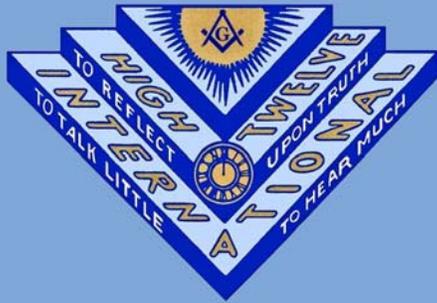


**Spring is almost here!** Now is the time to bring a friend to the High Twelve meeting, so they can see why you belong! **Think membership!**



## **High Twelve International, Inc. Monthly Update March 2018**

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**Congratulations** to our members and ladies, celebrating their Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event in March. Don't forget to make a contribution to the Wolcott Foundation, celebrating your happy event or occasion! Some members donate \$1.00 or more for every year they have been married. Seems like a very nice gesture on their part and a great tribute to a Happy Marriage with that Special Person!

### **National Medal of Honor Day -- March 25, 2018**



**Wesley L. Fox, 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps**, passed away on Friday, November 24th. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty, in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and the U.S. Marine Corps.

*One hundred fifty years ago, President Abraham Lincoln signed into law a measure calling for an award known as the U.S. Army Medal of Honor to be bestowed upon such non-commissioned officers and privates as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action, and other soldier-like qualities during the present insurrection. (The conflict referenced was the Civil War.) A provision the previous December had created a similar honor for the U.S. Navy. Since then, 3,458 men and one woman have received the Medal of Honor, the United States' highest military decoration.*

On the anniversary of the medal's creation, discover six surprising facts about the award and its recipients.

1. **At first, the idea of a Medal of Honor was dismissed as too European.**

During the American Revolution, George Washington established the first combat decoration in U.S. history, known as the Badge of Military Merit. After the conflict it fell into disuse, as did its successor, the Certificate of Merit, bestowed during the Mexican-American War. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, proponents of a new award made their case to Winfield Scott, general-in-chief of the Union Army. Scott, a respected commander despite being too feeble and corpulent to mount a horse in the waning years of his career, scoffed at the suggestion, saying it smacked of European tradition. It was only after his retirement that Medal of Honor supporters in Congress could introduce bills providing for the decoration.

2. **Only one woman has received the Medal of Honor, and her award was temporarily rescinded.**

A medical doctor who supported feminist and abolitionist causes, Mary Edwards Walker volunteered with the Union Army at the outbreak of the Civil War. Despite her training, she initially had to work as a nurse before becoming the Army's first female surgeon. Known to cross enemy lines in order to treat civilians, she may have been serving as a spy when Confederate troops captured her in the summer of 1864. Walker was later released as part of a prisoner exchange and returned to duty. On November 11, 1865, President Andrew Johnson presented her with the Medal of Honor, making her the only woman to date to receive the decoration. In 1917 the Army changed its eligibility criteria for the honor and revoked the awards of 911 non-combatants, including Walker. Nevertheless, she continued to wear her medal until her death two years later. An Army board restored Walker's Medal of Honor in 1977, praising her distinguished gallantry, self-sacrifice, patriotism, dedication and unflinching loyalty to her country, despite the apparent discrimination because of her sex.

3. **Theodore Roosevelt is the only U.S. president to have received the Medal of Honor, which he was awarded posthumously.**

When the Spanish-American War broke out, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt famously quit his job to lead a volunteer regiment known as the Rough Riders. Roosevelt and his men played a decisive role in the Battle of San Juan Hill and took part in other confrontations in Cuba. In 1916, less than three years before his death, the 26th president was nominated for the Medal of Honor, but the Army passed him over, citing a lack of evidence for his heroic actions at San Juan Hill. President Bill Clinton posthumously awarded him the decoration in 2001. Roosevelt's son, Theodore Jr., who served in both World Wars, also received the Medal of Honor.

