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High Twelve International Monthly Update

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

International President Jerry Saville (PSP, CA):

Greetings to All, by the time this newsletter is published the California State High Twelve Convention will be in the history books. The Convention was held again at the very popular Hilton Double Tree Hotel in Bakersfield. California Association has a full line of Officers and they are moving forward. I was honored to be a part of their installation team.

The California Grand Master's Luncheon was well attended and Most Worshipful Dick Hopper, a Past California Grand Master, was our guest speaker and, as always, did an outstanding job.

My sincere thanks and congratulations to Indiana PSP Brother Ron Woods, and the Indiana State High Twelve Officers for opening a new Club in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Well done team!

Also, I send my congratulations again to Florida State President David Neal for opening a new club in Tallahassee a couple of months ago. Well done Brother.

We also have a verbal OK from the Grand Master of Georgia to work in his State. As soon as we receive the official Grand Lodge letter we will reach out to several Lodges in this great state. Also, plans are under way to work in the great state of North Carolina. We thank our immediate Past International President, Winton Hewitt, for contacting the North Carolina Grand Lodge. We remain positive that we can open doors, and High Twelve Clubs, in several different States in the near future.

I plan to attend the Grand Master's Conference of North America next February in Madison, Wisconsin. We will continue our efforts to open doors and High Twelve Clubs in as many States as possible! The International Officers are working hard to open new Clubs across the land and we ask you, for the good of High Twelve, to do the same please!

Also I extend my sincere appreciation to the Grand Master of Texas, Michael L Wiggins, for reinstating High Twelve in Texas. To be clear on the eligibility requirements to join High Twelve, only Master Masons can join. (Letter follows)

In closing please remember to post your schedule for the International High Twelve Conference at the Maison Dupuy Hotel, near the French Quarters, in New Orleans, January 24-27, 2016. Check for all the details on the High Twelve Web site at www.high12.org. We hope you can join us!

Let's continue our Masonic journey together as we work to grow Masonry across the land. Remember that High Twelve is in Service to Freemasonry - that's what we do! Until next month. Fraternally, Jerry Saville, 661-203-5747 - jsaville@bak.rr.com.

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October 29, 2015

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Re: Reinstatement of Recognition

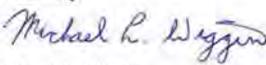
Dear Brothers Saville and Hokerk:

I am in receipt of your letter dated 12 October 2015 regarding the suspension of recognition of High Twelve International, Inc. in Texas. I appreciate your cooperation with our Committee on Fraternal Relations as you have addressed the concerns of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Due to the actions taken by High Twelve International to correct and remove Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Masons from eligibility to membership in your organization, I hereby reinstate the recognition of High Twelve International in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

This action allows the High Twelve Chapters in Texas to resume all operations and activities as long as they are consistent with the Statutes of the Grand Lodge of Texas, the Bylaws of High Twelve International, and the principles of Freemasonry. I appreciate your cooperation and that of High Twelve International as we addressed this issue.

Fraternally,



Michael L. Wiggins
Grand Master of Texas

cc: all via e-mail
Roger Hopkins, President, Texas Association of High Twelve Clubs
Local Presidents, Texas High Twelve Clubs
John Hughes, Chair Fraternal Relations
Wendell P. Miller, Deputy Grand Master
Tommy D. Guest, Grand Secretary
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Shrine

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International 1st Vice President Dr. Ronald Woods (PSP, IN):

The past month has been somewhat busy, October 9th, a visit was made to the High Twelve club in Louisville, Kentucky to encourage them to make Lodges in the area more aware of High Twelve and to invite friends to come to a meeting.

I also contacted the Administrator from the Masonic Home in Kentucky and arranged to have High Twelve information sent to him and then make an appointment to meet with him to work to form a High

Twelve club there.

On Wednesday, the 14th, I visited the Indianapolis club and then on the 21st the Fort Wayne (Ameek) organization that has now elected officers. I have now been informed that they plan to send documents for forming a club and receiving their Charter. Fort Wayne has set February 14, 2016 for the instillation of officers.

