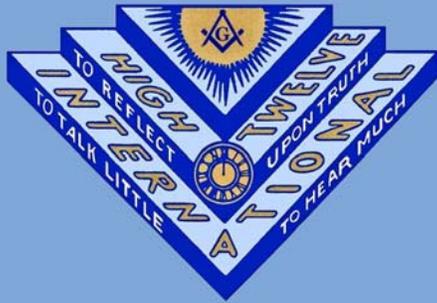


Spring is here! Now is the time to bring a friend to the High Twelve meeting, so they can see why you belong! **Think membership!**



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Congratulations to our members and ladies, celebrating their Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event in May. 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!



Among the many military holidays celebrated each year is Armed Forces Day. Celebrated the third Saturday in May, Armed Forces Day falls during [Military Appreciation Month](#) and joins [Memorial Day](#), [Military Spouse Appreciation Day](#), and Victory in Europe Day (V-E Day) as another May military-themed holiday.

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

Adieu. This will be my last contribution to the monthly articles as International President. The trip has been exceptionally memorable. I have enjoyed visiting the various State Associations and clubs and meeting the great members.

It is always good to be warmly greeted and received. It personifies the universal brotherhood that we proclaim. However, there are some who seem determined to destroy the brotherhood aspect of our fraternity. They pick an issue and continue to harp on it even after it has been dismissed in a parliamentary manner at a formal meeting. Not only do they continue to beat a dead horse but try to gain allies for their cause. This does no good to anyone as it causes dissension which in turn ends the warm brotherhood we are trying to foster and grow.

I am asking those dissidents to reconsider their motives and actions and try to bring themselves into the realm of warm, fraternal relations with each other and the various organizations and join the clear majority of High Twelvians who personify fraternal camaraderie.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving as International President. It will always be the high point in my Masonic life. Fraternaly, Bill Haney.

NOTE: Our International President started a new Program during his time as President and the results are as follows. Let him know you are proud of his endeavors to build membership in High Twelve. Comment from the International Secretary when asked how many new members were added during Brother Bill's term. All I can say is there were 109 base pins and 150 triangles issued. So there were 150 members gained AND had a recommended name provided.

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

Greetings fellow High Twelvians and Brethren...Wow, I can't believe that we're approximately 45 days away from our High Twelve International Annual Convention. This year should be another interesting and informative one. I'm excited and looking forward to our convention, however, I have mixed feelings. I'm not sure where I will be residing when the convention starts. I *assume* that I will still be residing in Illinois, but you know what happens sometimes when you *assume*. All I can do is wait and trust in Him.

We have good things going on in High Twelve and I look forward to maintaining them. I am a graduate from the don't fix it if it ain't broke school. I'm sure many of you have heard this, and it's still true. There are things that may need some tweaking, and for those we need the inputs and assistance from all our members. One thing that always seems to need improvement is communications. According to one definition, Communication is: *the act or process of using words, sounds, signs, or behaviors to express or exchange information or to express your ideas, thoughts, feelings, etc., to someone else. A message that is given to someone via letter, telephone call, etc. The way of sending information to people by using technology.*

I would love to see more articles submitted for our newsletters and High Twelvian Magazine from our Clubs, members, and officers. One of the organizations I belong to always sends a copy of our minutes up to headquarters. This is a simple way to get the word out about our organization and communicate with our members. I think special thanks should go to our PIP and Editor, Merv Harris, as well as our International Secretary, Kevin Hokerk. They have been communicating the High Twelve message for many years and are still going strong.

Our International President, Bill Haynes, has done an excellent job this year and needs to be thanked for giving of his time and energy. Please thank him the next time you see him...or otherwise communicate with him. I replaced myself with one this year, working with our Presidents program. I would like to know if the membership thinks this program is a good idea for recruiting new members, and should it be continued? Its innovative programs that usually work. 'Thinking out of the box' is not only okay, it is encouraged. Every organization that I've presided over, I've said the same thing, *if it's not illegal, immoral, or dangerous, do it!* Just make sure I know what you're doing.