4. **he youngest Medal of Honor recipient earned his award at 11 and was granted it at 13.** Born in New York, 11-year-old Willie Johnston enlisted in the Union Army alongside his father, serving as a drummer boy with the 3rd Vermont Infantry during the Civil War. In June 1862, overpowered by Confederate forces, his unit retreated down the Virginia Peninsula under orders from General George McClellan. Along the way, the men discarded their equipment to hasten their pace. Young Willie, however, clung to his drum throughout the march and was later asked to play for his entire division on July 4. When Abraham Lincoln heard about the drummer's bravery, he recommended him for the Medal of Honor, and Willie received the award in September 1863. In the 20th century, the youngest recipient was Jack Lucas, a marine who at just 17 shielded fellow squad members from grenades at Iwo Jima.
5. **The award is not called the Congressional Medal of Honor.** Contrary to popular belief, the official title of the highest U.S. military distinction is simply the Medal of Honor, not the Congressional Medal of Honor. The confusion may have arisen because the president presents the award in the name of Congress. There is also a Congressional Medal of Honor Society, which represents recipients of the Medal of Honor, maintains their records and organizes reunion events, among other responsibilities.
6. **It's illegal to wear someone else's Medal of Honor, but it's not illegal to pretend you have one.** U.S. criminal law forbids the unauthorized wearing, manufacture and sale of military decorations, and misuse of a Medal of Honor carries a particularly heavy penalty. In 2006 President George W. Bush signed into law the Stolen Valor Act, which imposed a prison sentence of up to one year on anyone falsely claiming to have received a Medal of Honor. (Pretenders to other military decorations faced imprisonment for up to six months.) The Supreme Court struck down the act on June 28, 2012, ruling that it violated the right to free speech guaranteed by the First Amendment.

*(Additional information can be found at [The Medal of Honor: 6 Surprising Facts - History in the Headlines](#))*

### **International President: William H. Haynes, PSP, (PA)**

Speak up for High Twelve - I recently attended the Congress of Grand Masters of North America representing High Twelve International. There were mostly Masonic Dignitaries there.

A High Twelve display stand was set up to attract questions which hopefully would attract members. Many stopped by the display. There were a few of the dignitaries that had never heard of High Twelve. I have encountered this also in visiting Lodges and various appendant bodies in Pennsylvania. The fault is mine in that I do not often speak of High Twelve. I am asking all of you to speak of High Twelve whenever you are in any Masonic meeting. I am not talking about a program but a 45 second invitation to the next Club meeting and what the program is. This should keep High Twelve in everybody's mind and hopefully bring in some new members. Fraternally, Bill Haynes, President.

## **International 1st Vice President: Joseph Santisteban, PSP (IL)**

Greetings fellow High Twelvians, Brethren, and visitors...According to my calendar, spring is finally here – at least it's supposed to be. It is a welcomed change, especially considering all the traveling I've been doing. Last month alone, I attended two Lodge meetings, three High Twelve club meetings, Masonic Week in Arlington, VA, a National Sojourners meeting, and had the privilege of attending the Conference of Grand Masters in Indianapolis, IN. My car finally can take a break.

The Grand Masters Conference was interesting, especially for someone who has never been to one. Our major duty was to man the High Twelve information table, hand out pamphlets and brochures, and answer questions. While we were there, our 3rd Vice President, Jerry Hamilton, and I talked about how to improve High Twelve's presence and image at next year's conference in Rapid City, SD. Below is on the left is myself and on the right is the Bill Haynes, International President.



I recently returned from Washington, DC where I attended the Wolcott Foundation Meeting. George Washington University (GWU) was our host and my time spent there was worthwhile. I got to see first-hand how the Foundation works. I also learned that it is held in high regard by GWU. The working relationship between the Wolcott Foundation and GWU is very good! I especially enjoyed hearing from some of the fellows (old and young alike) in attendance and getting to speak to a few of them. They talk with respect about Wolcott, and Masonry. In fact, one of them is a High Twelvian.



(L to R) Matt Dupee, Legal Counsel; Robert Morton, Trustee Zone 7 & Treasurer; Ercil Eschbach, Trustee Zone 2; Stanley Gardner, Trustee Zone 3; Tim Breslin, Vice President for Raymond James Investments; Randy Spaulding, Trustee Zone 6; Joseph Santisteban, International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Michael Clark, Wolcott Foundation Chairman & Zone 5 Trustee.)

I will be attending the DeMolay Legion of Honor function later this month. Also, the Illinois High Twelve Mid-Year Meeting in Springfield, IL will probably be over by the time this hits the press but I'm sure it will be as good as it has been in the past (more to follow). There are also other conventions coming up that I plan to attend. It's important that all of us attend different meetings and functions and share the good stuff that High Twelve has to offer. And always carry an application with you – you never know when you'll need one.

