

Welcome Back! To those clubs that have been on summer recess. Now is the time to bring a friend to the High Twelve meeting , so they can see why you belong! **Think membership!**



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Congratulations to our members and ladies, celebrating their Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event in September. 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 with that Special Person!

International President Dr. Ronald W. Woods, PSP (IN): This month I attended the Illinois State High Twelve Association Annual Convention. Their program was very well conducted with a Friday evening at The Stadium a location with a private meeting room. There were some 55 people present including many of the brothers' ladies.

The next day was business in the morning; a great dinner; and additional business in the evening; and a presentation for Wolcott was presented by the Zone 5 Wolcott Trustee Michael Clark from Michigan and I was given time to discuss the activities of High Twelve International. Of course my greatest point was for State Associations to work to gain at least two new Clubs during 2016-2017 Year. Also, each State Association must keep contact with and support failing Clubs, who are losing members. It is necessary to give

this support and give them information on how to invite Masonic Brothers to a meeting and encourage membership and also to have a great speaker or entertainer at each meeting.

In the future, I will be working to set up visitations to Lodges in some five Cities in Kentucky and present to them information about High Twelve Club programs. Kentucky once had several clubs and a State Association and now has only one club in Louisville. It is my hope that we can find one or two Master Masons in each city, who feels positive about our High Twelve presentation and will work to bring about the formation of a new club

September brings about the Indiana State Association Annual Convention on September 17th and the Ohio State Association meeting on September 23rd and I will be attending both. Attending with me at the Ohio Convention will be Merv Harris, PIP and Wolcott Trustee Zone 8 and Michael Clark, PSP and Wolcott Trustee Zone 5. Michal will also join me at the Indiana State Convention.

International 1st Vice President William Haynes, PSP (PA): Distaff Members - One of our greatest assets in Freemasonry and High Twelve in particular are our wives and widows. Many clubs undervalue this asset by meeting only two times a year with ladies, Christmas and Ladies night. Other clubs have open meetings with wives and widows, plus an occasional child attending. These usually flourish as the family is involved and no one feels left out.

It has been my experience that when wives are active in their husband's activities, they form friendships with other wives and pretty soon the husband is attending regardless of his personal wants as the wife wants to visit with her friends. This makes for a very convivial meeting and assures club stability and growth.

My club usually does not meet in a restaurant nor purchase meals but home cooks everything. For our lunches, we usually have a sandwich (2 types), salad and a dessert. You would be surprised how many times the wives bring everything. More to the point, they do it because they enjoy the meeting. No one is overworked and usually they bring only one item.

I have always been proud that we keep widows on the mailing list and they attend. I believe other Masonic bodies should keep widows on the mailing list and make them feel comfortable in attending events. My hat is off to all the distaff members of the various clubs (not actually members but you know what I mean). Fraternally, Bill.

International 2nd Vice President Joseph Santisteban, PSP (IL): Greetings my fellow High Twelvians! This past month has been somewhat typical for me. I was able to attend the meetings of three of our clubs here in Illinois and enjoy some fine food, fun and fellowship. I was also to take part in our second conference call of the New Year.

I also had the privilege of representing High Twelve at the 2016 Scholarship & Learning Center Awards Night sponsored by the Valley of Chicago Scottish Rite. That turned out to be a very enjoyable event where a lot of outstanding young people were recognized and rewarded for their achievements and accomplishments.

I attended the Illinois High Twelve State Convention on August 13th. I was there because I had to preside, I also wanted to make sure that I did not get reelected! Besides having an excellent turnout of our clubs, our VIPs included Dr. Ron Woods, International President; Tom Bevington, PIP and Roland Furnas, PSP of Ohio. The new Illinois State

President, Charles Coffey was in charge of the Convention and did an excellent job. He's starting his year off well.

I represented High Twelve at the 2016 DeMolay Honors Night on August 18th. This is always a fun event and every Legionnaire should attend this event. Three sharp, young men were honored with the Degree of Chevalier and three adult Advisors were presented with the Cross of Honor. Fifteen members of the Craft were awarded the DeMolay Legion of Honor. What a gathering of exceptional individuals!