I thank, and really appreciate, members like Bill, Kevin, Merv, and many others that keep our organization humming. We are the *Rotary* or the *Kiwanis* of Masonry and this needs to be communicated to all. I always use one of these samples when talking with 'unenlightened' Brethren. It also helps if you have a High Twelve application with you, just in case. I hope to see many of you at our upcoming Convention in June in Philadelphia. Until next time, stay safe, have fun, and watch out for each other! Fraternaly, Joe Santisteban.



Joe's Illinois home on April 15, 2018

View from Joe's new home in Arizona

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

After a very successful Festive Board in Santa Monica, California hosted by our new Anchor Bell Lodge UD and after much singing, readings of Masonic Poetry and great fellowship, I was moved to address an important topic in my May Article:

MOTHERS

Now you might be curious why I would think of Mothers at a Festive Board. Well, it is a very appropriate topic when you consider all that our Mothers have done. Now yes, we do have biological Mothers that we love and honor in May on Mother's Day, however, the Mothers that I refer to are the Mother Lodges to whom we were born and raised as Master Masons.

How often do we visit our Mother Lodges? To some, this might be a weekly or a monthly occurrence as we participate in degree work or attend a Stated Meeting. However, there are those who have long since left their Mother Lodges and have Traveled, both physically and Masonically.

We all represent a Mother Lodge and are united with the brethren born from within her tiled walls. Some have left for one reason or another, maybe to war and to fight alongside of brethren from other Lodges and have found comfort in the fellowship of the worldwide presence of those who have taken the same obligations that we have. Others may have found a new career moving their homes and their families to accommodate the needs of their new life pathway. Many brethren still remain and work to bring new men to be born of their Mother Lodge and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Take into consideration the great work done by our Mother Lodges in and of themselves in support of charity or Masonic Homes. While working in the community a Mother Lodge might impact many for good and inspire some to seek greater light in Masonry. These and more examples can be had of brethren working to bring honor to the fraternity and it is wonderful to know that so many Lodges have programs that will survive even if the brethren come and go.

During the month of May as we honor our biological Mothers on Mother's Day, let us also honor our Mother Lodges during the entire month through small yet meaningful ways. Acts as simple as a Call or an email to the Master of our Mother Lodge to encourage him in his year and thank him for his service to the craft can go a long way. Attend a Lodge Function, or make a contribution to a Lodge Project, or simply reach out to a newly raised brother and take the time to get to know him, reinforcing the fact that he is now a part of

the Masonic Family connected to great men locally as well as globally. If we will take the time to remember our Mother Lodge, it will not only strengthen the bonds that we seek for ourselves, it will also remind us all of the love that we have for Freemasonry and we will work harder to spread her light that she so freely gave to each and every one of us as we were raised as Master Masons.

God Bless you all and hope you all had a Happy Mother's Day! Fraternally, Jonathan Dilley.

International Secretary: Kevin Hokerk-Robinson, PSP (AZ)

Summer is upon us in the great southwest desert! Unfortunately, the winter/spring rains did not amount to much this year and we have had one major forest fire already which was caused by a careless camper that had an unattended campfire, when they were prohibited, which resulted in +11k acres being burned.

By now all members should have received in the US Mail their copy of the Spring Edition of the High Twelvian Magazine. Some points of interest:

- Notice of the upcoming 97th Convention in Philadelphia - page 7
- The secretary message on pages 7-9 - there is a lot of general information for all members.
- The Wolcott Foundation proposed Bylaws on pages 20-28 - a lot of work and effort has gone into the total process to get to this point between the Wolcott Foundation and High Twelve International. However, the work is not done! The Bylaws will need to be approved at the general membership meeting of the Wolcott at the 97th Convention. A quorum is required for them to conduct business - make sure your clubs PROXY page 35 is filled out and given to someone/anyone who will be attending the convention. Check with your state officer's - the State President is required to be in attendance at the convention. This proxy allows ALL MEMBERS of your club to be represented at the 97th Convention - Don't be lazy make sure someone goes from your club OR someone else is appointed.
- Wolcott Foundation financial reports on pages 28-31.
- 97th Convention Ad booklet information and costs, page 32.
- 97th Convention Registration form on pages 33-34 and it is available on the High Twelve International Website home page under events.
- The COMBINED High Twelve International and Wolcott Delegate Credential Form - this covers all meetings of High Twelve International and Wolcott at the 97th Convention.