I probably should let those of you that are not aware of it yet that I will be relocating to Arizona. I don't have a date yet. It will depend on when my present house sells. I'm moving because of my family...they want me close by, which is nice. During my last visit, my granddaughters put their collective feet down and 'demanded' to know when I was coming for good. I had no choice but to comply. But I will miss all my Brothers and Sisters in Illinois!

Let me ask you two favors. Please open any email sent to you from High Twelve. There may be information in there that you *need* to know. Also consider attending our Annual Convention this year. There will be a presentation about the Wolcott Foundation. This is where changes about High Twelve are announced and the future leaders of our organization are elected. Be part of shaping the future of High Twelve International. As always, stay safe, have fun, and watch out for each other. Fraternally, Joseph H. Santisteban, International First Vice President.

### **International 2nd Vice President: Jonathan Dilley, PSP (CA)**

Welcome to March & Erin Go Bragh!

As an Irishman, I always look forward to this time of year when all the Irish come out to

play and even those who wish they were Irish sing and drink to the sound of traditional Irish music and the pubs are all covered in Shamrocks and Leprechauns! I myself will be blasting Irish Music around my house, in my car, and pretty much everywhere I go and it's comforting to know that I don't have to explain my madness...it's an expected tradition and there is always strength in numbers! That said, as Masons, how do we demonstrate strength in numbers. If a small group of us are engaged in a project, others might ask, "Who are those guys?" and the answer might return, "I think those are the Masons." That might be the end of it, however, if we can find ways to engage as a collective group of Masons all working together, the conversation might end with, "I'd like to join them!" When we work together, it can inspire others to do the same and it becomes an example that others can follow. We should always find ways to leave the world better off than when we arrived at or upon it. Let us promote our fraternity in this manner and I know there will be those who will take the necessary steps to join us. This truly is the greatest fraternity in the world...let's all polish our Shillelaghs and show the world why!

Lastly, I am looking forward to seeing those of you who are good enough to reach out and invite or publish your State Schedules so that as International Officers, we can schedule visitations. Otherwise, if you plan to be at our Annual, I will see you there.

### **FL Association State President: Donald Robinson**

In the month of February, a visit was made to Cortez Club #538, in Bradenton, FL. They had 23 members and guest in attendance and the meeting was capped off with remarks by the State President and a story about the adventures of the Lone Ranger and Tonto and their misunderstanding about a tent or the absence thereof. This club has added two new members since the start of the year.

At the January and February meetings, the State President installed the new club officers and also inducted two new members in the Highland Lakes High Twelve Club #566. This club remains very active and enthusiastic. There is entertainment and information at every luncheon including music and education.

February also saw a visit to Lake Worth Club #316 and a very enjoyable evening was held at the Tom Sawyer Restaurant in West Palm Beach. The next day, the State President and his Lady toured and walked along Ocean Blvd. and drove by the Florida home of President Donald Trump in Mas A Largo, where preparations were being made for a Presidential Visit. Several black SUV's with dark tinted windows passed by going the other way as we neared the mansion. A crew of gardeners was trimming trees around the edge of the property.

On a sadder note, the State President and his Lady traveled to Winter Haven Lodge to attend a Lodge Memorial Service on February 10th for Ed Ethington, Club President of Winter Haven High Twelve Club #782. Brother Ed was tragically killed in an automobile accident. Masonry and High Twelve mourn the loss of a tremendous brother.

The month of March will include a visit to Port St. Lucie on March 12th. This will be our second visit to the East Coast of Florida. Fraternally, Donald Robertson, Florida State

President

### **Villages High Twelve Club #674: Merv Harris, PIP**



Our club was blessed by a presentation by one of our members at the March 7th meeting. Reverend Ted Nace and a co-worker, Joan Toole gave a presentation on Doctor Norman Vincent Peale, whom they both worked with for several years. Doctor Peale is the



author of 100s of books on Positive Thinking and is known of by almost all Americans. Peale was born in Bowersville, Ohio, the oldest of three sons of Charles and Anna (née Delaney) Peale. He graduated from [Bellefontaine High School](#), Bellefontaine, Ohio. He earned degrees at [Ohio Wesleyan University](#) (where he became a brother of the Fraternity of [Phi Gamma Delta](#)) and [Boston University School of Theology](#). (Wife Kathy, Joan and Rev. Brother Ted)

Raised as a Methodist and ordained as a Methodist minister in 1922, Peale changed his religious affiliation to the Reformed Church in America in 1932 and began a 52-year tenure as pastor of [Marble Collegiate Church](#) in New York City.

