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GREETINGS!

## *High Twelve Monthly Update*

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

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!**

**WE OFFER A PRAYER FOR OUR SERVICE PERSONNEL,**

**WHO ARE AWAY FROM FAMILY  
AND PRAY THEY WILL SOON RETURN.**

**MAY YOU HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY  
AND ENJOY TIME YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

**International President Jerry Saville (PSP, CA):** Greetings to All. The Holiday Season is here and it's time for Turkey, Pie, and Football. Happy Holidays to you and your family this season. I hope this is the best Holiday Season - ever - for you and yours.

We are working hard to make the January International High Twelve Mid-Year Meeting in New Orleans a very special event. Remember that the cut-off date for the High Twelve Group rate of \$129 is 2 Jan. To find lodging about one block from the French Quarters is a special deal. We hope you will join us in January! Check out the International HIGH TWELVE Website, under events, for the number(s) to call and make your reservation and then register on line - it's that easy.

We had a well-attended California State High Twelve Convention last month. California has a full slate of Officers and

we wish them a very productive High Twelve year. I enjoyed my December trip to attend the Florida State High Twelve convention and then on to Texas for their meeting. Brother Kevin, our High Twelve Secretary, mailed several High Twelve club start-up kits in the last couple of weeks. The new club in Indiana has set their charter date for February. Let's hope this is the first of many new clubs in 2016.

Before you get caught up in the Holiday rush, consider making your reservation for the Mid-Year-Meeting today. Again, Happy Holidays. Fraternally, Jerry Saville, [jsaville@bak.rr.com](mailto:jsaville@bak.rr.com) - 661-203-5747.

**International 1st Vice President Dr. Ronald Woods (PSP, IN):** This year my home club Columbus Indiana #337 has lost a few great brothers, who have passed to the Lodge Above. However, during the same time we have gained some great brothers. One a Past Worshipful Master from his Prince Hall Lodge. As brothers recommend and bring in Master Masons we are able to keep our membership stable. Columbus #337 travels occasionally to The Masonic Home to visit with the Home Club and we are invited to meet with them at their next meeting to meet the new Home Administrator.

Indiana State Association meets four times a year and starting in 2015 they had a display at the Grand Royal Arch and Grand Lodge Meeting; as well as having the President of the Indiana State High Twelve Association recognized at the Grand Lodge. This program will continue for 2016 and beyond in an effort to bring High Twelve recognition to all of Masonry. We are also encouraging local clubs to put a High Twelve display in each and every Masonic Lodge in their area. The more information available and make sure regularly that it is there and kept current the more MASONS know about our wonderful social organization that does not detract from a Lodge but supports Lodge Activities. Fraternally, Ron Woods.

**International 2nd Vice President William Haynes (PSP, PA):** Hopefully, all the Masonic groups that you belong to provide you with fellowship. Fellowship is a closer bonding than being acquainted with someone. It usually means that there is a common core of experience such as working on a charity meal line or driving patients to their treatments or cleaning up an area. For instance, the Pennsylvania Association annually plants flowers at the statue of Washington at Prayer (a gift of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania) in the Valley Forge National Park. This event provides the forum to performing and accomplishing a common task, which develops fellowship. Many of the attendees are there every year partly due to a sense of obligation, because it is a fun time (lunch and a short program also) and to continue the fellowship with members from different clubs that has been developed over the years. While a rather simple task, this event has become meaningful to many of us.

Perhaps with some thought, you could organize a similar event that would do something to generate fellowship in your clubs. It is certainly something worthwhile to think about! Fraternally, William Haynes.

**International Secretary Kevin Hokerk-Robinson (PSP, AZ):** Brother High Twelvians, I hope you and your families had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that the weather was favorable for travel! And while I am at it, a Merry Christmas with safe travels.

Have you made your reservation for the 2016 Mid-Year-Meeting yet? If so, thank you! If not *please* consider doing it now and enjoy what New Orleans has to offer. Information is on the High Twelve International Website under events. Hope to see you there. This conference is open to all members - you do not have to be an officer to attend!