If you have made your donation for the 2018 Labels Fundraiser - thank you - if you have not, please consider doing so today. A reminder letter will be going out soon.

The international office is in DESPERATE NEED of email addresses for ALL members. Every member with email should be getting this monthly newsletter but only about 1/3 of the membership receives it. Now, like the camper in my opening paragraph who ignored common sense and lack of judgement, many of the members that receive this email each month, some 55%, do not open this monthly eNewsletter. We can and must do better to be informed about what is going on in an organization we choose to be a member of.

2018-19 Per-Capita statements went out in the US Mail for the domestic clubs and via email to the foreign clubs - they are due and payable upon receipt.

Hope to see YOU at the 97th Convention in Philadelphia June 14-16!
Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson, Secretary

97th Annual Convention EVENT

PA Association:

We are pleased to announce that our Brother, Past Master, State Secretary and Past International President, Winton E. Hewitt 33°, received his 50 Year Masonic Pin and a Master Builders plaque on April 26, 2018 at Cassia Mt. Horeb Lodge #273 F. & A.M. There were several letters of commendation read by W.M. Brian Mattocks. Brother Hewitt is a dedicated Mason and is still very involved in the many Allied Masonic Organizations.



Winton being congratulated by RW Jeffrey S. Heller, 6th District DDGM, on being a Mason for 50 years.



Winton receiving his 50 Yr. Pin by his wife Audrey, being assisted by their daughter Carol Ann Knowleon with her husband Richard watching.



Winton being presented with his Master Builders Award plaques by RW Jeffrey S. Heller, DDGM.



Winton being presented a Five Star Award by William H. Haynes, International President.

Arizona Humor by Paul Weathers:

Out of the mouths of babes...My wife hosted a dinner party for all our friends, some of whom we hadn't seen for ages and everyone was encouraged to bring their children along as well.

All throughout dinner my wife's best friend's four-year-old daughter stared at me as I sat opposite her. The girl could hardly eat her food for staring. I checked my shirt for spots, felt my face for food, and patted my hair in place, but nothing stopped her from staring at me. Finally I asked her, Why are you staring at me? Everyone at the table had noticed her behavior, and the table went quiet, waiting for her response. The little girl said I'm just waiting to see how you drink like a fish.

AZ Association, East Valley Masonic High Twelve Club #765:

Thirteen homes in Mesa AZ were presented *Flag Certificates* by East Valley High Twelve Club #765 this past March for flying their American Flags correctly. This has been a project for the club for the past five years. Over the years the presentation of the certificates has brought attention to the

correct and incorrect ways to display the flag and had started friendly competition between some businesses to receive a Certificate. When presentations are made, the local newspaper is invited to attend and usually an article with a picture will be published.

This project was started by the clubs founding President Franklin Alger, Jr., who recently passed away. Fraternaly, Kevin Hokerk-Robinson.

AZ Association, Cochise Masonic High Twelve Club #703:



On 17 February 2018, Arizona Deputy Wolcott Trustee, Harry Brown: presents the Wolcott Foundation Wolcott Club Award to Brother Tom Jones, President of Cochise High Twelve Club Number 703.

The Wolcott Foundation Wolcott Club Plaque represents Brother Tom Jones' personal donation of \$1000 (10 Wolcott Foundation Century Club donations of \$100) to the Wolcott Foundation. Congratulations to Brother Tom Jones. Brother Tom is the eighth member of Cochise High Twelve Club No. 703, to receive the Wolcott Club plaque for their \$1000 or more donations to the Wolcott Foundation.