Another highlight of our meeting was the return of Joseph Zapora, who has been recuperating from a fall several months ago and was finally able to return to the meetings under his own power. Welcome home Joe!

### **IL Association, State President Davis Liesen:**

STATES PRESIDENT 2017 - 2018. It does seem that time is fleeting. We no sooner finished with one quarterly report when another is due or pending. In my November report I tried to cover activities since the August 2017 convention and now I am reviewing what has happened since I submitted my quarterly report in November that was not timely published. Thus, I am somewhat at a loss to come up with an interesting report that will cover enough activity to justify the necessary printers ink to publish yet another review. I will do my best. Since August 2017 I have had the pleasure and honor to visit Abe Lincoln Club no less than 4 times and find the efforts of that club amazing as they struggle to keep the club alive. Yet, with the efforts of the few that do attend, the club remains afloat and active. Their weekly brotherhood and sharing speaks volumes as to their dedication to High Twelve International. Among the other clubs visited to date, are: Belleville #35, Quincy #40, Freeport #43, Jerseyville #762, Mattoon #89, & Moline #88. These 6 Clubs remain functioning at high levels, and I was pleased to be able to share in

the Officer/ Board Member installation of Belleville and Quincy. With 7 club visits under my belt, I am trying to arrange visits to: Cornerstone #772, DuPage #754, Illini # 768, Middle Chamber #725, Northwest # 769, & Oak Park #52, before August 2018. I cannot assure you, however, that all 6 visits will be possible, due to health issues and a demanding work schedule. All I can say now is, I will do my best to complete the task at hand. I look forward to meeting all of you again at our Mid-Year March 17, 2018 meeting, 11AM to 3 PM, in Springfield, which will be hosted by Abe Lincoln Club, at the MCL Cafeteria. Hope you will plan on attending. Fraternally, David Liesen

## **MASONIC EDUCATION The Search for Masonic Truth:**

Big T versus Little T.  
The Search for Masonic Truth:  
by Edward A. Rund, Past State Secretary.

**I. Opener** The whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me – Johnny don't you lie to me; I want the truth. – Ye shall know the truth – The truth shall make you free – the Naked Truth – Truth or Consequences – the game of Truth or Dare. All our lives we been exposed to the word, yet what does it really mean? We define truth as not a lie. William James the pragmatic philosopher defined it as What works. Philosophers such as Plato, Augustine, Aquinas, Descartes and Spinoza defined truth as the correspondence between mind and reality. Yet idealistic philosophers such as Berkeley and Hume said there is no such thing as objective truth – close your eyes and the world disappears. Those around us are just pretending to hear and see the same things. So, in the words of Oscar Wilde, the truth is rarely pure and never simple. Yet we must come to grips with it as Masons because it is generally agreed that the ultimate objective of Freemasonry is the persistent search for truth.

**II. The Struggle** As each of you likely has, I have studied and struggled throughout my years as a Mason to understand and apply the precepts of Freemasonry to my life. The fact that so many of these guides to an improved life are veiled in symbolism, allegories, and metaphors only make the search and understanding more difficult. I believe the veiling is done for many reasons:

1. To hide the content from the dilettante and the profane.
2. To cause one to struggle to learn and apply so its value is enhanced and lessons long-lasting.
3. To provide a level of abstraction permitting a broader scope of interpretation, thus offering greater opportunities for application.
4. And lastly, the developers of our ritual did not possess the full truth themselves.

Let's take, for example, a most prominent set of precepts – our principal tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The real meaning of each concept

is cloaked in the very veiling process mentioned above. How much more difficult the search becomes for the less frequently identified moral guides buried deep within our ritual. I found a good bit of discussion related to Brotherly Love and Relief, but only a small amount has been focused on the Masonic concept of Truth.

**III. Research** As I began to generally read up on the topic, even going back to ancient Greece and Rome, looking at truth from philosophical, religious, and ethical viewpoints, I began to slowly slip into a quagmire of confusion and complexity. At that point I decided to get help, so I set up a series of Roundtable Discussions, drawing in Masonic scholars and writers in the northern Illinois area. This proved to be quite helpful in organizing the general thoughts and concepts regarding what Masonry means by Truth.

