

HTI March 2019 Monthly Update

High Twelve International, Inc.

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To: Kevin <secretary@high12.org>

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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Monthly Update is published monthly by High Twelve International, Inc. at 743 Palma Drive, Lady Lake, FL, 32159. Telephone numbers **(352) 753-3505 or (352) 817-0707**. This publication is devoted to the interests of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc., High Twelve International, Inc., and its member Clubs for the benefit of Freemasonry and affiliated orders. Contributions of interesting, appropriate editorial matters are welcome. High Twelvians are invited to submit such material for publication. **Submit all articles by e-mail. Articles should be received by the deadline date of the 30th day of each month.**

Updates will be sent out the last of the month. Depending on the volume of articles, they may be carried over to a later date by the Editor. Articles must be sent to the Editor and not called in. **Mervyn J. Harris, PIP**, 352-753-3505 or 352-817-0707, Email address: update-editor@high12.org

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!



St. Patrick's Day By W.B. Mark Campbell, LEO of Cataract Lodge #2, Minneapolis, MN

We will shortly don our green, display our shamrocks and many will drink green beverages in celebration of St. Patrick. Why? How did this celebration of Irishness, Catholicism and all things green come to happen? Who did it and why?

The story of St. Patrick begins in 385 A.D. in Wales when Maewyn, a pagan worshipper, was born. As a youth, Maewyn was sold into slavery and became the slave of Irish Marauders. While in servitude, Maewyn converted to the Roman Catholic faith and after six years escaped to the European continent. He entered Marmoutier Abbey, a monastery at Gaul (Tours, France) and studied under St. Germaine for twelve years.

While at the monastery he came to accept his calling to convert other pagans to Christianity. He desired to return to Ireland – but was passed over in favor of Palladius, the first Bishop of Ireland. After two unsuccessful years Palladius was transferred to Scotland and as Patrick, Maewyn's adopted Christian name, he became the second Bishop of Ireland.

Patrick traveled Ireland for thirty years, establishing monasteries, schools and churches and successfully converting the Irish to Christianity. His efforts angered the controlling Druid priests and resulted in frequent arrests and persecution. Patrick prevailed and retired to County Down where he died on March 17, 461 A.D. at the age of 76.

The anniversary of his death has been adopted as a Catholic holiday since as was the custom prior to formal canonization by Rome. As such it was originally a religious holiday acknowledging his efforts and success in converting the pagan Irish clans to Christianity.

Many folk tales have been spread of St. Patrick but few can be substantiated. One tells of Patrick's use of the three leafed shamrock to teach the holy trinity of Christianity — the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. His followers adopted the wearing of the shamrock to celebrate their saint on his day.

How does a pagan youth become of interest to Freemasons in the 21st Century?

The first American instance of celebration of St. Patrick's Day was in 1737 in Boston. Boston — then as now — had a large Irish population and they desired to celebrate their heritage. No regular practice of secular celebration was established outside the church until 1756.

Col. George Washington attached to the British Army had pushed his troops to exhaustion during the French and Indian war. They had labored for days without rest or recreation, and Col. Washington, recognizing the large numbers of Irish among the infantry, declared the holiday as a day of celebration to allow the troops rest. In 1756 a celebration and feast was held at the Crown and Thistle Tavern in New York.

As a secular holiday, the first recorded event was when General Washington issued a proclamation declaring March 17, 1780 a holiday for the Continental Army — then quartered at Morristown, New Jersey. This was reportedly the first holiday in two years and was designed to honor those troops of Irish ancestry.

Washington is said to have remarked that the holiday was an “act of solidarity with the Irish in their fight for independence.” This may have led to adoption of the holiday as an act of Irish nationalism more than the honoring of a catholic saint.

In Modern Ireland, the holiday remained a largely Christian religious event until 1995. Up to that time, the religious nature of the day caused a law closing all pubs and bars on March 17 to allow proper time for prayer and contemplation. In the interests of promoting tourism, Irish law was changed and parades and pub focused celebrations were introduced to capture additional travel dollars.

Today, there are 33.7 million Americans of Irish ancestry, Catholic and Protestant together, nine times the population of Ireland at 3.8 million.

So as Masons, we have one more thing to thank General Washington for — the American adoption of an ancient druid celebration by a pagan turned Christian Bishop, to commemorate his success in converting the Druids and celebration of Irish-American troops efforts to achieve independence in the 18th century.

