

Hello Spring! 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!



The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. St. Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the [International Mother's Day Shrine](#). Her campaign to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers because she believed a mother is the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world.

In 1908, the U.S. Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday, joking that they would also have to proclaim a Mother-in-law's Day. However, owing to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, by 1911 all U.S. states observed the holiday, with some of them officially recognizing Mother's Day as a local holiday (the first being West Virginia, Jarvis' home state, in 1910). In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

Although Jarvis was successful in founding Mother's Day, she became resentful of the commercialization of the holiday. By the early 1920s, Hallmark Cards and other companies had started selling Mother's Day cards. Jarvis believed that the companies had misinterpreted and exploited the idea of Mother's Day, and that the emphasis of the holiday was on sentiment, not profit. As a result, she organized boycotts of Mother's Day, and threatened to

issue lawsuits against the companies involved. Jarvis argued that people should appreciate and honor their mothers through handwritten letters expressing their love and gratitude, instead of buying gifts and pre-made cards. Jarvis protested at a candy makers' convention in Philadelphia in 1923, and at a meeting of [American War Mothers](#) in 1925. By this time, carnations had become associated with Mother's Day, and the selling of carnations by the American War Mothers to raise money angered Jarvis, who was arrested for disturbing the peace. (Copied from [Wikipedia](#))

International President: Joseph Santisteban, PSP (IL):



Greetings High Twelvians, Brethren, and Ladies,

Would you believe that it now has snowed TWICE in April, in Illinois? That's probably another good reason for me to be relocating to Arizona. The first reason is my family of course, but this 'late' white stuff is another good one. Don't get me wrong, I've really enjoyed the time that I've spent here but it was not my idea. My family is all concentrated within 30 miles of each other and they want me closer. I guess they

still like me around.

This past month was a rather busy one for me. Early in April, I attended the 2019 33rd Degree Dinner. I wasn't sure if I could make it, then I saw the menu. Being a good Mason, I made myself attend. What good Mason would pass up a 7 course meal? Besides visiting all the Clubs in my area, I also took a couple of trips. On 5-6 April, I attended the Kansas State High Twelve Annual Convention in Hutchinson. We had a great time! As I expected, the food and fellowship were awesome, and the meeting ran smoothly. Congratulations to the new Kansas State officers.

Unfortunately, there was a sad moment in mid-April. One of the senior members of my church passed away and I attended his service. He was not a Mason, but he would have been a good one. He helped me acclimate into my new church and, when I was asked to be a Liturgist, he was my mentor. He will be missed.

On 19-20 April, I attended the Michigan State High Twelve Annual Convention in Flint, along with our First V.P. Jonathan Dilley and our Treasurer, Mark Nokes. We were asked to install the new State officers, which is always a pleasure to do. I got back in time for Easter service, followed by a fine meal. Aside from Masonry, I attended the Lake County Crime Stoppers meeting. There are three other Masons on the Board of Directors, where I serve as Secretary.

I've also been busy attending other meetings and submitting reports. Jonathan thinks that I devote too much time to the National Sojourners, and he's probably right. In fact, I was asked to send the President-Elect (Bill

Haynes) a copy of my military biography, which I did. I have an uneasy feeling that someone is planning something for me to do. I'm actually hoping to be able to spend some quality time with my family before going off on another adventure.

I'm not done traveling yet. On 17-18 May I plan on attending the North-Central Association High Twelve Annual Convention in Iowa. I always have a good time when I spend time with those Brothers and their ladies. A lot of folks don't enjoy travelling but it is part of my job, so I don't mind it. In fact, I look forward to seeing familiar faces, and meeting new Brothers and their ladies. Afterwards, I look forward to getting back home.

Remember to carry a High Twelve Application with you. You never know when you're going to run into a Brother dying to become a High Twelvian. I also want to remind you about our HTI Annual Convention in June. All the information and registration are on our website. As always, until next time, stay safe, have fun, and watch out for each other...Joe

Some humor from our President: This is a true (Irish ghost) story: John B., a Dublin University student, was on the side of the road hitch-hiking on a very dark night and during a big storm. The night was rolling in and no car went by. The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him.

Suddenly, he saw a car slowly coming towards him and stopped. John, desperate for shelter and without thinking about it, got into the car and closed the door...only to realize there was nobody behind the wheel and the engine wasn't running.