**IV. Basic Concepts** To set a conceptual framework, I divided this thought into two categories: terrestrial, or what lies behind the nature of things, both animate and inanimate and scientific experimentation, or the search for truth through acquiring knowledge. The latter has brought us a great way along the path to understanding our universe. The other category is celestial, or what lies beyond our physical plane both in time and place, and the consideration of the Deity. This is unknowable, yet philosophy has helped us to speculate on our Masonic philosophy. I have labeled the first of these two categories, the terrestrial, as Little t truth. The second, the celestial, or what Mackey calls Divine Truth, as Big T Truth. The application of these searches is directed at what I call the continuum of totality: Little t = Birth, Life, Death; Big T = Afterlife, Immortality, Deity These are the great truths that we seek: Where did I come from, what is the purpose of my earthly existence, and to where am I going after death, or what we conceive of as immortality of the soul.

**V. Little T** Let's look at Little t first. In our First-Degree Lecture we learn about our relations to other people. Truth is the divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry. On this theme we contemplate and by its dictates endeavor to regulate our actions. Hence while influenced by this principle hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us, sincerity and plain dealings distinguish us, and the heart and tongue join in promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing in each other's prosperity. This, I believe, is an injunction against one of people's most destructive behaviors; that of making one feel better about oneself, by putting another person down. Thus, moral truth exists when our speech and actions conform to our thoughts. But how do we know what is true beyond our thoughts? Our relation to the tangible, concrete world beyond our skin can only be apprehended through our five senses. What data we take in through these and reflect upon becomes truth to the individual, yet it must be always subjective or limited to one's perspective. We are bound by the limits of our experience and reasoning or intuitive capacities of our minds. There are limits to what we can interpret and make sense of from sensory data. As Lucretius wrote, the failing to grasp truth is not in our senses but in our minds. This is a variation on the statement of Solon who was asked if he

had given his countrymen the best laws. He answered, The best they are capable of receiving. This holds for finding greater degrees of Truth, or lighter. We may approach truth (big or little t) in a variety of ways:

1. Rational cognition using reasoning and logic.
2. Practical experimentation, or scientific method.
3. Intuition and analysis.
4. Speculation.

**VI. Big T** The latter two seem better fitted to big T though. We must ask, How can our finite minds conceive of the infinite? I would suggest, no more fully than we who live in a three-dimensional world could explain it to one who lives in only the two dimensions of length and width. Yet one segment of this thinking says that the more greatly we know ourselves, the more we can grasp the Absolute (or Big T) truth as Deity is with us. We can never on this side of the veil, achieve full understanding of the continuum of totality, but we can approach it by persistent endeavor of introspection. It is the trip, not the destination. Victor Popov, a Brother and friend from Manitoba, summarizes this as follows: Indeed, we may find that the Craft's three degrees seem purposefully designed to incorporate truth in all its various forms. The First Degree stresses the importance of truth and of truth being the basis of correct living, living a virtuous life in alignment with principles of society and with Deity. The Second Degree stresses the importance of truth revealed through the application of the arts and sciences and through the five senses. Finally, the Third Degree offers us a glimpse of what may lie beyond ourselves, a transcendental glimpse that perhaps we can know more about ourselves and of Deity. The Third Degree offers us a chance to psychologically reinvent ourselves to cause growth and new awareness where before there may not have been an opportunity. We often think of being raised in the Third Degree as a symbolic resurrection into the immortal realm. Might it rather be symbolic of our being raised to a higher level of consciousness and exposure to greater truths'.

I will close with a quote from Bro. Albert Pike in his book *Morals and Dogma*. ... "we are not to relax in the pursuit of truth, nor contentedly acquiesce in error. It is our duty always to press forward in the search; for though absolute truth is unattainable, yet the amount of errors in our views is capable of progressive and perpetual diminution; and thus, Masonry is a continual struggle toward light. *Magna Est Veritas et Praevalebit.*"

#### **Just a little humor from the State of Arizona:**

A woman goes into the Bass Pro Shop to buy a rod and reel for her grandson's birthday. She doesn't know which one to get so she just grabs one and goes over to the counter. A Bass Pro Shop associate is standing there wearing dark shades. She says, Excuse me, sir. Can you tell me anything about this rod and reel? He says, Ma'am, I'm completely blind; but if you'll drop it on the counter, I can tell you everything from the sound it makes. She doesn't believe him but drops it on the counter anyway. He says, that's a six-foot

Shakespeare graphite rod with a Zebco 404 reel and 10-LB. test line. It's a good all-around combination and it's on sale this week for only \$20.00. She says, it's amazing that you can tell all that just by the sound of it dropping on the counter. I'll take it!