International President: Joseph Santisteban, PSP (IL):



Greetings High Twelvians, Brethren, and Ladies, Just for the record — I'm still in Illinois. As expected, I have been kept busy the first quarter of the year. Not only with High Twelve, but I seem to attract more (Masonic) work wherever I go. I was invited to attend the Charter presentation of a new National Sojourners Chapter, but I declined. I already had a High Twelve commitment on that day, which comes first. Our conference calls continue to be productive. By the way, the subjects of the calls are not secretive. For those of you who attended our Mid-Year, you got a condensed version of what we have discussed.

According to a report from our International Secretary (Kevin), there are 12 new members in the HTI 100K Endowment Fund. That is great news but let's not stop there.

Remember, supporting the Endowment Fund supports our organization for the long haul. You can sign up, and pay, through our website. This helps keep the topic of per-capita off our Agenda. It will help sustain the organization through the coming years. Before I forget, to those of you that are members of the HTI 100K Endowment Fund – THANK YOU!

Our 1st Vice President Jonathan Dilley and I attended the Conference of Grand Masters in February and it's safe to say, we had a good time. All the Grand Lodges in North America were represented, and there were tons of guests in attendance. Total registered was over **800!** It was interesting to rub shoulders with the top leaders of Masonry. I attended a few of their meetings and found out their views on a variety of subjects. We have some good Grand Masters, as well as the International Master Councilor of DeMolay! Also, thanks to our 2nd Vice President Jerry Hamilton; we were the only 'body' to give the Grand Masters a gift (see photo below) which I was able to place at their station prior to the start of their meeting. They got a kick out of the mini-flashlights!



We talked with Grand Masters from South Dakota, Alabama, Arizona, Canada, Paraguay, Spain, Bulgaria, and the incoming GMs of Oregon and Connecticut. Our display was a big hit this year and our location was perfect, thanks to Most Worshipful Brother De Wolf. I thanked him repeatedly for his assistance! We are very optimistic about the growth of High Twelve as a result. We may even see Clubs where none have ever been, and even a rebirth of Clubs.

I have been invited, and will be attending, three more State Conventions...Kansas and Michigan in April and the North Central Association in May. I'm looking forward to seeing my fellow High Twelvians and breaking bread with them. A Brother made a comment that *there must be a law that says a man should not be having this much fun at my age*. I told him I hope there isn't because I'm not done yet. P.S. Even my car is pressing on – it's close to 200K miles.

I hope everyone is still having a good time and enjoying your time with family, friends, and your Brothers. Don't forget always have a High Twelve Application with you. I handed three out at the Conference of Grand Masters. I think Jonathan did too. A reminder, our Annual Convention will be in the Rosemont area (Chicago). I wanted to centralize it like our Mid-Year. Our website will have more information. Until next time, stay safe, have fun, and watch out for each other. Fraternally, Joe.

I believe our President must be Irish... see his latest joke. A woman ran a red traffic light and crashed into a man's car. Both of their cars were destroyed but amazingly neither of them was really hurt. After they crawled out of their cars, the woman said, Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but fortunately we are unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should be friends and live in peace for the rest of our days.

The man replied, I agree with you completely. This must be a sign from God! The woman continued, and look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely wrecked but my bottle of 75-year-old Scotch didn't break. Surely God would agree for us to drink this vintage delicacy and celebrate our good fortune. Then she handed the bottle to the man. The man nodded his head in agreement, opened it, drank almost half the bottle down and then handed it back to the woman. The woman took the bottle, immediately put the cap back on, and handed it back to the man. The man asks, aren't you having any? She replies, Nah. I think I'll just wait for the police.

Now I know Joe is Irish: The Irish are always the first ones to come to the aid of their fellow man. Shortly after take-off on an outbound, evening Air Lingus flight from Dublin to Boston, the lead flight attendant nervously made the following painful announcement in her lovely Irish brogue: Ladies and gentlemen, I'm so very sorry, but it appears that there has been a terrible mix-up by our catering service. I don't know how this has happened, but we have 103 passengers on board, and unfortunately, we received only 40 dinner meals. I truly apologize for this mistake and inconvenience. When the muttering of the passengers had died down, she continued, anyone who is kind enough to give up their meal so that someone else can eat will receive free and unlimited drinks for the duration of our 10 hour flight. Her next announcement came about 2 hours later: If anyone is hungry, we still have 40 dinners available.