On August 13th. I attended the annual meeting of Northwest Club #769 and assisted the Illinois State President and State Secretary, Ed Rund, with the Installation of Officers for the upcoming year. We also had an excellent guest speaker (a third generation funeral director) who gave a very enjoyable presentation. I was also able to present the President's Award to Prakash Naik, who was not able to attend the State Convention.

Safe to say, that this past month has been an interesting and active one. I'm looking forward to next month. Until then, stay safe and keep having fun. Also, don't forget to invite a Brother to join you for lunch at your next High Twelve club meeting. Respectfully and Fraternally, Joe Santisteban, PSP, International 2nd Vice President.

International Secretary Kevin Hokerk-Robinson, PSP (AZ): Well the dog days of summer have passed and yes it has rained on the West side of Phoenix finally!

The **2017 Mid-Year Governing Board Meeting** is set for January 23, 2017 in Las Vegas, NV. All the pertinent information is on the High Twelve International Website under events. Registration is now open. Brother Sid Leluan, PIP, got us a really good deal at The Orleans Hotel & Casino. At the Convention it was suggested to look at San Antonio, Texas but the hotel costs/minimums were just too high.

Many clubs will start meeting again after a summer break and welcome back! Over the summer two clubs requested name changes to better reflect the area they serve, which were granted:

- #640 is now the Masonic Village at Burlington in Burlington, NJ
- #674 is now The Villages Masonic High Twelve Club in Lady Lake, FL

The **2017 Pocket Planners** are scheduled to be in the mail the first week of September. We thank you in advance for your support of this fundraiser. Monies generated are used as part of the budget to keep the free services free and forestall any general per-capita increase.

HIGH TWELVIAN INPUT DEADLINE IS 10/22/16 for the Winter Edition. *Anyone* can submit articles of interest for consideration and pictures are always welcome, just be sure to identify the occasion and people pictured.

Any Bylaws Amendments need to be submitted for publication, so they can be taken up at the 2017 Mid-Year-Meeting.

Please take note that I will have limited access for the month of September, as I am a juror on a six week trial. Please bear with me when it takes longer for me to respond with requests and orders.

Remember YOU are the face of our organization and our fraternity. May Brotherly love and peace prevail! Fraternally, Kevin.

Wolcott Foundation Chairman and Zone 1 Trustee Malcolm White, PSP (CA): A SEPTEMBER SONG!

IT'S A LONG, LONG TIME FROM MAY TO DECEMBER... AND SO HERE WE ARE IN SEPTEMBER LOOKING DOWN THE CALENDAR TOWARDS DECEMBER AND ALL THAT THAT BRINGS.

A HOT, BURNING TOPIC NOW SEARING AWAY AT HIGH TWELVE SEEMS TO BE THE MANNER IN WHICH WOLCOTT TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED. SIMPLY STATED IT IS THUS:

ANY MEMBER OF A HIGH TWELVE CLUB LOCATED WITHIN THE AREA OF THE ZONE UNDER CONSIDERATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION, AND MAY RUN FOR THE TRUSTEE POSITION. NO LATER THAN MARCH 1st OF THE YEAR IN WHICH AN ELECTION IS TO OCCUR, THE POTENTIAL CANDIDATE MUST SUBMIT A LETTER OF CONSENT AND INTENTION TO SERVE IF ELECTED. THE POTENTIAL CANDIDATE MUST BE NOMINATED BY HIS CLUB. OTHER CLUBS, WITHIN THE ZONE, MAY ALSO NOMINATE HIM. THE CANDIDATES LETTER AND THE LETTER(S) OF NOMINATION ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE WOLCOTT SECRETARY BY THE 1 MARCH DATE. THE WOLCOTT SECRETARY PREPARES AND DISTRIBUTES BALLOTS TO THE CLUBS WITHIN THE ZONE INVOLVED.