As she opens her purse, her credit card drops on the floor. Oh, that sounds like a Master Card, he says. She bends down to pick it up and accidentally passes a little gas. At first she is really embarrassed, but then realizes there is no way the blind clerk could tell it was she who tooted. Being blind, he wouldn't know that she was the only person around. The man rings up the sale and says, that'll be \$34.50 please. The woman is totally confused by this and asks, didn't you tell me the rod and reel was on sale for \$20.00? How did you get \$34.50? He replies, Yes, Ma'am, the rod and reel is \$20.00, but the Duck Call is \$11.00 and the Bear Repellent is \$3.50.

**PA Association, First Capital High Twelve Club # 668:**

High Twelvians. Our Speaker for the meeting will be Galen Holtzapple. His topic will be Classic 1903 Springfield rifle. The meal will be Creamed Chicken/Waffles. Fraternally, Carl

**THE WOLCOTT FOUNDATION INC.**

**Monthly News**

**The Philanthropic Educational Foundation of High Twelve International**

***Providing Graduate Level Fellowships at  
George Washington University, Washington, DC***



**The Real Purpose of the Wolcott Foundation  
Michael Clark, Chairman**

## **The Wolcott Foundation is An Investment in the Future of Our Country.**

Each time you put money into the Little Red School House or make a contribution to the Wolcott Foundation, what is it that you are accomplishing?

The Wolcott Foundation has gained wide respect in the field of education for its work in providing Fellowship Grants at George Washington University (GWU). These prestigious Awards are greatly sought after by the incoming graduate students in International Business, Public Management and International Affairs at the University. Fellowships are restricted to only those students who exhibit outstanding scholastic achievement, social awareness and service, and high individual moral standards. All qualities we as Masons admire and respect.

So what is it that sets the Wolcott Foundation apart from any other Fellowship or Scholarship granting organization at George Washington University or any other university?

We are the oldest Fellowship granting organization providing funds for graduate level students at GWU. Each Award carries a responsibility for the recipient. Each person chosen as a Wolcott Fellow is required to enter into a legal contract with The Foundation agreeing that he or she shall serve in a non-political governmental department or agency, or in a position clearly benefiting our nation in international business for a period of four years. Otherwise the individual must repay The Foundation for the educational cost from which he or she has benefited.

The thrust of the Wolcott Fellowship Program is to bring to the brightest of young people with an interest in government service and international business, an opportunity to become our leaders of tomorrow. For this we proudly say,

## **The Wolcott Foundation is An Investment in the Future of Our Country.**

So what is the real purpose of The Wolcott Foundation? It is not to promote Masonry, High Twelve or even the Foundation. However, the Wolcott Fellows are well aware that the money for their tuition comes from the Masonic Fraternity.

They learn from our conversations and publications, that High Twelve International and The Wolcott Foundation work together to raise the money required for each of them to obtain the opportunity to achieve their goals and dreams of public service to our country.

**No, the real purpose is shown below in the faces of some of the recipients of Wolcott Foundation Fellowships. These are the future leaders of our country in the many organizations within our federal, state, and local governments.**

**These are our future Ambassadors, Government Department Heads, and Government Representatives traveling throughout the world showing American leadership and managing programs that promote the good of the American people.**

**What is the real purpose of the Wolcott Foundation?**

**It is the education of those future leaders.**

**What better purpose could we as Masons support and promote!**

**Please contribute as much and as often as possible.**

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### **Wolcott Foundation Selects 2018 Fellows March 2018**

The Board of Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation proudly announces the selection of its fall 2018 Wolcott Fellows at George Washington University (GWU) in Washington, DC.

The Foundation recently re-negotiated its tuition contract with GWU in an effort to better utilize monies available from the Foundation investments for Fellowships. Each student will now receive \$15,000.00 per year for a maximum of \$30,000.00 for the 40 credit hour Master's Degree Program. This new arrangement allows for better tuition payment budgeting and growth of the Foundations investments.

The Foundation received 63 applications from students from all parts of the United States. The Wolcott Foundation is the oldest, and one of the most prestigious Fellowship granting organizations at GWU. The Foundation has awarded nearly 500 Fellowships since the 1960's. The Board of Trustees has selected the five (5) most outstanding students from the 63 applicants to receive a Wolcott Fellowship.