A short follow up by Joe: A visiting Priest was attending a men's breakfast in Ohio Farm County. He asked one of the impressive older farmers in attendance to say grace that morning. After all were seated, the older farmer began -- Lord, I hate buttermilk. The Priest opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going. Then the farmer loudly proclaimed, Lord, I hate lard. Now the Priest became overly worried. However without missing a beat, the farmer prayed on, And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw white flour. Just as the Priest was ready to stand and stop everything, the farmer continued, But Lord, when you mix 'em all together and bake 'em up, I do love fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what you are sayin' to us, we just need to relax and wait 'til You are done mixin', and probably it will be somethin' even better than biscuits. Amen.

Just checked with Joe and he told me that he plans on being a standup comedian after serving as the International President.

As the lawyer awoke from surgery, he asked, why are all the blinds drawn? The nurse answered, there's a fire across the street, and we didn't want you to think you had died.

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



What an amazing month it has been for High Twelve International, the new President's Club and the Wolcott Foundation!

The month started with a Trip to South Dakota for the Conference of Grand Masters in Sub Zero weather and plenty of snow to go with it. Along with myself and our International President the information table for High Twelve International was well manned and due to our PERFECT table placement at one of the main entry and exit doors leading to the Main Conference room were the keynote speakers, opening & closing ceremonies and other business meetings were held. As a result, we had the attention or at least the visual of pretty much all in attendance. We not only had a great time speaking with current and incoming Grand Masters, we also had the opportunity to explain our new President's Club Membership and how easy it is for those interested in Starting New Clubs or for those who just wish to join High Twelve on sight can do exactly that and become part of our International Organization of Freemasons having a good time!

I have also enjoyed speaking with the other International Officers on how we can build up the President's Club to increase our Membership across the Country with the potential to become new Clubs in States where Clubs are allowed or pockets of activity in States where Clubs are not yet welcomed. I know that it will be something of great continued focus during my upcoming year if elected in June since It would be inspiring to see new Clubs and Associations spring up into existence. On the other hand, consider the impact of 50-100 new Members of High Twelve International in a single year as a result of their becoming Members of the President's Club. As an experiment, we brought in two new members from the Conference of Grand Masters and they each had a New Member Certificate from Kevin within an hour of their submitting applications, now that's an accomplishment! One was submitted from Joe and the other from myself in less than an hour! Think what could happen if the Members of High Twelve International across the country were to invite new Members into High Twelve International using the President's Club as a vehicle of growth and how fast we could increase our numbers. The simple reality is this...with numbers come new clubs and Associations in a true cause and effect scenario!

Following South Dakota, I ended the month in Washington DC after having been invited by the Wolcott Foundation to allow me the opportunity to meet the Senior Past and current Fellows. It was not only magical walking around the district and seeing our Nation's Capital, it was powerful to hear the current and past fellows speak about all that they do and the public service they each provide or hope to provide following their education. It is another example of why being a Member of High Twelve is important as we make a true difference in the lives of so many. As a result of the support of our Members and thanks to the hard work of the Wolcott Foundation Trustees and the leadership of Chairman Michael Clark, there will be 6 new Fellows at George Washington University. I would highly recommend that you thank the Wolcott Trustees for their hard work when you see them in June and claim a moment of self-pride knowing that you are a part of that work as a Member of High Twelve.

Lastly, June is fast approaching and we will have the pleasure of meeting once again in Chicago for our Annual Convention. I am excited to continue my work with High Twelve International and I am truly humbled to be a part of such an amazing collection of Brethren throughout the Nation and in the World who can collectively claim the title of Members of High Twelve International. In two words, thank you!

Fraternally, Jonathan P. Dilley

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



Well, it's late February and time again for (drum roll please) the Monthly Newsy Letter! If you're a certain age, you know to what I allude. My local weather has been such that out of 55 days in this year 37 had snow or rain and cold. Don't forget the COLD!

My second Lodge, Daylight #452, was dark in January and February, but those of us who are not snowbirds met for breakfast. We even went to a movie as a group.