Clubs:

- Do you have new **Dues Cards** for the New Year? If not, order online or call the High Twelve International office.
- By now many clubs have had elections for the New Year. Did your secretary file an F-200b Online Report to update the officers, website, etc.? Check your club's information on the High Twelve International website and if it is not correct let the International Secretary know.
- New member fees can now be paid online when the monthly report is filed - progress!

Another reminder for Pocket Planners - if you have not yet made a donation *please* consider doing so today - your support is needed.

**International Legal Counsel William E. Wilkinson (AZ):** **Most Worshipful Brother President Andrew Jackson.**

Photo. General Andrew Jackson in Jackson Square with St. Louis Cathedral behind the Statue



Most Worshipful Brother Jackson journeyed to New Orleans three times. On his third and last visit to New Orleans, General

Jackson personally laid the cornerstone for his own statue to be built for a tribute to him as The Hero of the Battle of New Orleans. He excelled in horsemanship as a military officer and his statue, finally erected in 1856, portrays him as a talented equestrian in what is now called Jackson Square. Jackson Square borders the Mississippi River at the foot of the French Quarter at the Jackson Brewery, called the Jax Brewery by locals, after Jax beer, the delectable beverage named after our Brother. Andrew Jackson was also nicknamed Old Hickory for his toughness in the Battle of New Orleans, where his 5,000 men thrashed 7,500 British regulars. The British had 2,037 casualties compared to General Jackson's 71. A photo I took of General Jackson's statue in the center of Jackson Square in October 2015 is shown above. The Masonic research for this article was adapted from *A Masonic Walking Tour of the New Orleans Vieux Carre*, written by W.B. Pierre Pete Normand, Jr., 33rd Scottish Rite Mason of College Station, Texas, with his permission. You can take the Walking Tour in New Orleans this Jan. 24-27 2016.

Most Worshipful Brother President Andrew Jackson was the Grandmaster of Masons in Tennessee for two years beginning in October 1822. He was a member of Harmony Lodge No. 1 in Nashville. There are records of his visits to other Tennessee Lodges in 1800 and 1801, although no records of his Masonic degrees survive. Grandmaster General Jackson introduced the famous French Mason and American Revolutionary General, the Marquis de Lafayette to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1825. Andrew Jackson, a lawyer, became the 7th President of the United States from 1829 to 1837. Fraternally, William Wilkinson, Esq., International General Counsel.

**Wolcott Foundation Trustee Donald Garrido, Zone 6:** Much has been written about the Wolcott Foundation and its programs in the past, so as before I will limit my article to Zone 6.

Although Zone 6 is composed of 7 states, only 4 states, Texas, Louisiana, Indiana and Kentucky have active High Twelve Clubs today. Many attempts were made to start High Twelve Clubs in the remaining states but with no luck.

Received a letter from Freedom High Twelve Club #735 from Fredericksburg, Texas, requesting that I remove them from my mailing list, the reason was the membership voted to dissolve the club. No valid reason was given for this action.

A letter was written to Ms. Rebecca McMinn, Chairman of the Education and Scholarship Committee of the Pan American Round Table requesting support for our Wolcott Foundation Program. Ms. McMinn is from San Antonio, Texas and is very interested and knowledgeable in our educational program.

On a sad note, Brother Dr. Beryl Franklin, longtime Trustee of Zone 6 and Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation for many years, passed away. He will be sorely missed not only by High Twelve International but the Masonic community in Louisiana. Also, Brother Loyd C. Smith, long time Deputy Trustee for the State of Texas and Officer for High Twelve International passed away. Brother Smith was also active in the Masonic Community in Texas. His absence will be felt by us all.

For a short period of time, the Texas Grand Lodge suspended the recognition of High Twelve International in Texas. This had to do with the eligibility to membership in High Twelve International. Fortunately, this has been resolved and all our High Twelve Clubs in Texas have been able to resume all operations and activities as before.

Visited various High Twelve Clubs and was the Installing Officer at two of our Texas Clubs and Texas Association Installation of officers.