The car started moving slowly. John looked at the road ahead and saw a curve approaching. Scared, he started to pray, begging for his life. Then, just before the car hit the curve, a hand appeared out of nowhere through the window and turned the wheel. John, paralyzed with terror, watched as the hand came through the window, but never touched or harmed him.

Shortly thereafter, John saw the lights of a pub appear down the road, so, gathering strength; he jumped out of the car and ran to it. Wet and out of breath, he rushed inside and started telling everybody about the horrible experience he had just had.

A silence enveloped the pub when everybody realized he was crying...and wasn't drunk. Suddenly, the door opened, and two other men walked in from the dark and stormy night. Like John, they were also soaked and out of breath. Looking around and seeing John sobbing at the bar, one said to the other...Look Paddy...there's that damn idiot that got in the car while we were pushing it!

Chinese Medicine: A Chinese Doctor can't find a job in a Hospital in the US,

so he opens his own clinic and puts a sign outside: 'GET TREATMENT FOR \$20 - IF NOT CURED GET BACK \$100.' An American lawyer thinks this is a great opportunity to earn \$100 and goes to the clinic.

Lawyer: 'I have lost my sense of taste.'

Chinese: 'Nurse, bring medicine from box No. 22 and put 3 drops in patient's mouth.'

Lawyer: 'Ugh. This is kerosene.'

Chinese: 'Congrats, your sense of taste is restored. Give me \$20.'

The annoyed lawyer goes back after a few days to recover his money.

Lawyer: 'I have lost my memory. I cannot remember anything.'

Chinese: 'Nurse, bring medicine from box no. 22 and put 3 drops in his mouth.'

Lawyer (annoyed): 'This is kerosene. You gave this to me last time for restoring my taste.'

Chinese: 'Congrats. You got your memory back. Give me \$20.'

The fuming lawyer pays him, and then comes back a week later determined to get back \$100.

Lawyer: 'My eyesight has become very weak I can't see at all.'

Chinese: 'Well, I don't have any medicine for that, so take this \$100.'

Lawyer (staring at the note): 'But this is \$20, not \$100!!'

Chinese: 'Congrats, your eyesight is restored. Give me \$20'

International 1st Vice President: Jonathan Dilley, PSP (CA)



Time is a funny thing! One day, you're helping your local Red Buttons High Twelve Club #755 as a Member newly elected to the line and shortly thereafter you're a Past President of your Club newly elected to the State Line and not too long after that, you're a Past State Secretary and a Past State President at your computer typing your final monthly update prior to the 98th Annual Convention of High Twelve International having served as 3rd Int. VP, 2nd Int. VP and as 1st Int. VP!

It has been an amazing journey along the way, and I have had the pleasure of meeting so many great Brother High Twelvians which have supported, counseled, and guided me on this path. I have also had the opportunity to do the same for those who have needed support, counsel and guidance and this had driven me to push even harder to be not just good and not just better but to be the best that I can be in all that I do as a Brother and as a Mason.

Having just recently visited the State Association of Michigan, I am full of gratitude for the reception that each of the International Officers received during their time in and around Flint. There was good food, good fun and great fellowship. We even had the pleasure of hearing a report from our Wolcott Foundation Chairman, Michael Clark on the speakers scheduled to present at the 98th Annual Convention and how excited they are to meet the men of High Twelve!

Each year there have been positive changes in High Twelve International as our Officers have served and brought their experience and knowledge to the table and these changes have led to greater clarity and have even opened the door for new leaders to emerge and

serve and the 98th Annual Convention will be no different as we convene to unite our collective wisdom and carry on the work of High Twelve.

I am so humbled by the opportunity that I have had to serve, and I am ready to carry the torch if elected as your Int. President and will keep our torch burning brightly as we continue to light the way approaching 100 Years of High Twelve. The Centennial of High Twelve is rapidly approaching and we have a great responsibility to make this last year a memorable one to ensure the celebration of multiple future Centennials to come.

I will be traveling with my wife Janelle to this year's Convention so that you can meet the Marine who supports me through all that I do in service to Freemasonry. See you all in Chicago and let's make this a fun and memorable Convention for our current Int. President Joe Santisteban and if you have never been to an Annual Convention of High Twelve International, we look forward to seeing you and let's have some fun!

