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**Rear seat seat-belt use can save your life as a driver!** Even if you're riding in the front seat and wearing your seatbelt you can avoid having rear seat passengers becoming projectiles by having them wear their seatbelts. A recent study revealed that wearing a seat-belt in the backseat of a car could dramatically reduce the risk of death and injury to front-seat occupants. In a review of over 100,000 automobile accidents, researchers concluded that the use of seat-belts in the backseats could have reduced fatal injuries to front-seat occupants by as much as 80%.

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**Congratulations:** to our members and ladies, celebrating their Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event in June. 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:** Lord, we thank you for the many blessings we receive each day, remembering that both rain and sunshine represent the balance of nature so well provided by you as the Great Architect of the Universe. The river that flows, the forest that grows, all are part of the grand scheme that guides our lives. We thank you for the many people who help us each day, from those who prepare our food to those who make it possible for us to travel, to

come together in fellowship. Forgive us our trespasses, and help us to be forgiving of the manners and slights at which we too often take offense. Help us make it through our time going forward in your path. Amen.

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

**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.

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**International President Winton Hewitt**, PSP (PA): Brethren, Have you looked on the International Website this month? If not, you need to make a visit to watch and hear the exciting talk on, the Secrets and Stories of the Men Who Really Won the West.

Also in an effort to make things easier for all those involved in the monthly Reporting process there are two new Report Forms, which have been introduced as an optional Reporting function, F200a and F200b. I know, some will say here we go again. Before you cast judgment take the time to look them over and give them the benefit of the doubt.

The F200a Report is used for Reporting Membership related information that needs to be reported monthly. This Report is an option for the present F200 Report.

The F200b Report needs to only be filed when there is a change in the Club Meeting place and/or a change of Officers.

The good thing about using the Reports is that when you file the Report on line both the International Secretary and the State Association Secretary will receive the Report at the same time.

Were you aware that this Monthly Update Report is only distributed by e-mail? That is why you are seeing or hearing about the International Secretary looking to get as many e-mails as he can. I have heard that some of the clubs have the Monthly Update sent to them and they in turn pass it on to their members. This double handling of the Report could be eliminated if everyone would pass their e-mail list to International Secretary Kevin Hokerk.

At the Annual Meeting in Springfield, Ohio this June, an amendment to the Universal Club Bylaws was approved.

*Article III - Officer and Committees, Section J. Eligibility for Office "Any regular member in good standing shall be eligible for nomination. There shall be no limitation on successive terms unless the local club shall limit them.*

**All clubs that have previously adopted the Uniform Club Bylaws 6/15/13 version are directed to adopt this AMENDMENT version 6/28/14 (as printed on the International Website) or adopt the Uniform Club Bylaws version 6/28/14, which is also on the Website and has the Amendment included.**

Either version is acceptable, but they both need the vote of the membership and the required signatures.

Remember, your International team is dedicated to serving the Clubs in any way that we can help in their support and to see High Twelve International Grow. Fraternaly, Win

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**International First Vice President Jerry Saville**, PSP (CA): Greetings to All. Summer is coming to an end and the fall season is just around the corner. The leaves will change color soon and cool weather will follow after a hot

summer. The kids are back in school, so I'm guessing there are a lot of happy HIGH TWELVE families across the land.

The Mid-Year-Meeting is in the planning stage and Las Vegas is always fun (sometimes expensive but that's a choice thing). Please plan to attend - we need your voice, and experience, to help keep HIGH TWELVE relevant and moving forward. Without your input you may not like the decisions made at the Mid-Year-Meeting. If you cannot attend please mail us your input and comments and we will share the same with the members in attendance.

To plagiarize, and paraphrase, a few words from the Grand Commander's message in the Scottish Rite Journal, March/April 2014: "None of our inactive members are going to come forward and volunteer to assist unless asked". Grand Commander Ronald A Seale, 33rd Degree, also mentions membership retention and "What's there for the member" what will make him want to return.