THE WOLCOTT SECRETARY WILL PREPARE BALLOTS AND DISTRIBUTE THEM TO THE APPROPRIATE CLUBS WITHIN THE SAID ZONE. THE VOTES WILL BE TABULATED AND THE COUNT FROM EACH CLUB WILL BE SENT TO THE WOLCOTT SECRETARY. ONLY THE INDIVIDUAL CLUB MEMBER VOTES; THE CLUB OR CLUBS RETURN THE BALLOTS TO THE WOLCOTT SECRETARY. THE RESULTS OF THE BALLOTING WILL BE REPORTED AT THE TIME OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – WHICH IS ALSO THE TIME OF THE WOLCOTT ANNUAL SESSION.

THIS YEAR THE TERM FOR THE TRUSTEE FROM ZONE #6 IS EXPIRING, SO THAT WILL BE THE ONLY ZONE VOTE THIS YEAR. NOTICE OF THIS ELECTION WILL APPEAR IN THE UPCOMING (FALL 2016) ISSUE OF THE HIGH TWELVIAN.

REMEMBER THAT THE COST OF EDUCATION CONTINUES TO INCREASE, AND GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IS NO EXCEPTION.

THE WOLCOTT PROGRAM IS THE CROWN JEWEL PROJECT OF HIGH TWELVE AND MERITS THE SUPPORT OF ALL OF HIGH TWELVE.

DO TAKE CARE AND BE SAFE. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND ALL WHOM YOU HOLD DEAR.

Malcolm S. White, Chairman
The Wolcott Foundation, Inc.

Wolcott Foundation Zone 5 Trustee Michael Clark, PSP (MI): My wife and I recently traveled to Kentucky and North Carolina, and on our way through Indiana we stopped at the Indianapolis and Columbus High Twelve Clubs for their meetings. I have attached two

photos from those visits.

We were honored with the presence of International President Dr. Ronald Woods at both meetings. I made Wolcott presentations at both clubs and as it seems it had been a long time since anyone had made any presentations to the clubs. The response was very positive with several brothers stating that they now understand what Wolcott is all about and will give even more money each meeting.

I gave out Wolcott Brochures to each member along with the Financial Reports on the cost of our Fellowships as provided by our Wolcott Treasurer. We sold several of the new Wolcott Pins you recently sent the clubs.

I spent the first eight years of my life in Columbus, Indiana as my father was Vice President of Metallurgy for Cummins Diesel Corporation, which is located in Columbus. It was great seeing my old home and some of the places I remember following the death of my father in 1948.

Wishing you the best. Michael E. Clark, Trustee Zone 5. Photos from the visit to the two High Twelve Clubs:





Illinois High Twelve Association, Northwest Club #769 : International 2nd Vice President Joseph Santisteban, presenting Brother Prakash Naik of Northwest Club #769, the President's Award on August 23rd prior to the Installation of officers.



Brother Naik's response to receiving the Award. I am deeply honored to be the recipient of the President's Award for 2016, which was presented at the High Twelve meeting. I thank you all and others, behind the scene, who might have proposed my name to be this year's recipient. It has always been my goal and aim to be a better person with every

passing day and to help a brother in distress is a matter of pride as a Mason. Thank you once again for the honor. With warm fraternal greetings, Prakash.



This photo is from the Northwest #769 Club Installation on August 23rd, Left to right: Ed Rund, IL State Secretary, John Peter Curielli, new Club President, Charles Coffey, IL State President, George Rogers, outgoing Club President, and me as International 2nd Vice President.

NORTHWEST MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB NO. 769: Our meeting convened on August 23rd, at the Red Apple Restaurant, 2121 S. Plum Grove Road, Palatine. Eleven brothers attended with four special guests, namely, Mrs. Cathy Curielli, Mrs. Joan Rogers, Mrs. Sandra Chapman, and Jacqui Rothman.

Because this meeting recognized our new officers (2016-17), we were blessed with a formal Installation by our current State President, Charles Coffey, and Immediate Past President, Joe Santisteban, Edward Rund. State Secretary, Past Club No. 769 President, George Rogers and newly elected President, John Peter Curielli.

New elected officers attending were John Peter Curielli, David Truax (2nd Vice President), John Chapman (3rd Vice President), Don Van Cleave (Secretary-Treasurer and Wolcott Representative), and Marvin Selock (Chaplain).