Fraternally,
Jonathan Dilley
International 1st Vice President
High Twelve International

International 2nd Vice President: Jerry Hamilton, PSP (PA):



North Penn High Twelve Club # 473 meets at William Penn Inn in North Wales, Pennsylvania twelve times a year. Ladies are always invited. Below is Mr. William Wilson a founder of the Bucks County Covered Bridge Society explaining how, when and where the covered bridges of the local county were built.

North Penn averages 50 persons at each of the monthly meetings. The William Penn Inn, established in 1714 provides a gourmet luncheon for only \$ 20.00.

It the social time as well as the food that makes this club popular.



This humor provided by Jerry Hamilton: A Past Master who was also a Past President of a local High Twelve Club discovered a bottle with a genie who promised only one wish. The PM said that he had always wanted to go to London and visit the Grand Lodge on Queen Street. The Genie instantly produced 2 first class airline tickets to London. The PM replied that he could not fly as his wife was afraid of flying. The Genie then produced 2 first class tickets for the HMS Queen Elizabeth. The PM replied that he gets sea sick and could not go by ship, but requested the Genie to construct a bridge so that he could drive.

The genie complained that it would take more concrete than is available and deeper stations that could be built. The PM as an alternate requested that he be able to confer each of the Masonic Degrees word for word without error. The Genie then asked if for that bridge; did he want two or four lanes?

International 3rd Vice President: Mike Haxton, PSP (KS)



Greetings! It's May already! Hard to believe, that a year has almost passed since the last International Convention. Coming up in June, the 99th International Convention in the Chicago area. I hope to see a lot of you there.

What I really want to talk about is communication. For instance, only about 25% of those who receive the Monthly Update actually read it. That means that we are preaching to the choir. Now I don't mind a good preach, but I'm asking you who do read this to **share it**. Take it to your Lodge Meeting or bring it to your Club meeting. Pass it around to your Brothers. Be a good choir member. You may even find a new member out of

it.

I have been asked what the secret of getting new members is. My answer is that there is no secret at all. Just ask your best Masonic friend, who is not a Twelavian to lunch. And keep asking until he comes. Then make sure that he enjoys himself. Some secrets just take a little work. My dad always said to make the effort and of course I resented it at the time, First you have to want to. As I got older I saw the wisdom in it. I want too, do you?

There is a job opening for Editor of the Update. Mervyn doesn't want to continue after June. I guess over a decade was enough? Having put together a Grotto oriented twelve pager every month for ten years, I can relate. The pay is great-the wages of a Fellowcraft. The work is frantic a few days each month, and the challenge to keep it interesting is challenging. So who would like to take it over? We are seriously looking for a volunteer.

The Life Membership is settling down to what I put in last month's Newsletter.

- Starts with the President's Club and \$300.00, of which \$50.00 is a donation to the Wolcott Fund. All Members who take advantage of this will automatically be a member of the President's Club.
- That gives you a pass on per capita for your primary Club.
- Adding Club and association dues to your membership will make you dues exempt across the board.
- You can do this with any and all clubs in which you are a member.
- Total cost is 25 times your club and association dues.
- You can bill out a President's Club life plan over a year by setting up a bank draft. Comes out to \$25.00 per month.
- If you choose to include Club and Association dues, then you can bill over two or three years, depending on the size of your dues structure.
- 90% of the income is the limit of how much can be used. This helps keep the corpus growing no matter what.

These are the salient points of the Life Membership plan. Should the first reading go well, we will flesh it out in legalese so only our Lawyer can understand it, but will protect us from the tax man as best we can. This is predicated on a 4.5% return on investment. Should it not be that, we will all suffer together. You can bet that it will happen some years. But there will also be some great years, with returns of 10% plus. In those years we can kick back some of the excess to the Fund, the State, the Club, and the individual, if living. Remember, fellow old guys, we are not doing this for ourselves except for the convenience of not paying dues. We are doing it to help, aid, and assist our beloved High 12 to go into our **Third Century** in 2121. Us Septuagenarians and above most likely will not see ourselves coming out ahead, but our generational support today will help keep us viable for the foreseeable future.