We all have heard these words before "nothing new here" - and I believe most of us are working hard to bring in new members, open clubs, and keep HIGH TWELVE moving forward. I visited a couple of California HIGH TWELVE clubs since my last article. Tehachapi HIGH TWELVE #698 raised \$1,010.00 last month for the local High School Scholarship Fund. They provide an average of \$2k every year for this project. The other club I attended last, San Gorgino Pass #671, had the Past Grand Bethel Honored Queen speak at their HIGH TWELVE meeting to tell the story of "Job" an outstanding program and speaker.

They, like most HIGH TWELVE clubs, are involved in several community projects like child ID program, feed the needy, parades, and on and on! This is truly "Masonry in Action". The High Twelvian will be published in October. Send your articles to the Secretary and share your club projects with the HIGH TWELVE family. Your comments and activities may spark another club to jump in!

The International HIGH TWELVE Executive Board is here for you. Our Secretary is working miracles with computer programs for ease of club use to make their Reports. Check out the professional International HIGH TWELVE web site at [www.high12.org](http://www.high12.org)

My space is up Brethren. Let us hear from you "better yet -let us see you in Las Vegas. Fraternally, Jerry

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**Wolcott Chairman Malcolm White**, CA PSP (CA): Brother High Twelvians, again I put fingers (well really only two, as I never learned to type) to the computer keyboard in an endeavor to gather support for the/your/our Wolcott Foundation.

The Little Red School House stands ready to accept your generous contributions in any and all amounts. A question arose at a recent Club meeting about a person contributing to the Wolcott Foundation in an amount that would require a receipt. Certainly, if you would desire a receipt for your (generous) donation, the Wolcott Representative or the Club Secretary or Club Treasurer would happily provide you with such a receipt. A request though, please make the contribution of such size that is worthwhile of the time for all concerned. Contributions of ten (\$10.00) are usually recognized by the giving of a current year Wolcott Pin "the 2015 pins are, or should be, in circulation at this point in time; wear one with pride.

Our Senior Fellows, as well as Current Fellows and the Applicants continue to amaze me with their accomplishments; done while still an under grad, then while at GWU and then as a Senior Fellow. In a word "WOW! We were fortunate to share time with one Senior Fellow at the recent International Convention, Todd Brighton. Todd is with the Department of Justice in an area of discipline with which I was not very familiar "we all know of the FBI, but there are many more areas in which the DOJ operates (other than the political arena). Todd told us of what he does as well as sharing with us one of his outside interests "the Revolutionary and Civil War. He had history, artifacts, weapons and other fascinating tidbits to tickle the mind of those present who are history buffs.

The current costs of education are absolutely, stunningly, amazingly high. This, sadly is the case; and, while it is true that the cost of education is high, my Brothers I submit to you, then, what is the real cost of ignorance?

Please remember our High Twelve Crown Jewel Project and support the/your/our Wolcott Program. Fraternaly, Malcolm.

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**International Secretary Kevin Hokerk**, PSP (AZ) This should be of interest to ALL SECRETARIES: there are now online Monthly Reporting forms for reporting your monthly membership numbers, changes in membership information, donations and club information. Based on information you enter, your association secretary will receive a detailed email of your submission. The international office and the club secretary (submitter) will also receive this email automatically. Additionally, you can send up to 3 copies to others [club president, association president, zone officer, etc.] if you choose to.

For the California and Kansas clubs there is a place to enter your student scholarship fund donations on F-200a and reporting officers on F-200b.

When using the online reporting option for membership [F-200a] or club information [F-200b] do not fill out the F-200 paper report! It is one or the other but not both! By filing online you will save time, postage and envelopes. But you will still have to send the International Office the \$3 fee for each new and reinstated member. The goal here is eventually eliminate the paper submission.

Clubs are expected to complete a Monthly Report Form F-200a on a regular basis and F-220b Club Information Update when needed. These Forms provide the State Association and the International Office the information needed about where and when a club meets, changes in the 4 principal officers and their contact information, membership numbers, and the specifics about changes in the individual member data. Like so many things, doing this task monthly after your last meeting needs to be made a habit and once it is a habit you won't forget to do it.