Brother Tony Morizzo, President of Morizzo Funeral, Hoffman Estate was our highlighted speaker who brought out historical facts on our newly elected President, John Peter Curielli and highlighted changes in funeral services over the last fifty years. Brother Tony answered individual questions on Masonic funerals, etc. Immediate Past President, Joe Santisteban selected the outstanding High Twelve Member during his term to be none other than our member, Brother Prakash Naik for his assistance to a Masonic brother during a lengthy hospital stay and home assistance including safe keeping of valuables and over twenty-two hospital visits.

Newly elected President, John Peter Curielli's first job was calling for acceptance of a Membership Petition for Brother Michael D. Rothman. Brother Rothman is member of Chicago Lodge #437, Constellation Lodge #974 and Glenview United Lodge #1058 and his moral support was given by his bride, Jacqui Rothman.

On August 16th our High Twelve Club attended the Frank S. Land Chapter of DeMolay in Barrington. Four members and their wife's attend as DeMolay members acted out the DeMolay Degree. The opportunity to see our youth in action and visit the newly

remodeled Barrington Lodge was a worthy visit. (See photo below)



Cornerstone High Twelve Club #772: For a moment, imagine if you will a big imaginary clock drawn on over the United States, where nine O'clock is on the west coast and three O'clock on the east coast, six O'clock on Louisiana's south coast and high twelve hand landing right on the middle of Wisconsin and Illinois. Hold on to this image as I get to the end of the article, as it will be clear then.

But, first Cornerstone needs to congratulate couple people on some huge big accomplishments. First our very own Cornerstone President Mark D. Nokes for being elected as 2nd Vice President in command of Illinois High Twelve club during the State Convention in Mattoon. Second big Kudos goes to our very own Secretary David Abt who won the Secretary of the Year and somehow managed to be appointed as Sergeant of Arms for Illinois High Twelve Club during our State convention in Mattoon. I asked David, what elements does one have to possess to win Secretary of the Year in his own words? He provided me a full blown Job Description that I am electing to leave out but he basically does 100% of it and then some. Thank you Mark D. Nokes and David Abt for your time, dedication, to Cornerstone and the High Twelve State Organization, your services are very much **appreciated**.

Just in case some of you do not know what the Wolcott Program is, let me trigger your memory for you: Wolcott Foundation Fellowships for Master's Degree studies are awarded to US citizens who have not previously earned an advanced degree and are attending or applying to George Washington University's School of Business, the Elliott School of International Affairs, or the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration. As adequately stated by Malcolm S. White, Chairman, The Wolcott Foundation Wolcott Program, designed to produce **BETTER government workers – NO, NOT POLITICIANS!** We are all aware of the sound and fury emanating from the Washington, D.C. Politicians, doing everything that they can to better their own condition and ignoring the will and need of the People! **Via the Wolcott Program we have the opportunity to help produce government SERVICE people who will better the condition of this country.** During the High Twelve State Convention in Mattoon this past August 2016, Cornerstone averaged \$22.67 donated per member to the Wolcott fund this year. We plan to average \$25-30 next year, so look out everyone. Thanks you Mattoon for hosting this year's High Twelve State Convention and showing us some good old fashioned southern hospitality.

Now, let's turn our attention to some breaking High Twelve Cornerstone International news. As of this writing our very own State High Twelve President Joe Santisteban,

headed out to San Diego California to attend the High Twelve National Convention. Prior to his attendance he was asked to run for 3rd Vice President Position, but he was slightly surprised to return as our newly elected 2nd Vice President instead. I am going to let Joe explain this himself. But I do remember him speaking to us about this at our last Cornerstone meeting right before the State Convention. The bottom line, he said is you can always get bumped from any position if you do not do your job correctly. Those were some memorizing words for me.



Lady Lisa Marie Nokes Mark D. Nokes
Lady Cathy Curielle



David Abt Illinois High Twelve Secretary of the Year and 2nd VP holding Wolcott Patch for club donation of \$22.76 per member to the Wolcott Foundation.