Home Schooled by Paul Weathers, Arizona:

Most of us over 65 were Home Schooled - in many ways:

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE - If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning
2. My mother taught me RELIGION - You better pray that will come out of the carpet.
3. My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL - If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!
4. My father taught me LOGIC - Because I said so, that's why.
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC - If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me.
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT - Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident.
7. My father taught me IRONY - Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about.
8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS - Shut your mouth and eat your supper.
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM - Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA - You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone.

11. My mother taught me about WEATHER - This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it.
12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY - If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!
13. My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE - I brought you into this world, and I can take you out.
14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION - Stop acting like your father!
15. My mother taught me about ENVY - There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do.
16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION - Just wait until we get home.
17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING - You are going to get it from your father when you get home!
18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE - If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way.
19. My mother taught me ESP - Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?
20. My father taught me HUMOR - When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me.
21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT - If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up.
22. My mother taught me GENETICS - You're just like your father.
23. My mother taught me about my ROOTS - Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?
24. My mother taught me WISDOM - When you get to be my age, you'll understand.
25. My father taught me about JUSTICE - One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!

This should be sent only to the over 60 crowd because the younger ones would not believe we truly were told these EXACT words by our parents.

More thoughts from Arizona International Secretary:

As we progress into 2018, I want to thank you all for your educational e-mails over the past year. I am totally screwed up now and have little chance of recovery.

- I can no longer open a bathroom door without using a paper towel, nor let the waitress put lemon slices in my ice water without worrying about the bacteria on the lemon peel.
- I can't sit down on a hotel bedspread because I can only imagine what has happened on it since it was last washed.
- I have trouble shaking hands with someone who has been driving because the number one pastime while driving alone is picking one's nose.
- Eating a little snack sends me on a guilt trip because I can only imagine how many gallons of trans fats I have consumed over the years.
- I can't touch any woman's handbag for fear she has placed it on the floor of a public toilet.
- I must send my special thanks for the email about rat poo in the glue on envelopes because I now have to use a wet sponge with every envelope that needs sealing.
- ALSO, now I have to scrub the top of every can I open for the same reason.
- I can't have a drink in a bar because I fear I'll wake up in a bathtub full of ice with my kidneys gone.
- I can't eat at KFC because their chickens are actually horrible mutant freaks with

no eyes, feet or feathers.

- I can't use cancer-causing deodorants even though I smell like a water buffalo on a hot day.
- Thanks to you I have learned that my prayers only get answered if I forward an e-mail to seven of my friends and make a wish within five minutes.
- Because of your concern , I no longer drink Coca Cola because it can remove toilet stains.
- I no longer buy fuel without taking someone along to watch the car, so a serial killer doesn't crawl in my back seat when I'm filling up.
- I no longer use Cling Wrap in the microwave because it causes seven different types of cancer.
- And thanks for letting me know I can't boil a cup of water in the microwave anymore because it will blow up in my face, disfiguring me for life.
- I no longer go to the cinema because I could be pricked with a needle infected with AIDS when I sit down.
- I no longer go to shopping centers because someone will drug me with a perfume sample and rob me.
- And I no longer answer the phone because someone will ask me to dial a number for which I will get a huge phone bill with calls to Jamaica , Uganda , Singapore and Uzbekistan .
- Thanks to you I can't use anyone's toilet but mine because a big black snake could be lurking under the seat and cause me instant death when it bites my butt.
- And thanks to your great advice I can't ever pick up a dime coin dropped in the car park because it was probably placed there by a sex molester waiting to grab me as I bend over.
- I can't do any gardening because I'm afraid I'll get bitten by the Violin Spider and my hand will fall off.
- Oh, and by the way...A German scientist from Argentina, after a lengthy study, has discovered that people with insufficient brain activity read their e-mails with their hand on the mouse . Don't bother taking it off now, it's too late.

P. S. I now keep my toothbrush in the living room, because I was told by e-mail that water splashes over 6 ft. out of the toilet...NOW YOU HAVE YOURSELF A VERY GOOD DAY!