We are at the end of our First Century in the next couple of years, just a couple of years behind DeMolay, Rainbow, and Jobs Daughters. They have lost membership over the years just like we have, but they are coming back. ***Because they asked their friends to join.***

I don't ever want to hear from a sitting Grand Master that he has been invited to a state meeting only for the first time since he became a Mason. This happened in my state this month. I can say with certainty that it is the last time any Grand Officer is forgotten. How about you? Do you invite Grand Officers to your meetings? Why

Not?

My travel for the year is winding down. I will be in Texas in May and Chicago in June. I can't go to NCA because I cannot figure how to be in two places at once. ***If you invite us, we will come.*** At least one of your International Line, if not all of us. This is how we learn of what goes on in the trenches, and how you learn what is going on in the rest of our world.

We belong to you, we are your employees. We will go where we are needed and wanted.

My Home Club, Shawnee Mission, is starting to meet on the Fifth Saturday of any month that has one, and we are inviting everybody to attend. We are hoping for a good turnout of Master Masons and their Ladies. Not to mention DeMolay, Jobbies and Rainbows, and their parents coming too,

It's all good, if we make it that way. See you soon...Mike

It is amazing how much can be accomplished when nobody cares who gets the credit.

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



Club Secretary's take note: All of you have received the 2019-20 Per-Capita statements. They are due and payable upon receipt. If there was outstanding new/reinstated fees a detail list was included. If you feel the fees were paid please provide the date and check number so I can research.

The complete registration form for the **98th Convention** is available **HERE** and includes: meal and tour information, costs. All members with email addresses received an email 5/4/19. This information and other convention related information will be published in the Spring High Twelvan Magazine which is in progress and should be received the first week of June.

Just a reminder that if you have not mailed in your donation for the **2019 Label Program** please take a couple of minutes do so today, every dollar received helps! You can even donate online [here](#) (you don't need to have a PayPal account to use the service!).

Lastly, I am retiring after 10 years as secretary at the conclusion of the 98th Convention. If there is someone (fingers crossed) who would be interested in assuming this lofty position let me or any international line officer know with your qualifications. Those found qualified will have their names placed in nomination from the floor of the convention.

Illinois State Association: Illinois had their Mid-Year-Meeting in Springfield at the MCL Restaurant. A special thank you goes out to Abe Lincoln Club No. 38 (Springfield, IL) for making the meeting arrangements.



Left to right - Steve Hermanson 1st VP IL High Twelve Association; Joseph Santisteban International High Twelve President; Mark D. Nokes President IL High Twelve Association & International High Twelve Treasurer; and Terry Hills 3rd VP IL High Twelve Association

Also, attending the meeting was our very own International President Joseph Santisteban. At the Mid-Year-Meeting, Illinois voted again to support Illinois Youth Groups: DeMolay, Rainbow Girls and Jobs Daughters.

In the addition the Illinois State Association voted unanimously to endorse Mark D. Nokes current Illinois State President and member of Cornerstone Club No. 772 & Hamilton Club No. 414 for the position of 3rd International Vice President.

Secretary Charles Coffey PSP.

Illinois High Twelve cordially invites you to attend the 98th Annual Convention June 12-16. Please check the registration form in this publication as well as the www.high12.org. The Valley of Chicago Scottish Rite will be our host for the meetings in Bloomington, IL. If you are able to come early, there will be a Chicago Architectural River Cruise followed by brunch at Club Lucky (www.clubluckychicago.com) Our host at Club Luck will be Owner RW Thomas Kleiner. We have planned a wonderful tour for our Ladies on Friday at the Chicago Botanic Gardens. They will have a tram tour of the gardens and visit the butterfly exhibition followed with lunch.





Dubuque (Iowa) #119: Gerald Edgar



The High Twelve International 98th Convention Event and Registration, per our calendar, appears my wife & I will be able to attend. Your announcement of the convention sure is colorful!

Pictured is my Dad, who at his passing was the earliest living Past President of Dubuque #119 (& most prolific program provider!), my son (a Wolcott recipient) & myself on occasion of Dad receiving his 75 year DeMolay Award at age 92 (you had to be 17 to become a DeMolay in the 1930's!) Senior DeMolay & Masons all AND if we had High Twelve in Delaware, it would be three generations of High Twelve members!