Information from this Form is used to: Update this website; Keep individual membership records current; Insures accurate mailing information for: The High Twelvian, Fundraiser(s) and the Monthly Update Newsletter.

It also allows the International Office to provide Associations and Clubs accurate rosters or mailing lists/files on request and is the basis for the Annual Per-Capita Billing.

As with anything new if you have questions please let me know.

This information can be found on the international website tab EVERYONE!

**EMAIL ADDRESSES** â€” this information is **NOT** sold, rented or leased to anyone. Right now, based on current information only 1/5 of the membership has an email address and that appears to be very low number.

Fraternaly,  
Kevin  
623-239-6170 or, [secretary@high12.org](mailto:secretary@high12.org).

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**California Association of High Twelve Clubs: Fresno #10 Brethren:** Brother Scott Walsh, President of the Ensign Mayo Loan Fund visited us on August 5th. He spoke of the Ensign Mayo Loan Fund and outlined the eligibility requirements. Those eligible are our Youth Groups, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay and JOBâ€™s Daughters and Master Masons. He explained the amount available each year and when the recipients need to start paying the loans back. We enjoyed his visit very much.

We also enjoyed hearing from Leslie Cunning from the Fresno Bee. She spoke of her career with the Bee. Everyone present thoroughly enjoyed her comments and we would love to have her back some time in the future.

Our Program Chairman, Ike Hollomon, Jr. has arranged for two speakers for the September 2nd meeting. Please plan to attend this meeting and welcome Retired Chief Melinda Larson from the

Lemoore Naval Air Station and Lt. Col. Dave Johnston, 144th Fighter Squadron, California Air National Guard, Fresno. Secretary Jack Farson.

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**California Association of High Twelve Clubs: Oakland High12 Club #2:** Alan Filiou, President; Spencer Sargent, Secretary

Our speaker for the month of July was Ms. Doris I. Mangrum, who presented: "SAIDIANA." The Veterans Housing Partnership. We thank her for a most informative, indeed, enlightening presentation (Photo on left.)

Our speaker for the month of August was Mr. Bob Murillo, presenting: "Writing a Novel." A novel, having no precedent can be brief or a long short story. A long invented prose narrative dealing with human experience through a connected sequence of events. We enjoyed his most informative, indeed, timely message and presentation.

Oakland continues to have outstanding speakers on current, educational or local issues of interest for our members. Oakland No. 2 meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at High Twelve at the Oakland Scottish Rite Temple. Great Food as well. Cleveland Valrey, State President

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**Florida High Twelve Association, Lake Worth Masonic High Twelve Club #316:** Small Club - Big Idea's!

We have started to put together a Program for Improved Education. It involves a quiz for schools in Lake Worth. It is based on government and we are offering a cash prize for the winning child and their teacher.

City Hall and the School Boards are very interested in this project as it is a new way of making pupils aware of learning about this important subject.

We will keep you informed of the progress. Yes we are a small club but we have big ideas; *â€œCome on Club Presidents be ambitious!â€* Squire Sydney King, Club President, Lake Worth High Twelve Club, Lake Worth, Florida. [sking1474@att.net](mailto:sking1474@att.net).

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**Florida High Twelve Association, Cortez Masonic High Twelve Club #538,** Robert L. (Bob) Rodd, PSP: A big hello to all my fellow Cortez Masonic High Twelve Club members and your ladies as well as all of you that are reading this article. This summer has passed by so quickly and so much has been done by many of us over this time.

This is a reminder that we will be going from darkness to light as of Monday, November 3 and will continue through the end of April 2015. We continue to have our weekly get-togethers at Duff's™ Original Buffet at 6010 14th St. (Route 41) at the corner of Route 41 and 60th Ave. W. in Bradenton. We arrive between 10:30AM and 11AM to socialize. We eat at 11AM and start the rest of the day's™ program around 11:45-Noon. We usually finish between 12:30 and 1:30PM depending on what we are doing for the day.