FL High Twelve Association:

The State President and Lady Barb visited Triangle Commandery #38 on May 5th for the second annual 100 Knights Conclave held at Leesburg Masonic Lodge # 58, Leesburg, Florida. Eric Klienbach, 3rd State VP and Florida Grand Commandery Sentinel was also in attendance. Approximately 25 Sir Knights took part in the final ceremony after a delicious catered dinner. There were fifty Sir Knights, their ladies, DeMolay boys and a Rainbow Girls at the dinner.

On May 10, the State President and Lady Barb drove to the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Ft. Myers, Florida to attend the informal opening of Florida Amaranth Grand Court. He was one of the honored guest speakers and gave a presentation about Florida High Twelve history, the many good reasons for joining High Twelve and Florida High Twelve's full support both financially and personally of the Masonic youth groups: DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters.

The state officers will be convening a Governing Board meeting to be held at the Lake County Shrine Club on May 15th at 11:00 AM.

NCA Association, Des Moines High Twelve Club No. 4:

President Jerry Carlson...finally, the warm weather has arrived in Des Moines and hopefully it will continue to be nice and sunny. The month of May has a couple of notable holidays or events that are of significant importance to all of us, namely Mother's Day Sunday, May 13th and Memorial Day Monday, May 28th. Mother's Day is a time to reflect and celebrate our appreciation and gratitude to our Mothers who loved us, nurtured us, prepared many meals and kept us on the straight and narrow path to becoming productive and good citizens that we are today.

Memorial Day is a time of remembrance of the men and women of our armed forces past and present who have proudly displayed bravery, courage and valor under fire to defend our great nation and its freedom and democracy. God bless the U.S.A.! The American Legion website notes that May 25th is National Poppy Day and the poppy being a symbol of resilience shown by our veterans. In the past the AMVETS have distributed small green flowers with the message: Those who have honorably served and those who are currently serving. In memory of our honored dead - think of me.

Don't forget to sign up for the Ladies Spring Luncheon on May 9, 2018. The guest speaker is Professor Steve Riggo, Grand View University and his topic is Memories of the Chincoteague; the horse round up from an island in Virginia.

The menu consists of oven roasted pot roast, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans almandine, fruit cup and sherbet with cookies. See George Becker to sign up for this event.

You still have time to register for the North Central Association of High Twelve Clubs 72nd Annual Convention Friday and Saturday, May 11 - 12, 2018 at Home Lodge in Pleasant Hill. Please contact Bother Phil Enabnit. Fraternally, Jerry Carlson

PROGRAM SCHEDULE for This Month - Topics Speakers Prayers & Pledgers, May 2nd - V. F. W. Russ Saffell, Jr., Vice Commander Doug Stephenson May 9th - Rounding Up Island Horses Steve Riggo, GVC Professor Dave Ashby May 16th - Library & Community Engagement Sue Woody, Librarian Phil Enabnit May 23rd - Lutheran Social Services Megan Smith Don Cook May 30th - American Legion T. B. A. Scott Adams

OH Association, Downtown Columbus High 12 Club #453:



Photo of presenter Joseph Stewart, Deputy Trustee of Zone 4 of the Wolcott Foundation (in middle) with Club Secretary Frank Wright II on his left and Club President Joseph Fodor on his right. The presentation was on April 9, 2018 and was about the Wolcott Fellowship Program. Fraternally, George Kirsch.

PA High Twelve Association:

Once again it is time for us to make our Annual Pilgrimage to the Freedoms Foundation, 1601 Valley Forge Road, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania 19482 for our Spring planting. It is a wonderful time of fellowship and service, and I am pleased to invite all who can make it to join us for our work day. Wives and guests are welcome - please bring them with you. ALSO, if you have any old flags that need proper disposal, please bring them with you as well. They will be given to a Veterans' group who specialize in that ceremony.

Join us on Friday, May 11th. Assorted Breakfast pastries and coffee will be set up in the Martha Washington Hall from 9:30 am through the morning. We will do the planting and then go to the MacArthur Dining Hall for the John B. Law Memorial Luncheon at 11:45 am. Following a hot buffet lunch, we will enjoy a program presented to us by Dr. Phyllis Bucci, North Dakota.