So let us speak to Spring, when the good Twelvian, even if he saw his shadow, is ready to begin frequenting his regular haunts. My local High Twelve Club has decided to add the fifth Saturday to our meeting days, to give Master Masons who work a chance to join us. I think that all of us could have some kind of regular 5th day meeting, maybe as an evening meet, to encourage our non member Brethren to join us. Sometimes the mountain must come to Mohammad. We need members, Masons need to eat. It's a match made in heaven!

I will be discussing our Sustaining Life Membership proposal with the SLM committee at the Kansas Grand Lodge in a few weeks. They have a good, if somewhat underfunded program and I will use their guidance for our proposal in

June. I am still soliciting YOU for ideas. I have had some great feedback so far, with questions that have helped me to solidify the program. Keep it up.

The Apparel website is under construction. Our **First Vice President Jon Dille** is working with Patchwork Pup's **Boss Glenda** to create an attractive web page just for us. You will be able to order and pay for your shirts right there, and look good at your meetings. For now, patchworkpup.com will get you there. Remember any shirt that you buy through them will give 10% back to High Twelve International, and that will help to keep our per-capita at ten bucks. So you get a nice polo or regular shirt with your name on it and the High 12 logo for \$20.00 - \$40.00, and you also help keep our dues low. It's a win, win situation. On a more serious note, we need to get our logo out there among our Brothers at Lodge, Rite, Shrine, and Grotto and wherever we meet, so that our prospective members will see it and ask questions.

One way to do this is with Beans for Blue, a program Kansas President George Arnold invented for Ankara Grotto. We go to a Lodge with our banner and information. We feed them after the meeting and give a short talk about our Charity. We don't say much in Lodge other than to identify ourselves and invite them down for dessert. It works wonders for membership, and especially for High Twelve, which sort of revolves around food. Try it. You'll like it.

Being part of a Progressive International Line has so far been an interesting and educational experience for me. My best friend was a Grotto Grand Line Officer and Past Grand Monarch, so I sort of knew something about the ins and outs, but every Body is different. The travel is the same, for sure, and so many Twelvians are also Prophets, that I see them all over the place. Preparing for an International Convention is also the same, and it truly takes 2 to 3 years to do it right.

What makes High Twelve different is what we are trying to accomplish with the Wolcott Foundation. No other Masonic Body takes such an interest in our government. The Foundation makes it possible for some of our best and brightest to be well educated and serve our nation in a non partisan manner. Such people raise the intelligence bar in our governmental service, thus making our government better. The world benefits from this, not just the United States. And as Twelvians we can justly be proud of this endeavor.

One last thing Brothers, readership of this newsletter is not what it should be. Ideally 100% of our members should be reading this, but really only about one in four does. SO, what I would like you to do is print this out and take it to your next Club meeting. Pass it around for all to read. And get everybody to get their email address to us so they can get it too. When you get it, OPEN IT! PIP Mervyn Harris works pretty hard on this every month. Reward him by reading it. I know that I'm preaching to the choir since you obviously open and read it, but print and pass so everyone else will see it. Thanks. I appreciate it. Fraternally, .Mike

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



Well *ole man winter* said Adios! Spring is in full bloom in the desert and with the winter rains all I can said is I am taking a daily allergy pill! LOL

SECRETARIES: Take note that the [March Online Monthly Report](#) is the basis month for calculating the 2019-20 HTI Per-Capita. So *please, please, please* submit your March report after your last meeting this month. If you need to do any "clean up," this is the month to do it, not next month! Statements will go out in the mail on Tuesday, April 30th. There is currently some \$342.00 in outstanding new/reinstated member \$3.00 fees that

will be re-billed with the 2019-20 Per-Capita statements. Remember, statements are due and payable upon receipt. There are still 10 club that have not paid the current year Per-Capita - these will be re-billed for 3rd time with the 2019-20 billing and are due and payable upon receipt! If not paid by the convention your club vote will be lost.

The 2019 Address Label fundraiser should be in all members hands by now. Please take a few minutes and send in your donation today. Even easier, you can make an online donation [HERE](#). We pretty much follow the normal return rate for fundraisers but if *everyone would donate something* this could be our most successful year ever!

As mentioned at the 2019 Mid-Year meeting and last months Update, I am retiring as your International Secretary at the end of my term at the 98th Convention with 10 years of service to you, the members. It has been fun but the time has come for someone with a fresh look and new ideas to take the reins and get us ready for the 100th anniversary in a couple of years. If interested please contact this office or any other international officer.