I will be attending the High Twelve International Mid-Year-Meeting in New Orleans, representing our Wolcott Foundation. Respectfully submitted by Capt. Donald P. Garrido, Vice Chairman and Trustee for Zone 6, Wolcott Foundation

**International Past President James Satterthwaite (MI):** Interesting article from PIP Jim found in local newspaper.

The Washington Redskins finally drops offensive name...Dan Snyder, owner of the NFL Redskins, has announced that the team is dropping **Washington** from the team name, and it will henceforth be simply known as The Redskins.

It was reported that he finds the word **Washington** imparts a negative image of poor leadership, mismanagement, corruption, cheating, lying, and graft, and is not a fitting role-model for young fans of football.

**Arizona High Twelve Association, President Dave Miller, Tucson & Phoenix:** Arizona High Twelve Clubs are busy

with activities as the New Year begins. All of the High Twelve Clubs will have 2016 officers installed by the end of January. Included in plans for the first months of the New Year are a fundraising breakfast by the Sun City West Club and several Clubs are hosting a Sweetheart event in early February.

Arizona High Twelve Clubs have been busy with community events and looking forward to the coming year. The Cochise High Twelve Club, in Sierra Vista, recently installed the Club's 2016 officers at a joint meeting held with the local Shrine Club. There was good fellowship, good food, and a nice assembly to witness the occasion.

During the meeting, the Club voted to support a local food drive associated with the military personnel in the area. Other Arizona Clubs have been active in local Veteran's Day parades, assisting local food banks with donated food and financial support, and extending the cheer of the Christmas Season to local school children.

Any High Twelve Club members, who are visiting the Tucson or Phoenix areas during the coming months are welcome to attend a High Twelve Club meeting or event. A reporting on the various Arizona club meeting dates, times, and locations can be found on the High Twelve International Website ([high12.org](http://high12.org)) selecting the Association tab and then selecting Arizona. Many of the clubs include Ladies in their meetings. Arizona High Twelve Clubs offer an opportunity for a relaxing environment, a friendly meal, and warm Masonic fellowship. If you need additional information, contact the State Association President, Dave Miller, at 623.875.2149 or [gdmillerak@msn.com](mailto:gdmillerak@msn.com).

Photo below of the Cochise High 12 Club Installation - Club officers and Installing Officers.



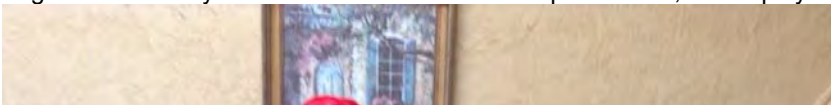
**California High Twelve Association, Fresno High Twelve Club #10, Fresno, CA:** Well... here I am the beginning of a new Masonic Year with High Twelve. I find myself your President for the year, wondering how I will fair in the position. I have a fine team of officers to support me but still lack a couple of key positions.

Filling them is imperative to a smooth and functional year. Interested men wanted! On another note, I know most of you are wondering how I plan to approach to falling numbers of members. Well... I plan a three point approach. First, by sending invitation letters to all Masonic Order leaders to pay us a visit.

Second, by sending a brief summary of our monthly meeting programs, to help spirit interest. Third, by seeking out Masons, who may be available to participate in High Twelve activities.

Look forward to seeing you all at our meetings. Bring a fellow Mason with ya! Fraternally, Ike

**Florida High Twelve Association, Tri County High Twelve Club #674, Lady Lake, FL:** At the club's meeting in December, the members were pleasantly surprised when Santa Clause dropped by the club to pass our small gifts for those in attendance. Our members may have known he was coming as we had the best attendance of members in a long time or it may have been that we had a six piece band, which played German, Irish and Christmas music. Please see photo of Santa posted below.



Santa is also known locally by the name Victor Campbell, USMC, Retired. Photo provided by Mrs. Clause (Marie). Santa left his Reindeer in the parking lot during his visit and because the temperature was in the 80's, they hid in the shade of the palm trees.

**Monthly Dinners:** Each month the club has a dinner at one of the local restaurants or somewhere within a 50 mile radius and December was a Christmas Dinner at a local farm, where they have a Southern Mansion type home and Christmas decorations covering several acres.