Wolcott Foundation Chairman Malcolm White: Thought this might be of interest to you Brothers. Subject: Laus Deo. Do you know what it means? One detail that is never mentioned is that in Washington, D.C. There can never be a building of greater height than the Washington Monument. With all the uproar about removing the ten commandments, etc., this is worth a moment or two of your time. I was not aware of this amazing historical information.



On the aluminum cap, atop the Washington Monument in Washington, DC, are displayed two words: Laus Deo! No one can see these words. In fact, most visitors to the monument are totally unaware they are even there and for that matter, probably couldn't care less.

Once you know Laus Deo's history, you will want to share this with everyone you know. These words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high, perched atop the monument, facing skyward to the Father of our nation, overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the

District of Columbia, capital of the United States of America.

Laus Deo! Two seemingly insignificant, unnoticed words. Out of sight and, one might think, out of mind, but very meaningfully placed at the highest point over what is the most powerful city in the most successful nation in the world.

So, what do those two words, in Latin, composed of just four syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean? Very simply, they say 'Praise be to God!'

Though construction of this giant obelisk began in 1848, when James Polk was President of the United States, it was not until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public. It took twenty-five years to finally cap the memorial with a tribute to the Father of our nation, Laus Deo - Praise be to God!

From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments. From that vantage point, one can also easily see the original plan of the designer, Pierre Charles L'Enfant... a perfect cross imposed upon the landscape, with the White House to the north. The Jefferson Memorial is to the south, the Capitol to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

A cross you ask? Why a cross? What about separation of church and state? Yes, a cross; separation of church and state was not, is not, in the Constitution. So, read on. How interesting and, no doubt, intended to carry a profound meaning for those who bother to notice.

When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848 deposited within it were many items including the Holy Bible presented by the Bible Society. Praise be to God! Such was the discipline, the moral direction, and the spiritual mood given by the founder and first President of our unique democracy 'One Nation, Under God.'

I am awed by George Washington's prayer for America... Have you ever read it? Well, now is your unique opportunity, so read on! "Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." Laus Deo!

It is hoped you will send this to every child you know; to every sister, brother, father, mother or friend. They will not find offense, because you have given them a lesson in history that they probably never learned in school. With that, be not ashamed, or afraid, but have pity on those who will never see this because someone failed to send it on. Fraternaly, Malcolm White.

Michigan High Twelve Association: Past International President Presents Wolcott Century Club Certificate. The Masonic Pathways High Twelve Club No. 756 is

one of the most active High Twelve Clubs in Michigan. The club annually contributes a large portion of the Michigan Wolcott contributions from the Little Red School House.

Past International President James Satterthwaite, the club's Secretary is a very active promoter of the Wolcott Foundation and is always quick to help recognize a special contribution to the Foundation.



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ation Trustee for Zone 5 and PIP James Satterthwaite were on hand to help present Lady High Twelvia Carolyn Burkholder with two Century Club Certificates, in recognition of her continual contributions to the Wolcott Foundation.

The presentation took place at a recent luncheon and meeting of the Alma Pathways High Twelve Club No.756 in Alma, Michigan. Also present at the meeting was Most Worshipful Brother Walt Wheeler, PGM and a member of Furniture City High Twelve Club No. 236.

Brother Clark also gave a short Wolcott presentation and passed out copies of the Zone 5 Newsletter and annual Wolcott Contributions Report. A supply of the new 2017 Wolcott Pin was given to the club secretary and several were immediately sold to club members, who wanted to add them to their collection.

A Special Thanks goes to all the Alma Pathways High Twelve Club members for their continuing support of the Wolcott Foundation.

International Vice President and Delegates meet Wolcott Trustee Challenge:

The delegates to the 95th Annual Convention of High Twelve International Convention, held in San Diego, California in June demonstrated their support for the Wolcott Foundation by accepting a challenge from Wolcott Trustee Zone 5

Michael Clark, to match his \$20.00 contribution to the Little Red School House.

The picture tells it all and shows High Twelve International 2nd Vice President Joe Santisteban and Illinois State President; and Pennsylvania State President Jerry Hamilton with their \$20.00 bills ready to be placed in the Wolcott Little Red School House. The International Convention delegates contributed over \$300.00 as a result of the challenge.