Arizona High Twelve Association: Sun City West High Twelve Club #567

At the Club meeting on Friday, 12 April, the Sun City West High Twelve Club recognized the local youth groups with individual Club donations to each group. The DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and the local Boy Scout Troop that meets at the Sun City Masonic Center were recognized. Each group had several minutes to present what the group is doing and activities involved with in the West Valley area. Below is a picture of the representative from each of the youth groups with Club President, Jeff Samuelson.



The April meeting also included the induction of Don Winscott as a new member. Club President Jeff Samuelson provided the necessary ceremony for the new member induction. Below is a picture of Club President Samuelson with Don and Betty Winscott. At the Club meeting in April, there was confirmation of the Club's Lunch locations for the Summer.

At the Club meeting scheduled for Friday, 10 May, there will be a presentation by the West Valley Salvation Army about the summer programming for the area.

Any Master Mason is welcome to join the Sun City West High Twelve Club at breakfast and meeting on the 2nd Friday of the month. Spouses are welcome to join in the breakfast meal and attend the meeting. The restaurant opens at 7:30 AM and breakfast is available at that time. When paying the Golden Corral Restaurant, be sure to identify that you are eligible for those attending the Sun City West High Twelve Club meeting. For additional Club meeting information, contact Jeff Samuelson at 623.876.8911, jsamuelson14@msn.com



Florida High Twelve Association: Dear Fellow High Twelvians...I send my greetings and good wishes to each of you and your families. I hope everyone had a Happy Easter. The weather was great for hunting Easter Eggs.

My Lady and I were able to spend time with our grandkids. The Florida State Officers had a very productive month with an April 2nd Visit to Highland Lakes Club #566. On April 6th Worshipful Michael, PSP, State Secretary and I attended the 16th District Masters and Wardens association meeting.

On April 8th Worshipful Michael Hemphill, PSP, State Secretary, Worshipful Jim Davis, Sgt-at-Arms, Bro. Stu Davis, Treasurer Emeritus and I attended Central Florida # 547 club.

WM Eric Klienbach, State 2nd Vice President is the President of the club. The Central Florida #547 club was presented the RAY TURNER new membership cup. It is awarded to the club that has the most membership gain for the preceding year. (Way to go Brothers). We had a Q and A afterwards.

On April 11th I was invited to make a High Twelve presentation at St Cloud Lodge #221 and on April 15th I attended Orlando #435 club meeting and later that night Orange Blossom Lodge #80. Finally on April 30th we had a State Board of Governor's teleconference call.

The Florida Grand Lodge session is just around the corner. We will be having

a High Twelve Information Table again this year. If you plan on attending Grand Lodge stop by and give us the opportunity to shake your hand and thank you for your support to High Twelve in person.

The State officers have been asked to reach out to Lodges in their districts and make a presentation about High Twelve.

We have the possibility of a new club forming in the Ft Meyers area. We have been told not count our chickens until all the eggs hatch. But it still is nice to have a new club forming.

Keep all distressed High Twelvians in your prayers. We know that they work. Also, Include our Military and First Responders too. See you at Grand Lodge. Fraternally, RW Robert (Bob) T. Cunningham, Sr., Florida State President.



New member in April: Brother Richard Follette Jr. in the middle with Merv Harris, Secretary/Treasurer on the left. On the right is President James Hawkins. Richard is the Chaplain at the Leesburg Masonic Lodge.

Our Guest Speaker at the May Meeting was David Bishop, writer and publisher, who has sold over one and half million copies of his books. Several of us purchased some of his books and when I went home and started the book, I did not put it down until I finished it. What a great author! He also brought us up to date on the publishing business as it is today.



Two of our members are from the Philippines. Al Bondoc is on the left and has been a member of the fraternity since 1984 (25 years). The next member from left to right is the Sergeant-at-Arms Frank Charlton and the next member is Fortunato Santos receiving his 60 years Certificate and pin. The last member on the right is James Hawkins, current President, who is making the presentation. The members and their Ladies, enjoyed being at the meeting showing the two members their respect and admiration.