#### **Congratulations to the following 2018 Wolcott Fellows:**



Analiese Wagner  
Newberry, Florida



Alivia Roberts  
Shannon, Mississippi



Lena Nour  
Annandale, Virginia



Zachary Smith  
Washington, DC



Sarah Casson  
Brooklyn, New York

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**Article submitted by Laura Barry, Wolcott Foundation Fellow:**

Dear Mike (Clark),

I apologize for the delay in getting this to you. Below is my story. I look forward to seeing you in a couple weeks.

My upbringing blended my values and ethics to instill in me a vision of a future dedicated to improving the world. During high school, I discovered my passion for economics and the pursuit of peace when I took my first economics classes and co-founded Peace Club. I had the epiphany that I could use economics to achieve my long-term goals for peace through international development. Peace was no longer an ideal to be sought, but a concrete concept to which I would dedicate my career.

To me, public service is the natural outcome of the fact that we are better together. Globally, billions of people share the same dreams, the same needs, and the same drive to make tomorrow better. I want to be a part of that. There's the old adage that you can travel far if your team is all rowing in the same direction. My career goal is to be a coordinator and supply chain manager of international development work, helping to get millions of public servants, businesses, and individuals all rowing in the same direction.

Being a Wolcott fellow has allowed me to not only attend, but fully engage with GW to gain the skills, knowledge, and experience to achieve that goal. Those experiences are the reason I was able to spend last summer in Rwanda doing an impact evaluation on a project meant to integrate poor maize farmers into the local and international supply chain. My work and recommendations have been a single step in my career to serve the global pursuit of a better life for everyone. Peace, Laura Barry

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**Humor**

A young hiker is traveling thru a heavily wooded area and comes upon a Monastery full of friars and monks. He knocks on the door for directions, however is invited inside for Fish and Chips for lunch. After lunch he exclaimed that this was the most delicious fish and chips he had ever eaten. Seeing a chef emerge from the kitchen, he raced over and said, are you the Fish Friar? To which the reply was, No, I am the Chip Monk.

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The Sheriff's girlfriend constantly asked the Sheriff to get married. Girl: Please, marry me? Sheriff: I can't. I have to go catch the bank robbers. Girl: Please, marry me? Sheriff: I can't. I have to go catch the rustlers. Girl: Please, let's get married? Sheriff: I can't I have to go catch those who held up the train. Moral of the story: Some men would rather

fight outlaws than in-laws!

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Hello! Is this Gordon's Pizza? No sir, it's Google's Pizza. Did I dial the wrong number? No sir, Google bought the pizza store. Oh, alright then. I'd like to place an order please. Okay sir, do you want the usual? The usual? You know what my usual is? According to the caller ID, the last 15 times you've ordered a 12-slice with double-cheese, sausage, and thick crust. Okay, that's what I want this time too. May I suggest that this time you order an 8-slice with ricotta, arugula, and tomato instead? No, I hate vegetables. But your cholesterol is not good. How do you know? Through the subscribers guide. We have the results of your blood tests for the last 7 years. You know what, I'm sick of Google, Facebook, Twitter, and everyone else having all my information! I'm going to an island without internet, where there's no cellphone line, and no one to spy on me! I understand sir. But you may want to renew your passport... it expired 5 weeks ago.

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A man walks into a bar and says, Give me a beer before the problems start! He drinks the beer and then orders another saying, Give me a beer before the problems start! The bartender looks confused but gives him another beer. This goes on for a while, and after the fifth beer the bartender is totally confused and asks the man, when are you going to pay for these beers? The man answers, now the problems start!

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A counselor was helping his kids put their stuff away on their first morning in summer camp. He was surprised to see one of the youngsters had an umbrella. The counselor asked, why did you bring an umbrella to camp? The kid answered, did you ever have a mother?

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Did you hear about the banker who was recently arrested for embezzling \$100,000 to pay for his daughter's college education? As the policeman, who also had a daughter in college, was leading him away in handcuffs, he said to the banker, I have just one question for you. Where were you going to get the rest of the money?

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Sergeant: Private, I think the enemy soldiers are hiding in the woods. I want you to go in there and flush them out for us. Private: Yes, sir! But if you see a bunch of guys running out the woods, don't shoot the one in front, sir!

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