Information for the **98th Convention**, June 12-16, 2019, has been posted to the website [HERE](#). it will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Addison in Addison IL (*suburb of Chicago*) and across the street from the Shrine Temple and down the street from the Scottish Rite building. Room rates are \$112 king or double. There will be free parking and internet service. The detail tour information and meals should be finalized this week and the registration form posted. You CAN make your hotel and travel arrangements in the meantime.

The following is the Treasurer's February 28, 2019 HTI Balance Sheet.

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Cash Basis

High Twelve International - Investments

Balance Sheet

As of February 28, 2019

	Feb 28, 19
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HTI - Business Premium Savings	25,013.53
HTI - Checking General Funds	20,622.53
Total Checking/Savings	45,636.06
Total Current Assets	45,636.06
Other Assets	
Restricted Assets	
HTI - Endowment Fund	190,573.51
HTI - Wally's Expansion Fund	145,665.08
Total Restricted Assets	336,238.59
Total Other Assets	336,238.59
TOTAL ASSETS	381,874.65

THE WOLCOTT FOUNDATION INC.

Monthly News

The Philanthropic Educational Foundation of High Twelve International

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



Brothers of High Twelve International:

Just a quick rundown on what transpired at the Wolcott Fellow Selection Meeting in Washington, DC this month.

36 applications received - 6 Fellowships Awarded

\$30,000.00 per student will be paid by The Wolcott Foundation for two year degree. Tuition for GWU is \$76,000.00 for two year Master's Degree. All Wolcott Fellows will be assisted by GWU to find remaining \$46,000.00 tuition balance over Wolcott award.

We had 20 Senior Fellows at the Thursday night reception. We had all 7 current Fellows at the Saturday morning brunch.

So far this year High Twelve Clubs have contributed a little over \$9,000.00 from the Little Red School House. Last year we were over \$20,000.00 at this time.

All Wolcott financial reports will be published in the spring edition of *The High Twelvian* as well as here.

We will have a more in-depth report for you in the April Monthly Update



The following end of 2nd quarter financial reports for your Wolcott Foundation, submitted by Robert Morton, Trustee and Treasurer:

The Wolcott Foundation, Inc.
Contributions By Zone / By Trustee
By Qtr / Year-To-date
01-May-2018 through 30-April-2019

as of: 15-Dec-2018]

Trustee:	Ercil Eschbach [Malcom White]	Stanley Gardner	Michael Clark	Randy Spaulding	Robert Morton	Un-classified + +++ Annual Convention	2018 - 2019 Cum 2nd QTR Y-T-D	2017 - 2018 Cum 1st QTR Y-T-D
	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7		TOTAL \$'s	TOTAL \$'s
1st Qtr - Contributions	\$1,250.00	\$377.00	\$2,151.00	\$0.00	\$286.00	\$1,176.00	\$5,240.00	
CUM 1st Qtr Y-T-D								
as of: 30-Jul-2018	\$1,250.00	\$377.00	\$2,151.00	\$0.00	\$286.00	\$1,176.00	\$5,240.00	\$6,558.51
2nd Qtr - Contributions	\$1,640.59	\$636.00	\$877.00	\$180.00	\$651.00	\$0.00	\$3,984.59	
CUM 2nd Qtr Y-T-D								
as of: 31-Oct-2018	\$2,890.59	\$1,013.00	\$3,028.00	\$180.00	\$937.00	\$1,176.00	\$9,224.59	\$13,570.51
3rd Qtr - Contributions								
CUM 3rd Qtr Y-T-D								
as of: 31-Jan-2019								
4th Qtr - Contributions								
CUM 4thQtr Y-T-D								
as of: 30-Apr-2019								
From "Quick Books":								
400 - Contributions	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$2,093.00	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$1,176.00	\$3,649.00	
401 - Endowt Fund	\$2,690.59	\$1,013.00	\$935.00	\$0.00	\$937.00	\$0.00	\$5,575.59	
403- Fellow/p Fund								
Net Income	\$2,890.59	\$1,013.00	\$3,028.00	\$180.00	\$937.00	\$1,176.00	\$9,224.59	\$13,570.51
R. Morton Wolcott Foundation Trustee and Treasurer							CUM 2nd Qtr Y-T-D	Contributions Off ~ -32 %