Pennsylvania High Twelve Association, First Capital High Twelve Club:

From the 1770's until 1910 there were over 170 iron mines and a handful of furnaces operating in York County. The mines can be grouped into districts based on their geology and ore type. The largest of these districts was located just east of Dillsburg where 10 mines removed 1.5 million tons of magnitude ore. Jeri Jones has a degree in Geoarchoeology and has been studying local geology for 40 years. He owns Jones Geological Services in Spring Grove, has authored several books and traveled across the region conducting programs and field trips. He is currently teaching at York College of Pennsylvania and writes a geology column for the York Sunday News

In March I went on vacation to Bradenton Florida. As I do often when traveling I look for information about Masonic Lodges in the area. For this trip I did some research and located several Blue Lodges in the Bradenton area and a High Twelve club close to my location. I called the club secretary and asked if I could join them for their meeting. They meet every Monday November through April at 11:00AM for lunch and a program. The wife went with me. At this club wives are invited to attend. Most members winter in Bradenton and

go north for the summer. I talked to one member from Ontario, CA. We were met by the club president Jeff Davis and received a warm welcome by all. After the meal a presentation was made about Disaster Planning for the area. So when traveling, not only look for Masonic Blue Lodges but also for High Twelve Clubs.

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Monthly News

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Wolcott Foundation Trustee To Retire

Stanley Gardner, Past International President and a Wolcott Trustee for over 20 years has announced his retirement from the Wolcott Board effective June 15, 2019.

Brother Stan has served the High Twelve Clubs of Zone 3 during his time as trustee and will be missed by all whom he served.

We wish Brother Stan and his wife Charlene Safe Travels.

Wolcott Foundation Welcomes New Board Trustee

The retirement of member Stanley Gardner in Zone 3 opened a search for a replacement from one of the five states within Zone 3. A month long search yielded one nominee. Brother Roger Hopkins of Texas will be announced as the new Zone 3 Trustee in June. Brother Roger will officially begin his responsibilities as a Wolcott Trustee following the Annual Wolcott Foundation Board of Trustees meeting on June 15, 2019.

Wolcott Class of 2019

Selection Process Completed

The Wolcott Board of Trustees met at George Washington University in Washington, DC from February 28, 2019 to March 2, 2019 to select the recipients for the Fall 2019 class of Wolcott Fellowships.

A total of 38 applications were received from potential recipients. The Wolcott Board of Trustees reviewed the top selections from each trustee before agreeing on the top six (6) applicants to be awarded a 2019 Wolcott Fellowship.

The names of the new Wolcott Fellows can be viewed at: www.wolcottfoundation.com

Wolcott Foundation to Feature Two Wolcott Fellows

The Wolcott Foundation Annual Luncheon will be held at **High Twelve** on Saturday, June 15, 2019 during the High Twelve International Convention in Addison, Illinois. The Luncheon will be held at the Scottish Rite Valley of Chicago.

The Foundation Board of Trustees is proud to announce that two Wolcott Fellows will make presentations during the Luncheon.



Alicia Roberts, a 2018 Wolcott Fellow, is currently in her first year of graduate studies at The George Washington School of Business.



David Okun, a 2016 Wolcott Fellow is a Country Officer in the Office of Children's Issues at the U.S. Department of State.

Wolcott Financial Report

Brother Robert Morton, Treasurer of the Wolcott Foundation has published the financial

reports for the fiscal year 2018-2019 on line at the High Twelve International website (high12.org) under the **Wolcott** tab.

Wolcott Annual Membership Meeting to be held June 15, 2019

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Wolcott Foundation will be held immediately following the Wolcott Luncheon at the High Twelve International Convention in Addison, Illinois.

All members of High Twelve International are also members of the Wolcott Foundation. Please plan to attend if you are attending the convention.

Note from the Monthly Update Editor: Brethren, would you like to be the new Editor of the Monthly Update? I started the Monthly Update over 10 years ago and believe it is time for someone else to prepare the Update.

Your REWARD is having more knowledge than many of the Officers and members about High Twelve and have people contact you for guidance on things they have an interest in. People will know you because you have social intercourse with them on a monthly basis and can let them know what is happening within the craft.

You will also have daily or weekly contact with the people, who contribute articles, photos and jokes and give you leads on things of interest if you just contact someone they recommend.

When you attend the Mid-Year-Meetings and Conventions, members and wives will find you to tell you things that have happened or will be happening and ask for your assistance in publishing something they have a great interest in.