When we arrived they loaded us in wagons with bales of hay for seats and took us through some of the outdoor decorations to the house. There we toured the home and saw hundreds of Christmas decorations and scenes. After the tour, we enjoyed a fantastic dinner ending with homemade bread pudding. After the leisure dinner, we had another ride through the remaining outdoor decorations back to our cars. Those in attendance said they enjoyed the evening and were glad they came. We will continue to find fun places to have our dinners and best of all, we have taken in several new members to the club.

**The Masonic High Twelve Club of Lake Worth #316, Lake Worth, FL:** Our club remains active and we continue looking for new members. We held our Annual Christmas Dinner December 8th at the Red Lobster Restaurant. We collected unwrapped toys for the Annual Toy Drive and presented them to Santa (DDGM Roy Strohacker) and had a wonderful evening. A gift exchange was also held at the meeting and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Our club started a Program called The Government Bee Contest and we have four area high schools; that will each bring five students to compete for cash winnings during the Annual Government Bee Contest. All members and friends are invited to the meeting and contest.

The club meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month but is dark June through September. We meet at The Grumpy Grouper Restaurant, 224 N. 3rd St., Lantana, FL, at noon. If you are in town, please join us for lunch and our meeting.

Suggestion for placing the Decal sent with your Pocket Pal would be on the upper left or right side on the windshield of the car. Also, could be placed on the right or left on the rear window.

**CORTEZ MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB # 538, Bradenton, FL:** The Cortez Masonic High Twelve Club #538 is getting back into full stride as members and their ladies from the area as well as several snowbirds and their ladies are once again among our midst.

December 5th and 6th 2015 found our President to be and his wife actively participating in our 54th Annual Florida State Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs, Inc. Convention in Orlando, FL. Attendance was not as good as hoped for but all that were there had a great time. Robert L. Rodd, PSP, had the honor of becoming the Chaplain for the Florida State Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs, Inc. for 2016.

Then on December 14, 2015 we had our Club Installation, where State President Michael Hemphill, 1st Vice President Ed Smallwood, and Merv Harris, PIP, installed the Cortez Masonic High Twelve Club #538 Officers. Those who will be leading our club for 2016 included: President & Wolcott Representative: Robert L. (Bob) Rodd, PP, PSP (Kathy); 1st V.P. Jeff Davis, PP (Adrienne); 2nd V.P. Jim Simpson (Carol); Secretary: Ray Pittman (Phyllis); Treasurer: Gene Black, PP, P.S.S. (Virginia); Masonic Representative & Patriotism Chairman: Jim Fleming (Donna); Sgt.-at-Arms: David Gardner (Sylvia); Master of Ceremonies: Carl Anderson, PP (Linda); Chaplain: John Sutterley, PP (Jane Smith); Board of Directors - All living Past Presidents. In addition Phyllis Pittman volunteered to be our Assistant Secretary and Jean Campbell will take care of our Roster.

Now that our team of elected and appointed Officers have taken their oath of office they are now working together to make 2016 our best year. We wish to congratulate all those that have committed themselves to helping our Club continue to be one of the best. But we must remember it takes all of us to do that. With the support and efforts of all the members and ladies that attend our weekly get-together, as well as supporting other activities we put together, is what

makes us a great club to belong to.

If you have not been to the Cortez Masonic High Twelve Club yet, please add it to your To-Do-List and find out what you have been missing. We meet each Monday from the first Monday in November through the last Monday in April, so come soon. We still meet at Duff's Original Buffet at 6010 14th St. (Route 41) in Bradenton. We arrive between 10:30 and 11:00 AM to socialize. (Do not pay when you come in. Ask where we meet and join us.) Lunch is at 11:00 AM where we continue to socialize and then around 11:45 to Noon we start the festivities of the day. We usually finish around 1:00 to 1:30 PM.

Some of the activities include a monthly auction, entertainment at some of our weekly get-together, a picnic, visit interesting places and/or events around the area, etc.