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Fiscal ADMINISTRATIVE Budget 01-May-2018 through 31-April-2019

[as of 31-Oct-2018]

Budget Actual through 3rd QTR 2018-2019		Admin Budget: Projected	ACTUAL through 2nd QTR
General Administration			
Administration - Stipend [Pd. - 4Q/1Q/2Q/3Q]	\$8,000.00		\$7,500.00
Office / Computer Supplies [Dell 3472 Computer]	\$700.00		\$1,041.59
Postage and Shipping [M.C. postage\$56.85+ Stamps\$50.]	\$150.00		\$106.85
> Post Office Box rental	\$240.00		\$250.00
Printing / Lapel Pins / Award Patches [Lapel Pins]	\$3,000.00		\$1,687.12
Telephone	\$0.00		\$0.00
Audit and Bookkeeping			
> Preparation of IRS Form 990 [Kimmel,Lorah & Assoc.]	\$4,000.00		
Miscellaneous [Safeguard Checks] [Mem'l Flowers-White/Spaulding]	\$700.00		\$388.48
Total Administration	\$16,790.00	\$16,790.00	\$10,974.04
Zone Administration			
Trustee Office Expense			
> Trustees Expenses [8] @ \$250	\$2,000.00		\$0.00
Total Zone Expenses		\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Travel Expenses			
> Annual Board Meeting - Washington, DC [Feb-28-2019]	\$20,000.00		
> Chr'mn, Add'l Trvl Exp's []	\$700.00		\$0.00
> GWU Provost Mt'g []	\$1,000.00		\$0.00
> High Twelve International 97th Convention [Jun-14-16]	\$17,000.00		\$9,900.45
> High Twelve International Mid-Year Convention			
> Travel expense for closest Trustee to attend	\$2,000.00		
Total Travel Expenses		\$40,700.00	\$9,900.45
Other Expenses			
Investment Fees [~1% of Security portion of Portfolio]	\$10,000.00		
Website Maintenance			
> Webmaster Salary	\$1,600.00		
> Webmaster - Fees and Licenses	\$100.00		\$0.00
Promotion and Awards [Plaque \$101.62]	\$750.00		\$101.62
Other licenses and fees [State of Missouri]	\$50.00		
Insurance Indemnity Bonding			
> Security Bonding [Evans Houseman]	\$2,400.00		\$1,711.00
> Miscellaneous [Selective Insurance]	\$350.00		\$261.00
Total Other Expense	\$15,250.00	\$15,200.00	\$2,073.62
Total ADMINISTRATIVE Budget For the Wolcott Foundation **		\$74,690.00	\$22,948.11
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Wolcott Foundation Fiscal 2018-2019 Admin. Budget 2nd Qtr YTD

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Illinois High Twelve Association:

Brother President's and Secretary's: Another reminder that the Mid-Year-Meeting of the Illinois Association of Masonic High 12 Clubs will be held Saturday March 16, 2019 in Springfield, hosted by the Abe Lincoln Club at the MLC Cafeteria, 2151 Wabash Avenue, Springfield, IL. We will plan on eating at 11:00 AM and the meeting should be adjourned no later than 3:00 PM. Thank you,

Illinois High Twelve Association, Northwest High Twelve Club N#769:

At our February meeting, President Joe Pegoraro introduced Brother Elliott Volez, retired Chicago Fire Department paramedic as a 32 year veteran. Brother Volez showed his helmet to illustrate the weight (gets heavier after a six-hour to 12 hour shift), smoke detector, and even an oxygen mask for pets. With 2.7 million individuals in Chicago, the Fire Department is blessed with paramedics on 65 fire trucks and 80 ambulance vehicles. The shifts are 24 hours on with three days off. There are opportunities for extra shifts but fatigue and mental problems are the personal penalties.



Brother Chuck Masny and wife Linda verified the helmet's weight. Eight members and six guests attended this excellent meeting.

International Treasurer Mark D. Nokes, PSP (IL):



We have been busy keeping the books and records of High Twelve International but we also have some fun

time to be with our fellow High Twelvian and Masonic Brothers & Sisters.

As a member of Palatine Lodge, No, 314 in Palatine, IL. We sponsor 3 high schools for Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl. Fremd, Palatine and Schaumburg are the three schools we sponsor. Additionally, our Lodge will offer a scholarship to each high school we sponsor as well as one for affiliation.