If you have any questions concerning the position of Editor of the High Twelve Monthly Update, please contact me at 352-753-3505 or email at mjhhi12@centurylink.net.

Humor: May be a little on the spicy side but can't turn down a joke provided by one of our members.

An American touring Spain stopped at a local restaurant following a day of sightseeing. While sipping his sangria, he noticed a sizzling, scrumptious looking platter being served at the next table. Not only did it look good, the smell was wonderful. He asked the waiter, what is that you just served?

The waiter replied, Ah senior, you have excellent taste! Those are bull's testicles from the bull fight this morning. A delicacy! The American, though momentarily daunted, said, what the heck, I'm on vacation! Bring me an order!

The waiter replied, I am so sorry senior. There is only one serving per day because there is only one bull fight each morning. If you come early tomorrow and place your order, we will be sure to save you this delicacy!

The next morning, the American returned, placed his order, and then that evening he was served the one and only special delicacy of the day. After a few bites, and inspecting the contents of his platter, he called to the waiter and said, These are delicious, but they are much, much smaller than the ones I saw you serve yesterday! The waiter shrugged his shoulders and replied, Si senior. Sometimes the bull wins.

Two guys grew up together, but after college one moves to Maryland and the other to Texas. They agree to meet every ten years in Vero Beach Florida to play golf and catch up with each other.

At age 32 they meet, finish their round of golf and head for lunch. Where you wanna go? Hooters. Why Hooters?

They have those broads with the big you know what, the tight shorts, and the gorgeous legs. You're on.

At age 42, they meet and play golf again. Where you wanna go for lunch? Hooters. Again? Why? They have cold beer, big screen TVs, and side action on the games. OK.

At age 52 they meet and play again. So where you wanna go for lunch? Hooters. Why? The food is pretty good and there's plenty of parking. OK.

At age 62 they meet again. After a round of golf, one says, Where you wanna go? Hooters. Why? Wings are half price and the food isn't too spicy. Good choice

At age 72 they meet again. Once again, after a round of golf, one says, Where shall we go for lunch? Hooters. Why? They have six handicapped parking spaces right by the door and they have senior discounts. Great choice.

At age 82 they meet and play again. Where should we go for lunch? Hooters. Why? Because we've never been there before. Okay.

A golfer was enduring the most miserable round. Every shot he tried seemed to end in disaster. He and his caddie had trailed in and out of woodland, deep rough, a lake and countless sand traps. On the seventeenth hole he was left with a shot of 180 yards to the green. Do you think I can get there with a five-iron? he asked his caddie. The caddie sighed, eventually!

Mike Haxton Humor... 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses. The stables have turned.

One more of Mike's jokes. Far away in the tropical waters of the Caribbean, two prawns were swimming around in the sea - one called Justin and the other called Christian.

The prawns were constantly being harassed and threatened by sharks that inhabited the area. Finally one day Justin said to Christian, I'm fed up with being a prawn, I wish I was a shark, then I wouldn't have any worries about being eaten.

A large mysterious cod appeared & said, Your wish is granted, and lo and behold, Justin turned into a shark. Horrified, Christian immediately swam away, afraid of being eaten by his old mate.

Time passed (as it invariably does) and Justin found life as a shark boring and lonely. All his old mates simply swam away whenever he came close to them. Justin didn't realize that his new menacing appearance was the cause of his sad plight.

Whilst swimming alone one day he saw the mysterious cod again and he thought perhaps the mysterious fish could change him back into a prawn. He approached the cod and begged to be changed back, and lo and behold, he found himself turned back into a prawn.

With tears of joy in his tiny little eyes Justin swam back to his friends and bought them all a cocktail. (The punch line does not involve a prawn cocktail - it is much worse).

Looking around the gathering at the reef he realized he couldn't see his old pal. Where's Christian? he asked.

He's at home, still distraught that his best friend changed sides to the enemy and became a shark, was the reply.

Eager to put things right again and end the mutual pain and torture, he set off to Christian's abode. As he opened the coral gate, memories came flooding back. He banged on the door and shouted, It's me, Justin, your old friend, come out and sees me again.

Christian replied, No way man, you'll eat me. You're now a shark, the enemy, and I'll not be tricked into being your dinner.

Justin cried back No, I'm not. That was the old me. I've changed...I've found Cod. I'm a Prawn again Christian.



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