Fellow Brothers, we all started our journey in Masonry by first and foremost becoming Master Masons. Many of us have ventured forward and become active not only in the Blue Lodges but also in Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star, etc. Hi-12 is open to all these groups and more because the only requirement to be a Hi-12 member is to be a Master Mason. For those of you Master Masons, your ladies or those widows that their husbands belonged to Hi-12 but have yet to attend a Masonic High Twelve get-together; we invite you to come and break bread with us. Come and see the great fellowship we share. Come and enjoy great food and most of all come and have fun. Our first few get-togethers may be smaller in numbers as several of our members and their ladies will not have returned to Florida from their Northern homes, some of which come all the down from Canada. But just because we are a smaller group at this time of the year doesn't™ say we have any less fun.

At our first couple of get-togethers hopefully each of you will share some of the exciting times you

had over the summer months, as well as renewing friendships and hopefully making new friends with new attendees.

Our Annual State Convention will be coming up in December. For those who are interested in more information about it needs to go to the Florida State Masonic Hi-12 Website which is: [fhi12.org](http://fhi12.org).

Also, Fred Neilson, a FL State Hi-12 Past President is putting together a cruise which will be taking off from Tampa. From Feb. 9 to Feb. 14, 2015. They will be going on the Royal Caribbean, Brilliance of the Seas out of Tampa. They will be going from Tampa to George Town, Grand Cayman, Cozumel in Mexico and then back to Tampa. For additional information go on the website above or to see about reservations contact Teresa Rund at Ocala Travel Cruise and Tours at 351-753-9969 or 352-732-7511 or Fred Neilson at 352-365-1483. Don't wait if you are considering going as time is going by very fast.

Well that is it for this time. Hope to see many of you at Duff's on November 3rd. Till then, Bob, [roddbobkat@aol.com](mailto:roddbobkat@aol.com) or 941-776-0937

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**Illinois High Twelve Association, Northwest Masonic High Twelve Club #769:** Our August 26, 2014 meeting was called to order by President Bruno Fabris with the Pledge of Alliance and opening prayer by Don Van Cleave. Brother Joe Santisteban gave the closing prayer. Minutes of our July 22nd meeting was approved as emailed to members. The Financial Report was given by Treasurer Joe Pegoraro. Today's contribution was \$26 for the Wolcott Foundation plus \$13 for our other contribution. Club dues (\$24) were received from John Chapman and Gene Pratt. Our yearly dues should be paid as soon as possible. September 9th (fellowship) or September 23rd (stated meeting) or to Joe Pegoraro, 714 E. Charles, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

Attendance today was 12 members and four guests, Mrs. Rosemarie Pegoraro and Mrs. Maryann Fabris and Mrs. Sandra Chapman attended as our special guests with Brother Jerry Owens visiting from South Carolina (his new home for the last two years).

Brother Joe Santisteban highlighted the 2014 Annual Convention where thirty one members attend from the entire state. We have 398 active members in Illinois with thirteen Clubs. In the United States we have seventeen Clubs that have been in existence for seventy plus years. Illinois has two Clubs, Quincy and Springfield that are in the seventy plus years' group. Next year's Convention will be held in Springfield and the Chicago area in 2016.

Installation of our new officers was conducted by Illinois Second Vice President Joseph H. Santisteban. Our newly elected officers are President, Jay Reed; Robert Tollman 1st Vice-President; John Peter Curielli; 2nd Vice-President; Joe Pegoraro, Treasurer; Don Van Cleave, Secretary. Brother John Albert served as Marshal and John Chapman served as Chaplain.

The following members were appointed by President Jay Reed: Peter Maris, Sgt.-of-Arms; Marvin Selock, Chaplain; Joe Santisteban, Wolcott Representative and Asst. Chaplin, and Bruno Fabris as Masonic Representative.

Brother John Peter Curielli discussed this occupation and an excellent discussion on Estate Planning (Will, Trusts, advance directive) with emphasis on Living Trust. Appointments may be made for a one and a half hour future meetings. He recommends filing out this basic information worksheet that highlight areas that need your attention.