As a lodge we are proud to announce that Palatine took first and Fremd took second. Palatine traveled to the state finals and finished with a won-loss record of 2-2.

What is the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl? The Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl is an Academic Knowledge Competition between Illinois High School Scholastic Bowl Teams.

This is an annual tournament sponsored by the Masons of Illinois and is coordinated through the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois. There is no cost to the schools to compete.

The goal is to ***provide positive recognition for academic excellence***. Here are few pictures from the Sectional at Fremd High School.



Palatine High School Sectional Champions 2019 for 3A



**Respectfully submitted, Mark D. Nokes Treasurer, High 12 International
Florida High Twelve Association, Villages High Twelve Club #674:**

Our club is doing much better in attendance by moving to a new location. Beginning in January we have been attending our meetings at the oldest Country Club in The Villages. At the old location we were only having about 19 members and guest in attendance. In January and February we had 29 people in attendance. It was a win, win situation on making the move. Instead of catered meals, our members and guest can order from the menu and eat what they like. Maybe we should have made the move a long time ago. Palatine High School at State Finals in Bloomington, IL Hope to see you in June at the Convention for High Twelve

At the meeting this month we had a group of ladies put on a show and it was enjoyed by all in attendance. Our club has entertainment about 6 times a year and speakers 4 times. The members really enjoy the entertainment but we have to watch our dollars as most clubs do.

The Board of Directors selected the Secretary Merv Harris as the High Twelvian of the Year. It was presented by the club President Jim Hawkins, along with a golf shirt indicating Merv as the club's High Twelvian for 2019.



Pictured from left to right is Florida State High Twelve Association, 1st Vice President Eric Klienbach, Central Florida High Twelve Club #547, PIP Merv Harris and club President Jim Hawkins.

Pennsylvania High Twelve Association, First Capital High Twelve Club:

Our March speaker will be Nicholas Mahler, who is the Director of Sales, Admissions and Outreach for the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. He will be talking about the various areas of his responsibilities at the Masonic Village. Our meal for the March meeting will be Chicken Cordon Blue.

Arnold Page High Twelve Club #298 United Kingdom:

Brethren and Ladies. I requested an article from the UK club and although it is a bit late in being published, it seems like we just missed deadlines by a couple of days but here it is in its entirety. Article provided by Darrell C Russell, Secretary, APHTC 298

This portion is the email of our conversation. Brother Merv, I hope this finds you well. I hope this is not too little, too late. I know you asked for this in December but I seemed to have missed this in the run up to Christmas. I know I have missed the January Monthly Update and this may be old news. But I will send it along anyway.

I apologize for the lateness; I am heavily involved with volunteering at the USAF Base, RAF Mildenhall, as Director of the Retiree Activities Office. I, with assistance from 5 other retirees am endeavoring to raise the profile of the office in the community and it takes a lot of time. It feels more like a full time job than a volunteer position. But, I do enjoy it as I feel like I am helping other veterans, their spouses and family members out.

The club seems to be doing ok, although, as expected we have had three members drop this past January. Recruitment is always a problem here and it is mostly word of mouth advertising. The British members do enjoy the social events that we put on.

I have tried to shorten and edit this as much as possible. Please feel free to edit if necessary. I did not attach any photos as they are posted on the Face Book page. Fraternally, Darrell C Russell, Secretary

A review of the activities of the APHTC begins with a river cruise attended by current and past members and spouses. This began on the Lady Florence, a historic wooden World War 2 boat on the Rivers Orwell, Alde and Ore. This was followed by the annual **Cromer End of Pier Matinee** in September which is a combination of all the summer seasons best performers.

October club officer elections were held. The following officers were elected: President – Martin Cabin; Vice President -John Shaw; Secretary - Darrell C Russell; Treasurer - David Hedges. Membership at the time of this writing stands at 21 with as normal attendance ranging from 10 members and the ladies as guests. We always have a dinner afterwards at this country Pub where we meet. A great little place. Just what you would picture a English Pub should be.

November the Presidents Ladies Lunch held at The Riverside House Hotel, 32 were in attendance. Raffle raised £140.00 toward the charity fund. A charity dinner was held at the Riverside House Hotel. Pictures have been posted to the High1Twelve International Face Book page. This is where the members who have nominated a local organization from within their community received a donation to use in support of their mission. These organizations rely solely on donations of this type to operate and receive no government funding.