We are grateful to Jeff Lees and his assistants for the work they do in preparation for our planting. They will do what work is necessary the day before, so that all is in readiness for our planting work. If you can give Jeff a hand, please give him a call.

We do need a count for the luncheon. Please RSVP and mail your check to Winton E. Hewitt with your payment. The cost for Breakfast and Lunch is

\$21.00 per person. We need to let Ludwig Catering know the exact count by Friday, May 4, 2018.

First Capital High Twelve Club #668:

Brethren...note the date change for our May meeting. It will be held on the 3rd Monday, May, 21st. This month's meeting will be our annual meeting to install your officers for 2018-2019. Please come out and thank your current officers for their hard work and dedication this past year. Also welcome you new slate of officers for 2018-2019. The meal will be Baked Turkey Pie. Have a great Memorial Holiday. Fraternaly, Carl Belcher, Secretary.

UPCOMING EVENTS - Annual Planting of Flowers at the George Washington Statue Friday, May 11th 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM - Spring Reunion Valley of Harrisburg Friday & Saturday, May 18th & 19th - Chicken BBQ Riverside Lodge #503 Saturday, May 26th 11:00 AM -3:00 PM Ticket Info 717-757-6914 - York Forest #30 Strawberry Night Wednesday, May 30th 6:00 PM - High Twelve International 97th Annual Convention, June 14th – 16th.

THE WOLCOTT FOUNDATION INC.

Monthly News

High Twelve International's Philanthropic Success Story

As members of High Twelve International, we are all very proud of the charitable contributions made to Youth Organizations in our communities by our High Twelve Clubs. Many of us have had or do have, children or grandchildren who participate in

Masonic Youth Programs and we are especially proud when we can present those organizations with funds to enable our Masonic Youth Groups to instill and encourage principled, ethical behavior in our youth.

Brother Wallie Wolcott had the same vision and purpose when he helped provide the first funds for what has become one of the most respected Masonic Educational Foundations in all of Masonry, The Wolcott Foundation.

As High Twelvians we can be duly proud of the accomplishments of our Philanthropy and the positive affects it has on the lives of young people seeking to keep our country safe, and at the forefront of international affairs. The Wolcott Foundation is now approaching its 500th Fellowship Awarded to outstanding individuals who will represent our country both abroad and at home.

The long list of public service accomplishments of Wolcott Fellows continues to grow every year, with Senior Wolcott Fellows serving our country as Ambassadors, Assistant Directors, Senior Advisers and Analysts in our most important government departments.

Our country's political and non-political leaders rely on Senior Wolcott Fellows as personal staff advisers and assistants, providing them with the information needed to make important decisions and policies to help our country's citizens in all types of scenarios. These career public service employees are the backbone of our country's

foreign and domestic policies.

So while many other Masonic organizations have trouble finding a worthwhile, successful and respected philanthropy to call their own, we as High Twelve International and Wolcott Foundation Members can hold our heads high and sing the praises of the successful work done by the Wolcott Foundation in the name of High Twelve International and Masonry.

Please continue to contribute as liberally as possible to your Foundation!

Michael E. Clark, Chairman
The Wolcott Foundation Inc.

Upcoming HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL 97th Annual Convention June 14-16, 2018 - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- Deadline For Hotel Reservations is **May 25, 2018**. The deadlines are fast approaching don't delay!
- Registration for tour and meals deadline is **June 4, 2018**.
- Convention Ad Book input is needed by **June 1, 2018** to Jerry Hamilton, see page 32 of the spring edition of The High Twelvier.
- Clubs don't forget to complete the **proxy form** and have your club represented. It covers all business for High Twelve International AND the Wolcott Foundation, see page 35 of the spring edition of The High Twelvier.
- State Association President's your attendance is required - if you cannot attend there is a proxy form for you to utilize.
- Club Masonic Representatives you have a vote at the convention but you must attend in person! Credential Form is located on the High Twelve International Website event page.

All Members: Be involved! Get involved! Have your voice heard! ATTEND! This is your organization and you are needed. This message was sent to you by High Twelve International, Inc.

