better have exact change, since the ladies will persuade you to round up your bid to the nearest five dollars.

Last year they raised $250.00 for the Wolcott Foundation and this year they raised $350.00. What a wonderful idea to involve the wives in this project and the fun and excitement they convey to all who bid is contagious. Thank you Ladies of Ohio High Twelve for all your hard work and efforts for the Wolcott Foundation.

The Ohio High Twelve Clubs are extremely generous and cooperative in making the Wolcott Foundation a major part of each of their club meetings as well as their State Convention.

I provide each club with 10 Wolcott pins to sell for $10.00 each. I tell the clubs, they can keep $5.00 for their club or send the entire $10.00 to Wolcott. Almost every club returns the entire $100.00 amount for the 10 pins in addition to their regular Little Red School House contributions. This type of commitment to raising money for the Wolcott Foundation has along with the same program in Michigan and the United Kingdom, enabled Zone 5 to contribute more money to the Wolcott Foundation this past year than any other zone.

The enthusiasm for the Wolcott Foundation at the Ohio State Convention makes the six hour drive home an enjoyable one, knowing that Ohio Wolcott Foundation Chairman Rollin Furnas will keep the members focused on continuing to provide the Foundation with funds each year.

Thank you Ohio High Twelve for your hospitality, courtesy and inspiration to your members and High Twelvians everywhere.

What are you doing to instill Wolcott excitement in your club? Ask your Wolcott Foundation Trustee for help. He has pins, certificates, Heritage Bonds and many other items to help you raise money for the education of the real future leaders of our country, our Wolcott Fellows. Michael E. Clark, Trustee Wolcott Foundation, Zone 5.

International Past President & International Treasurer Don Whistler (PA): As many of you know, I was elected International Treasurer in June of this year. There are several reasons why I put my name in nomination for the position. One, our International President, Winton Hewitt, has, over the years, become a very good friend of mine. Two, our International Secretary, Kevin Hoker, and I established a very good working relationship during my year as International President and continue to work well together. Finally, I want to work with Winton, Kevin and the other International Officers to make High Twelve even better and work at rebuilding our High Twelve Clubs though out the United States and other countries.

What do I see as my role as International Treasurer? One, I believe that it starts with the annual budgeting process and the establishment of an annual budget which is a realistic one on both the income and expense sides. We then need accurate monthly reports for distribution to our International Officers in order for them to see how our actual income and expenses compare to the approved budget. We also need approved guidelines on acceptable expenses for our International Officers so that we are all submitting expenses within these guidelines for allocation against our respective expenses allowances. I believe that we have made progress on all of these items and will continue refine them as we work into the future.
Humor: A man came home and was greeted by his wife dressed in a very sexy nightie. ’Tie me up,’ she purred, ’and you can do anything you want.’ So he tied her up and went golfing.

There was a student who was desirous of taking admission for a study course.

He was smart enough to get through the written test, a GD and was to appear for the personal interview. Later, as the interview progressed, the interviewer found this boy to be bright since he could answer all the questions correctly. The interviewer got impatient and decided to corner the boy.

"Tell me your choice," said he to the boy. "What's your choice: I shall either ask you ten easy questions or ONE real difficult. Think well before you make up your mind."

The boy thought for a while and said, "My choice is ONE real difficult question."

"Well, good luck to you, you have made your own choice!" said the man on the opposite side. "Tell me: 'What comes first, Day or Night?'"

The boy was jolted first but he waited for a while and said: "It's the DAY, sir."

How????????" the interviewer was smiling ("At last, I got you!" he said to himself.)

"Sorry sir, you promised me that you will not ask me a SECOND difficult question!"

Admission for the course was thus secured.

A young woman went to her doctor complaining of pain.

"Where are you hurting?" asked the doctor. "You have to help me, I hurt all over", said the woman.

"What do you mean, all over?" asked the doctor, "be a little more specific."

The woman touched her right knee with her index finger and yelled, "Ow, that hurts." Then she touched her left cheek and again yelled, "Ouch! That hurts, too." Then she touched her right earlobe, "Ow, even THAT hurts", she cried. The doctor checked her thoughtfully for a moment and told her his diagnosis, "You have a broken finger."

A policeman brought four boys before a judge. "They were causing an awful lot of commotion at the zoo, your Honor," he said. "Boys," said the judge sternly, "I never like to hear reports of juvenile delinquency. Now I want each of you to tell me your name and what you were doing wrong." "My name is George," said the first boy, "and I threw peanuts into the elephant pen." "My name is Pete," said the second boy, "and I threw peanuts into the elephant pen." "My name is Mike," said the third boy, "and I threw peanuts into the elephant pen." "My name is Peanuts," said the fourth boy.

If someone with multiple personalities threatens to commit suicide, is that considered a hostage crisis?

Sincerely, Mervyn J. Harris, PIP, Editor