Thanks to all the delegates for demonstrating their commitment to the Wolcott Foundation as the philanthropic organization of High Twelve International.

Donated by an Anonymous Member! This should be sent only to those whose level of maturity qualifies them to relate to it.

1966 : Long hair
2016 : Longing for hair

1966 : KEG
2016 : EKG

1966 : Acid rock
2016 : Acid reflux

1966 : Moving to California because it's cool
2016 : Moving to Arizona because it's warm

1966 : Trying to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor
2016 : Trying NOT to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor

1966 : Seeds and stems
2016 : Roughage

1966 : Hoping for a BMW
2016 : Hoping for a BM

1966 : Going to a new, hip joint
2016 : Receiving a new hip joint

1966 : Rolling Stones
2016 : Kidney Stones

1966 : Screw the system
2016 : Upgrade the system

1966 : Disco
2016 : Costco

1966 : Parents begging you to get your hair cut
2016 : Children begging you to get their heads shaved

1966 : Passing the drivers' test
2016 : Passing the vision test

1966 : Whatever
2016 : Depends

Just in case you weren't feeling too old today, this will certainly change things. Each year the staff at Beloit College in Wisconsin puts together a list to try to give the faculty a sense of the mindset of this year's incoming freshmen. Here's this year's list:

The people who are starting college this fall across the nation were born in 1998. They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up. Their lifetime has always included AIDS. Bottle caps have always been screw off and plastic. The CD was introduced 7 years before they were born. They have always had an answering machine. They have always had cable. They cannot fathom not having a remote control. Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave. They never took a swim and thought about Jaws. They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are. They don't know who Mork was or where he was from. They never heard: Where's the Beef?, I'd walk a mile for a Camel, or de plane, Boss, de plane. They do not care who shot J. R. and have no idea who J. R. even is. Mc Donald's never came in Styrofoam containers. They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.

Do you feel old yet? Pass this on to the other old fogies on your list. Notice the larger type, that's for those of you who have trouble reading. So have a nice day!!!! It is good to have friends who know about these things and are still alive and kicking!!!!

California High Twelve Association: Malcolm White, Chairman of The Wolcott Foundation, had the pleasure of presenting a Wolcott Club Plaque to Brian Bechler, a member of Fresno High 12 Club #10.



Brian is very active in the York Rite Bodies in the Pacific Northwest and is a resident of Washington State. The Plaque was presented to him in Bakersfield, California during the York Rite Bodies Annual Session this past May.

Florida High Twelve - The Villages High Twelve Club #674: The Villages High Twelve Club, formerly known as Tri County High Twelve Club changed their name because before The Villages Development in central Florida, the club recruited members from three counties. The Villages has now grown into a town of over 120,000 people and our membership is made up of almost 99% of Villages residents. It only seemed fitting to join the Villages Shrine Club, Villages Masonic Lodge, to become the Villages High Twelve.

As the Villages grew over the years the High Twelve club members, led by Brother Jack McCleve, started both the other organizations. Now we are all one big family. Our club continues to support the other two organizations by planning dinners and inviting all the members in the Villages. Our last dinner, which was held at the Ocala Shrine club had 108 people in attendance. We are planning another dinner in the near future and hope to break that record.

Each month our club has either a guest speaker or entertainment after the meeting. In August, we had only 27 members' sign up for the meeting, so we improvised and had each officer tell one or more jokes. BOY! Did that go over big! After we got started with the jokes, some of the members joined in and told one of their own. Strange how something so simple can go over so well.

At the September 7th meeting we are having a Sports Day and the members will be wearing some type of clothing showing off their favorite team; Little League, High School, College or Professional. We made arrangements with the Villages Charter School to have the Athletic Director and Football Coach as our guest speaker. We will also be serving a special dessert which will go along with the theme for the Sports Day Event.

At the October meeting we will have a German Band perform and will have a German meal served to the members. We try to make our meetings something to look forward to and the members seem to enjoy what we are doing. We have a new member that told us why he joined the club was that we do something different each meeting.