Look forward to seeing our members, their ladies, guests and visitors join with us. Fraternally, Robert L. (Bob) Rodd, President and Wolcott Representative

### **Message from a concerned member: 90# on your telephone**

I dialed '0' to check this out, and the operator confirmed that this was correct, so please pass it on... I also checked out [snopes.com](http://snopes.com). This is true, and also applies to cell phones!

I received a telephone call last evening from an individual identifying himself as an AT&T Service Technician (could also be Telus) who was conducting a test on the telephone lines. He stated that to complete the test I should touch nine (9), zero (0), the pound sign (#), and then hang up. Luckily, I was suspicious and refused.

Upon contacting the telephone company, I was informed that by pushing 90#, you give the requesting individual full access to your telephone line, which enables them to place long distance calls billed to your home phone number.

I was further informed that this scam has been originating from many local jails/prisons. DO NOT Press 90# for ANYONE...

The GTE Security Department requested that I share this information with EVERYONE I KNOW.

After checking with Verizon they also said it was true, so do not dial 90# for anyone!!

PLEASE HIT THAT FORWARD BUTTON AND PASS THIS ON TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW

**Illinois Masonic High Twelve Association, Moline Area Masonic High Twelve Club #88, Moline, IL:** Have you asked a fellow Master Mason to visit our High Twelve Club? This method is the best way to keep your club going. We had 3 meetings in December. There will not be a meeting on the 25th. Enjoy Christmas with your loved ones.

All meetings are at DENNY'S RESTAURANT, 2601 52nd Avenue, Moline. Try to come about 11:00 am and have time to eat and enjoy the fellowship before the program at noon (High Twelve). Ladies and guests are always welcome.

Chair for December is Arlin Neumann, who has a variety of subjects from zoo stuff to Shrine support and fishes and wild things.

The purpose of most Christmas stories is to capture the spirit of the holiday WHEN Scrooge awoke, it was so dark, that looking out of bed, he could scarcely distinguish the transparent window from the opaque walls of his chamber. Thus begins the 2nd chapter of the world's most famous Christmas story, A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens. Christmas stories are important tools for spreading Christmas cheer. Actually it is said that Charles Dickens' story, A Christmas Carol, saved Christmas as we know it today. When Charles Dickens wrote his story in the 18th century, the celebration of Xmas was on the wane. But Dickens used his story to describe Christmas as a time of joy, a time when people respect each other, and a time when everything is all right. People liked to hear this story, and in the following years, happy Christmas stories became more and more popular together with the decorated Christmas tree, Christmas gifts, and the overall Christmas spirit. If you like Christmas stories Since the rise in popularity of A Christmas Carol, many lovely Christmas stories have been written and read all over the world.

The purpose of most yuletide Christmas stories is to capture the spirit of Christmas often with touching stories about the miracles related to Christ's birth. Many Christmas stories, even the more modern ones, have become a part of the Christmas traditions in many countries.

**Michigan High Twelve Association, Grand Rapids High Twelve Club #236:** Senior Wolcott Fellow visits Grand

Rapids, Michigan High Twelve Club No. 236, Michael E. Clark PP, PSP

As a Wolcott Trustee for Zone 5, I have had the privilege of talking with many of our new Wolcott Fellows as they begin their graduate studies at George Washington University. They have an enthusiasm and vision for their future careers in public service that is contagious and reminds us of our own past.

I had the pleasure of meeting a Senior Wolcott Fellow two years ago at a George Washington University gathering of Wolcott Fellows who after many years of public service to our country, still expresses that same enthusiasm and joy for the career path he has chosen.

Senior Wolcott Fellow Todd Brighton was our keynote speaker at the Wolcott Foundation luncheon at the High Twelve International Convention in Springfield, Ohio in 2014. Brother Todd's presentation inspired all who heard it and he also shared his passion for collecting memorabilia, some of it with Masonic connections.

Brother Todd and his brother-in-law traveled the 150 miles from his boyhood home of Wyandotte, Michigan to Grand Rapids to speak to the members of the Furniture City Masonic High Club. Brother Todd's father who is in his 90's is a Past President of his High Twelve Club many years ago in the Detroit area.