Our good friend in Arizona Paul Weathers sends the best articles to me, and I would like to share this one, Short, Short Stories!

These short stories are all very good stories and make us think twice about the daily happenings in our lives as we deal with others!!

1. Today, I interviewed my grandmother for part of a research paper I'm working on for my Psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said; Success is when you look back at your life and the memories make you smile.
2. Today, I asked my mentor - a very successful business man in his 70s what his top 3 tips are for success. He smiled and said; Read something no one else is

reading, think something no one else is thinking, and do something no one else is doing.

3. Today, after my 72-hour shift at the fire station, a woman ran up to me at the grocery store and gave me a hug. When I tensed up, she realized I didn't recognize her. She let go with tears of joy in her eyes and the most sincere smile and said; On 9-11-2001, you carried me out of the World Trade Center.
4. Today, after I watched my dog get run over by a car, I sat on the side of the road holding him and crying. And just before he died; he licked the tears off my face.
5. Today at 7 AM, I woke up feeling ill, but decided I needed the money, so I went into work. At 3 PM I got laid off. On my drive home I got a flat tire. When I went into the trunk for the spare, it was flat too. A man in a BMW pulled over, gave me a ride, we chatted, and then he offered me a job. I start tomorrow.
6. Today, as my father, three brothers, and two sisters stood around my mother's hospital bed, my mother uttered her last coherent words before she died. She simply said, I feel so loved right now. We should have gotten together like this more often.
7. Today, I kissed my dad on the forehead as he passed away in a small hospital bed. About 5 seconds after he passed, I realized it was the first time I had given him a kiss since I was a little boy.
8. Today, in the cutest voice, my 8-year-old daughter asked me to start recycling. I chuckled and asked, Why? She replied, So you can help me save the planet. I chuckled again and asked, And why do you want to save the planet? Because that's where I keep all my stuff, she said.
9. Today, when I witnessed a 27-year-old breast cancer patient laughing hysterically at her 2-year-old daughter's antics, I suddenly realized that I need to stop complaining about my life and start celebrating it again.
10. Today, a boy in a wheelchair saw me desperately struggling on crutches with my broken leg and offered to carry my backpack and books for me. He helped me all the way across campus to my class and as he was leaving he said, I hope you feel better soon.
11. Today, I was feeling down because the results of a biopsy came back malignant. When I got home, I opened an e-mail that said, "Thinking of you today. If you need me, I'm a phone call away. It was from a high school friend I hadn't seen in 10 years.
12. Today, I was traveling in Kenya and I met a refugee from Zimbabwe. He said he hadn't eaten anything in over 3 days and looked extremely skinny and unhealthy. Then my friend offered him the rest of the sandwich he was eating. The first thing the man said was, "We can share it."

As the Editor of the Monthly Update, I am asking each member, Club and Association to submit articles and photos of happenings in your organization.

What you are doing as individuals, club and Associations can help others to find things to do to improve their own clubs and may even assist them in bringing in new members.

Within the past year our club has brought in fifteen new members and International President Bill Haynes added a twist to recruiting and International has a total of 150 new members. Each of us, who did bring in a new member can proudly display the Lapel Pin Brother Bill devised for those bringing in new members.

Now, our incoming International President is asking, **Should we continue the Program?**

I hope you let him know that you endorse the Program as it has started a fire in some of the clubs and we need the fire to burn brighter and brighter!

And now back to what I am asking you all to do. Please submit your articles and photos each month to me as the Editor of the Monthly Update, so we can have a bigger and better organization and let everyone know it. Also, your articles will be shared with the International Secretary and included in the semi-annual High Twelvian Magazine.

Finally, when you submit your articles, it shows that you and your club are fully supporting High Twelve. You can be a leader without having to hold an office; and improve the chance of building up your own club. After you have submitted your articles, let you members know what you have done and encourage them to read the Update, which is delivered over the Internet.

**MAKE A NOTE TO START COLLECTING INFORMATION
FOR YOUR ARTICLES.**

**DO IT NOW AND KEEP IT IN SIGHT,
SO YOU REMEMBER!**

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