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**Illinois High Twelve Association, Quincy Masonic High Twelve Club #40:** Seven months into my year as club President, I look forward to many more challenges ahead of us. We welcome all Master Masons and members of High 12 International to join us at one of our weekly meetings as our guest. There's always a place for you at our table.

Quincy Masonic High 12 club # 40 continues to meet every Wednesday at 12 noon, at Sprouts Restaurant. Our average attendance in our meetings is 24. We have speakers scheduled for most meetings. Our ladies noonday luncheon and on occasion and evening dinner is scheduled for the last Wednesday of the month. We recently held one of our meetings at the Payson Masonic Lodge in Payson Illinois, to honor Past State President Brother Nick Wiesinger, who is unable to attend meetings in Quincy, due to illness. He can't come to us, so we went to him.

We are busy planning the celebration of Quincy Masonic High 12 Club # 40, 70th anniversary on November 5th. At one time Quincy # 40 had 144 members on the membership roster. The writing of this brief letter, we are holding at 92. Records show that since April 1921, there have been 31 clubs chartered in Illinois with 15 remaining. Of those, four clubs were chartered in 1944, and remain active. Our membership is very active in the Masonic community, we are pleased to note that one of our recent inducted members is a past International President; one is a Past International Chaplain, three of our present members served as State Presidents, one is a Past Grand Master.

One of our Past Club Presidents is up for election as State Third Vice President in 2015. We are also very supportive of Rainbow Girls, Job's daughters and DeMolay, and have assisted them financially in the past. We have donated freely to the Illinois Masonic Relief Fund, and actively support the Wolcott Foundation. Our club members had traveled to many High 12 Clubs in the Tri-State Area. We have donated freely to the local charities, which include the Red Cross and Salvation Army.

Quincy Masonic High 12 Club # 40 is an old club, with an aging membership. At the writing of this letter, since August 2013, we lost five to the black camel, three dropped for non-payment of dues, two relocated out-of-state, we added four members and have two prospective candidates in the wings. 10 of our members are in nursing homes or retirement centers, three members are unable to attend due to health issues. Four of our long-term members are out-of-state, yet maintain an active membership status. We plan on seeing all of you on August 15 and 16th at our Annual Convention and in Belleville. Fraternally, Jerry Riggins, President.

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**Illinois High Twelve Association, Moline High Twelve Club #88:** Our members are rather proud of their club! We have a monthly Bulletin that is written by a former career military man who likes detail. As a result, we get complete information on each program presenter and background information on the days of that month. Even those of you who may be an historian will learn something new when they read the Bulletin.

Programs for this quarter have included a Dietitian, Photoshop Owner, County Board Member, Community College Staff, City Development Manager, City Trash Department, a "SCORE" Representative, City Librarian, and many more. Knowledge from outside sources is important to our members.

When you're in our neighborhood, we would welcome you to break bread with us. Remember to arrive around 11 o'clock so you will have time to have lunch before our meeting starts.

New members are still a major concern and effort of each person in our club. We are all seeking the answer to the problem, it seems that brothers today don't want to commit to any additional obligations. Let's all extend our hand to a brother and offer him some time away from a formal setting! A big "HIGH TWELVE" to all of you! Fraternally yours, David A. Glanz, President.

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**International Past High Twelve President Merv Harris (FL):** Brethren, I receive a lot of emails, newsletters, and other material and I wanted to share something I received recently. Some of you may have seen it already as stories like these are continually being routed around and just sound like they are new. I hope you enjoy the articles and share them with your Masonic Brothers and friends.

Subject: Communion on the Moon: What was the first liquid and food consumed on the moon? I'm betting that most are unaware of this story.

Forty-three years ago two human beings changed history by walking on the surface of the moon. But what happened before Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong exited the Lunar Module is perhaps even



more amazing, if only because so few people know about it. "Iâ€™m talking about the fact that Buzz Aldrin took communion on the surface of the moon. Some months after his return, he wrote about it in Guidepost Magazine.