Brother Todd reflected on his career in public service and the many interesting jobs he has held and the often very interesting people he has met during this time period. Now a Senior Policy Advisor for the Department of Justice, Brother Todd is intimately involved in the Department's goals and decision making processes for the protection of the United States.

Brother Todd also brought along some of his collection of Masonic articles many from the Revolutionary War period. He spent much time following his presentation and after the meeting was over, showing the collection to the many members who enjoyed listening to Brother Todd's explanations. Furniture City High Twelve Club No. 236 extends their thanks and appreciation to Brother Todd for taking the time to visit with us.

Contact your Wolcott Trustee and see if any Wolcott Fellows live near your club. They will be happy to assist you in arranging for one of them to speak at your High Twelve Club, allowing your members to see the results of their contributions to the Wolcott Foundation

**First Capital High Twelve Club #668, York, PA:** The December meeting was held on December 14, 2015 at 12:00 Noon at the Masonic Center of York. Entertainment for our Christmas meeting was Jerry Overby. Jerry is a violist and entertained us by singing songs by Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and other crooners from the 40's, 50's and 60's.

Jerry started in music at a young age singing in the Church and school choirs. He later played with a Rock Band in the Virginia Beach area. In the 60's his band played on stage with several big name groups. Most notably with Eric Clapton and the Rolling Stones

Jerry took some time off from music to raise his family. After retirement he had the time and felt the need to return to music. He now performs 140 to 170 shows a year.

The Treasurer is now accepting dues for the year 2016 prompt payment would be greatly appreciated. If you have paid your dues for 2016, your Treasurer and Secretary thank you, if not please make your payment as soon as possible.

The officers have offered an incentive, a way to not pay any dues. Contribute just \$100 to the Wolcott Foundation and your dues will be paid for 2016. This offer is good for the first 20 members sending a tax deductible contribution, payable to the High Twelve Charitable Objective **THE WOLCOTT FOUNDATION** by December 31, 2015. Send check to Treasurer Dick Graybill at 403 Labott Road, Spring Grove, PA 17362. To date ten members have taken advantage of this offer

We now have sponsors for all 2016 First Capital Newsletters. THANK YOU! Those that sponsored newsletters in 2015 are: Morris Hopper, John Krout, Bob Casbeer, Bob Evehart, Roger Stabley, Luther Sowers, Vernon Tyson, Donald Whistler, and Arthur Wert. Thanks to all our sponsors, your continued support is greatly appreciated.

**Humor:** The lawyer says to the wealthy art collector tycoon, I have some good news and I have some bad news... The tycoon replies, I've had an awful day. Let's hear the good news first! The lawyer says, Well, your wife invested \$5,000 in two pictures this week that she figures are worth a minimum of \$2 to \$3 million! The tycoon replies, Well done! Very good news, indeed! You've made my day! Now, what is the bad news? The lawyer answers, the pictures are of you



with your secretary.

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### **Our Yearly Dementia Test -- only 4 questions**

It's that time of year for us to take our annual Senior Citizen Test. Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, it's important to keep mentally alert. If you don't use it, you lose it!

Below is a very private way to gauge how your memory compares to the last test. Some may think it is too easy, but the ones with memory problems may have difficulty. Take the test presented here to determine if you're losing it or not. The spaces below are so you don't see the answers until you've made your answer. OK, relax, clear your mind and begin.

1. What do you put in a toaster?

Answer: 'Bread.' If you said 'toast' give up now and do something else... try not to hurt yourself. If you said, bread, go to Question 2.

2. Say 'silk' five times. Now spell 'silk.' What do cows drink?

Answer: Cows drink water. If you said 'milk,' don't attempt the next question. Your brain is over stressed and may even overheat. Content yourself with reading more appropriate literature such as Auto World. However, if you said 'water', proceed to question 3.

3. If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house is made from blue brick sand a pink house is made from pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks, what is a green house made from?

Answer: Greenhouses are made from glass. If you said 'green bricks,' why are you still reading these???. If you said 'glass,' go on to Question 4.