The following is a short explanation of each organization. All the funds raised are from the generosity of the members at each club meeting in bringing a raffle prize and also contributions from a Lottery club that we select numbers from the United Kingdom National Lottery. A total of £2000.00/\$2574.00 was donated this year.

Horsford Pre-School, £500/\$643.52: operating for nearly 50 years as a registered charity, is managed by the parents who organize fund raising events. Children who attend are aged 2 to school age. The school provides a safe, secure and

stimulating environment in which the child can learn through play and provide early years learning that build on their knowledge and skills.

46th Scout Group, £450/\$579.17: Started up in 23 April 2003, as the Scout & guide unit at the Norfolk & Norwich University hospital, have provided over 900 different youngsters working one-to-one with recruits at the bedside with a challenging fun program often involving the parents. A county event was started, where youngsters from special schools around the county are invited to join with other scouts for a weekend of guide activities. In 2005, troop was open at the Clare school and the two Group were renamed the 46th Scout Group.

The Stowmarket Contact Club, £450.00/579.17: Provide individuals that are alone or feel socially isolated by providing outings, quizzes, group discussion, visit to restaurants at various venues in the town or around the county. All transportation is provided.

The Mix, Stowmarket, £450/\$579.17: Organized for young people from school years 7 to 12. The mission is to enable every young person to be empowered and enable to change their world and ours. Some of the programs involve Life Projects such as; Counseling, The Big Pen Project, Vorpall Studio & Sound, Photography, Crisis Services, Coaching and Leadership for Life to name but a few.

The Wolcott Foundation, £150/193.06: The club has a long tradition in supporting the Wolcott Foundation and its programs. Although, based and for the benefit for US Citizens to receive a scholarship for exceptional students in the studies of public service, the Arnold Page H12 Club supports this worthy cause within the means of our ability as a very small club.

Misc. photos of International President at the Grand Master's Conference:

Here are two photos from the February 2019 Conference of Grand Masters in South Dakota:



International President at Mount Rushmore



International President with Right Worshipful Brother Melvin Johnson, incoming Grand Master of Connecticut

Humor: The humor this month was submitted by our International President and I would recommend you encourage him to become the Editor of the Monthly Update when he completes his term as President. He provides the best humor, along with Dennis Duncan from the Villages High Twelve Club. See what you think of their latest jokes.

1. A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old buddy, 'So I hear you're getting married?' 'Yep!' 'Do I know her?' 'Nope!' 'This woman, is she good looking?' 'Not really.' 'Is she a good cook?' 'Nah, she can't cook too well.' 'Does she have lots of money?' 'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.' 'Well, then, is she good in bed?' 'I don't know.' 'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?' 'Because she can still drive!'
2. A man was telling his neighbor, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but its state of the art. It's perfect.' 'Really,' answered the neighbor. 'What kind is it?' 'Twelve thirty.'
3. Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?' Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'" The doctor said, 'I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.

And now a little something to think about by Dennis Dugan from the Villages High Twelve Club.

1. Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement. - Mark Twain
2. The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. - George Burns
3. Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year. Victor Borge
4. By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. – Socrates
5. I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. Groucho Marx
6. My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe. Jimmy Durante
7. I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back. Zsa Zsa Gabor
8. Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat. Alex Levine
9. My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying. Rodney Dangerfield
10. Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was: ' SHUT UP.' Joe Namath
11. I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap. Bob Hope
12. I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it. W. C. Fields
13. We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress. Will Rogers
14. Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you. Winston Churchill
15. Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty, but everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out. Phyllis Diller
16. By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere. Billy Crystal
17. And the cardiologist's diet: if it tastes good spit it out.
18. I failed the mandatory Health and Safety course at the Senior Center today. One of the questions was: In the event of a fire, what steps would you take? Big ones was apparently the wrong answer.

Irish Confession - I went into the confessional box after many years of being away from the Catholic Church. Inside I found a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On one wall, there was a row of decanters with fine Irish whiskey and Waterford crystal glasses. On the other wall was a dazzling array of the finest cigars and chocolates. When the priest came in, I said to him, Father, forgive me, for it's been a very long time since I've been to confession, but I must first admit that the confessional box is much more inviting than it used to be. He replied, you moron, you're on MY side.