The background to the story is that Aldrin was an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas during this period in his life and knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history. He felt he should mark the occasion somehow. He asked his Minister to help him. And so the Minister consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. Buzz Aldrin took them with him out of the Earth's orbit and on to the surface of the moon. He and Armstrong had only been on the lunar surface for a few minutes when Aldrin made the following public statement:

This is the Lunar Module pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way. He then ended radio communication and there, on the silent surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from home, he read a verse from the Gospel of John and he took communion.

Here is his account of what happened: "In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the scripture:

â€œI am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit ....Apart from me you can do nothing.â€

"I had intended to read my communion passage back to earth, but at the last minute [they] had requested that I not do this. NASA was already embroiled in a legal battle with Madelyn Murray O'Hare, the celebrated opponent of religion, over the Apollo 8 crew reading from Genesis while orbiting the moon at Christmas. I agreed reluctantly."

"I ate the tiny Host and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting for me to think the very first liquid ever poured on the moon and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements."

"And of course, it's interesting to think that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ, who made the Earth and the moon - and who, in the immortal words of Dante, is Himself the "Love that moves the Sun and other stars."

How many of you knew this? Too bad this type news doesn't travel as fast as the bad does. Share it if you've felt God's love.

Jesus said, "If you are ashamed of me, I will be ashamed of you before My Father on Judgment Day."

God Bless America!!!

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**Tranquility Masonic Lodge of Texas:** The Story of Tranquility Lodge No. 2000: On July 20, 1969, two American Astronauts landed on the moon of the planet Earth, in an area known as Mare Tranquillitatis or "Sea of Tranquility". One of those brave men was Brother Edwin Eugene (Buzz) Aldrin, Jr., a member of Clear Lake Lodge No. 1417, AF&AM, Seabrook, Texas. Brother Aldrin carried with him SPECIAL DEPUTATION of then Grand Master J. Guy Smith, constituting and appointing Brother Aldrin as Special Deputy of the Grand Master, granting unto him full power in the premises to represent the Grand Master as such and authorize him to claim Masonic Territorial Jurisdiction for The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, on The Moon, and directed that he make due return of his acts. Brother Aldrin certified that the SPECIAL



DEPUTATION was carried by him to the Moon on July 20, 1969.

To commemorate this historic event, and to further solidify and establish Texas Freemasonry on the Moon, it is proposed that a charter be issued to a new Lodge, to be known as Tranquility Lodge No. 2000, and that authorization for such new Lodge and its purposes be granted by the addition of Article 201a.

What is Tranquility Lodge No. 2000? Tranquility Lodge 2000 was chartered by The Grand Lodge of Texas for the purpose of promoting, encouraging, conducting and fostering the principles of Freemasonry, and to assist in promoting the health, welfare, education and patriotism <http://tl2k.org/history.htm> of children worldwide.

The Grand Lodge of Texas is the first Grand Lodge to have a Member step onto the Moon, Brother Buzz Aldrin, in 1969. Through this event, The Grand Lodge of Texas has Chartered Tranquility Lodge 2000 for the purpose providing Fraternal Assistance to Masonic Organizations and other worthy organizations that help make life better for all living on Earth.

Tranquility Lodge 2000 is based in Texas under auspices of The Grand Lodge of Texas until such time as the Lodge may hold its meetings on the Moon. Our meetings are held quarterly at various cities in Texas, with the annual meeting being held in Waco each July.

Providing support and assistance to Masonic Organizations and to other worthy organizations, which help make life better for all living on the Earth requires the support of all worthy Freemasons around the World. Your Membership in Tranquility Lodge 2000 helps in providing that assistance while offering Fraternal Brotherhood with Good Men of like mind.

If you are interested in joining Tranquility Lodge, contact the Tranquility Lodge Secretary Charles B. Cockrell, P.O. Box 7602, Pasadena, Texas 77508-7602. Tell him Merv Harris, PIP, who is a member of the Lodge, recommended you when you submit your Application, which can be found at their Website: <http://tl2k.org/history.htm>

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