We know it is working for us and perhaps your officers could follow our lead and help bring in new members. In addition to what we do at the meetings, we took a day cruise on a Paddle Boat, played miniature golf and enjoyed a chicken dinner at the site and played different games. It may be strange, but our members like playing games and enjoying themselves at the meetings. Fraternally, Merv Harris, club President.

A Word from the Monthly Update Editor: What you are seeing this month really is the Monthly Update, even though it looks like the **Illinois and Michigan Monthly Newsletters**. Our new International 2nd Vice President and last year's Illinois State President has fired up the entire State of Illinois. The High Twelve Association and clubs contributed the articles this month and will hopefully continue in the future. The State of Michigan Past President and Wolcott Trustee Zone 5 Michael Mike Clark is adding up the miles he is traveling visiting clubs in his Zone and surrounding States. He has made several of the State Conventions, along with the International President Dr. Ronald Woods.

Now that I have told you about what they have done and are doing, how about each Associations and club jump on the bandwagon and submit your articles and photos for publication in the Monthly Update. Send in your articles about your meetings, awards presented to your members, special events or anything of interest you are involved with or going to be involved with in the future.

Remember the old saying, A photo is worth a 1,000 words! If you submit something just send the photo as a JPEG or other photo attachment and why the photo was submitted, listing the names of those in the photo.

All articles must be submitted to the Editor by email to update-editor@high12.org – handwritten or typewritten articles cannot be accepted. Articles should be received at the above email address no later than the 20th of the month.

Thank you for your assistance and support and let's show **Illinois and Michigan** that you can do as well as they do and maybe even a little better. Fraternally, Merv Harris, Editor.

Humor: A police officer was staking out a particularly rowdy bar for possible drunk drivers. At closing time, he saw a fellow stumble out of the bar, trip on the curb and try his keys on five different cars before he found his. Then he **sat** in the front seat fumbling around with his keys for several minutes. Everyone left the bar and drove off. Finally, he started his engine and began to pull away. The police officer was waiting for him. He stopped the driver, read him his rights and administered a Breathalyzer test. The results showed a reading of 0.0. The puzzled officer demanded to know how that could be. The driver replied, Tonight, I'm the designated decoy.

A man told his doctor that he wasn't able to do all the things around the house that he used to do. When the examination was complete, he said, Now, Doc, I can take it. Tell me in plain English what is wrong with me. Well, in plain English, the doctor replied, you're just lazy. Okay, said the man. Now give me the medical term so I can tell my wife.

It was mealtime during an airline flight. Would you like dinner? the flight attendant asked John, seated in front. What are my choices? John asked. Yes or no, she replied.

My three hundred plus pound of a grandfather loves to do karaoke. One night he was really into some heavy metal rock and roll song, even doing an air guitar routine. Well, after he was done a young fellow came up to him and said, You are a hip old dude! My grandfather snapped back, Who you callin' a hippo - dude?!?!

My wife curiously noticed that every time it was my turn to put the kids to bed they fall asleep in minutes. I told her that when I play my guitar it works like magic putting kids to sleep. She said I must be exceedingly talented because it works just like that with her as well.

A boy was assigned a paper on childbirth and asked his parents, How was I born? Well, Honey... said the boy's mom, the stork brought you to us. Oh, said the boy. Well, how did you and daddy get born? he asked. Oh, the stork brought us too, chimed in the dad. Well how were grandpa and grandma born? he persisted. Well darling, the stork brought them too! said the mom, by now starting to squirm a little in the Lazy Boy recliner. Several days later, the boy handed in his paper to the teacher who read with confusion the opening sentence: This report has been very difficult to write because there hasn't been a natural childbirth in my family for three generations.

The teenager lost a contact lens while playing basketball in his driveway. After a brief, fruitless search, he gave up. His mother took up the cause and within minutes she had found the lens. I looked everywhere, how did you do that? he asked. We weren't looking for the same thing, she explained. You were looking for a small piece of plastic. I, on the other hand, was looking for \$150!

A husband walks into the bedroom holding two aspirin and a glass of water. His wife asks, What's that for? It's for your headache. I don't have a headache. He replies, Gotcha!

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