4. With out using a calculator - You are driving a bus from London to Milford Haven in Wales. In London, 17 people get on the bus. In Reading, 6 people get off the bus and 9people get on. In Swindon, 2 people get off and 4 get on. In Cardiff, 11 people get off and 16 people get on. In Swansea, 3 people get off and 5 people get on. In Carmel then, 6 people get off and 3 get on. You then arrive at Milford Haven. Without scrolling back to review, how old is the bus driver?

Answer: Oh, for crying out loud! Don't you remember your own age? It was YOU driving the bus!! (Go back and look!). If you pass this along to your friends, pray they do better than you.

PS: 95% of people fail most of the questions!!

OK... Or just go have another glass of wine...

Nothing will matter in a few hours...

And you will definitely NOT be driving the bus!!

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A liberal's paradise would be a place where everybody has guaranteed employment, free comprehensive healthcare, free education, free food, free housing, free clothing, free utilities, and only law enforcement has guns. And believe it or not, such a place does indeed already exist: It's called Prison. Sheriff Joe Arpaio, Maricopa County, Arizona.

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**Minnesota Phone Company:** There was a Minnesota phone company that was going to hire one team of telephone pole installers, and the boss had to choose between a team of two Norwegian guys and a team of two Irish guys. So the boss met with both teams and said: Here's what we'll do. Each team will be installing poles out on the new road for a day. The team that installs the most phone poles gets the job. Both teams headed right out. At end of the shift, Pat and Mike, the Irish guys, came back and the boss asked them how many they had installed. They said that it was tough going, but they'd put in twelve. Forty-five minutes later, Ole and Sven, the Norwegian guys came back in and they were totally exhausted. The boss asked, Well, how many poles did you guys install? Ole, the team leader, wiped his brow and sighed, Sven and me, we got three in. The boss gasped, Three? Those two Irish guys put in twelve! Oh Yah, said Ole, but you should see how much they left stickin' out of the ground!

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One day a man goes to a pet shop to buy a parrot. The assistant takes the man to the parrot section and asks the man to choose one. The man asks, "How much is the yellow one?" The assistant says, "\$2000." The man is shocked and



asks the assistant why it's so expensive. The assistant explains, "This parrot is a very special one. He knows typewriting and can type really fast." "What about the green one?" the man asks. The assistant says, "He costs \$5000 because he knows typewriting and can answer incoming telephone calls and takes notes." "What about the red one?" the man asks. The assistant says, "That one's \$10,000." The man says, "What does he do?" The assistant says, "I don't know, but the other two call him boss."

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Three drunk guys entered a taxi. The taxi driver knew that they were drunk so he started the engine & turned it off again, and then said, We have reached your destination. The 1st guy gave him money & the 2nd guy said Thank you. The 3rd guy slapped the driver. The driver was shocked thinking the 3rd drunk knew what he did. But then he asked What was that for? The 3rd guy replied, Control your speed next time, you nearly killed us!

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A man jumps from a plane and as he descends pulls his parachute only nothing happens so he pulls his reserve and still no luck so as he contemplates flapping his arms like a bird when he spies a man coming up towards him calling out to the man DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT PARACHUTES? The other man replies NO! DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT GAS COOKERS?

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Toward the end of a particularly trying round of golf, Jack was the picture of frustration. He'd hit far to many shots. Finally, he blurted out to his caddie, I'd move heaven and earth to break a hundred on this course. Try heaven, replied the caddie. You've already moved most of the earth.

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A farm boy accidentally overturned his wagon of corn. The farmer who lived nearby heard the noise and yelled over to the boy. Hey Willis forget your troubles. Come in and visit with us. I'll help you get the wagon up later. That's mighty nice of you, Willis answered, but I don't think Pa would like me to. Aw come on boy, the farmer insisted. Well okay, the boy finally agreed, and added, but Pa won't like it. After a hearty dinner, Willis thanked his host. I feel a lot better now, but I know Pa is going to be real upset. Don't be foolish! the neighbor said with a smile. By the way, where is he? Under the wagon.

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