On Wednesday, October 28th, I met with the brothers at the Indiana Masonic Home and the speaker was the Indiana Grand Master. Following the meeting I spent some time with him and received his support in developing a club in Evansville. He said that he was a member of the club that was there and was glad to know that we were going to work to reform High Twelve in Evansville, Indiana.

Also we have scheduled a Zone meeting via phone with the four State Associations in IL, IN, OH and MI. for November 16th. The Presidents of these Associations have been informed of the date and will be notified by the International office of the contact phone numbers.

Next week I will be contacting the Kentucky Masonic Home to arrange for a meeting with the Administrator. Wish me luck.

International 2nd Vice President William Haynes (PSP, PA):

Aids for Attendance - Sometimes attendance is a problem with clubs. Perhaps the programs are not interesting or there are no programs. Every club should always have a program. What else could be done to increase attendance? Consider appointing a calling committee to call members to ask them to attend. This committee could also find out if the member needs a ride and, hopefully, arrange for the ride.

An important member of the club should be called the greeter. His job is to enthusiastically greet all members and guests and make them feel welcome. He could take prospective members around to introduce them to other members.

Sometimes small things like sending birthday cards to members or cards to shut-ins will help. Acknowledge birthdays or other important events in a person's life. Whatever can be done to help build camaraderie will help attendance.

High Twelve International 2016 Mid-Year Governing Board Conference

January 24-27, 2016

The Maison Dupuy Hotel
New Orleans, Louisiana

<http://www.maisondupuy.com>

1/24 Sunday, is the arrival day
1/25 Monday, is the tour or site seeing day
1/26 Tuesday, is the meeting day
[An ALL Day Meal Package will be offered on 1/26
to defray the cost of the meeting room]
1/27 Wednesday, is the departure day

Sunday 1/24 thru Tuesday 1/26 room rates are \$129.00/day + tax

Reservations

Members can make hotel reservations by calling the hotel at **800-585-9177** or **504-586-8000** and mention High Twelve International **Group Code SMERF** to obtain the group rates. Room reservation cut off for the group rate is **Monday, December 21, 2015**. Reservations made after 12/21 subject to space and group rate availability.

Registration will be done ONLINE - all members will receive an email when registration opens.

Questions? Contact the International Office @ 623.239.6170

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

Greetings from the International Secretary.

2016 Pocket Planner and Auto/Plaque Emblem - thank you if you have made your donation to this fundraiser. *If you have not please consider doing so today!*

Dues Cards - are available to all clubs at no cost and are custom printed with the members name, club affiliation, membership number and period good for. This also makes an easy way to track payments! They can be ordered via the website, email or phone call.

State Conventions/Annual Meetings - please provide your information to the International Office so it can be added to the event list on the Website home page. It only takes a few minutes to provide the information and then it is available to all. Targeted emails can be sent to your association members that have emails about the event - are you taking advantage of this service? Same applies to special club events!

Mid-Year Meeting 2016 Registration is open via the Website - plan now to attend and join us for a good time in New Orleans and for some work too!

The General Counsel has ruled the High Twelve Bylaw changes relating to allowing EA's and FC's to become members to be null and void. The areas affected in the International Bylaws, Association and Club Uniform Bylaws have been updated and posted to the Website.

Lastly, the International Office is here to assist the Associations and Clubs all it takes is an email or phone call.

Fraternally, Kevin, 623-239-6170 or secretary@high12.org

International Past President Winton Hewitt (PSP, PA): Greetings Brethren, we are always trying to expand High Twelve where ever we can. Second Vice President Bill Haynes and I are working with some Sojourners from North Carolina to see what we can do to get a Club going there. North Carolina Grand Lodge has a ruling about Clubs in NC.

I am also working on Georgia to see if we can get permission to open clubs there. From what I hear some brethren from Georgia may visit the new Club in Florida. This will give them an idea of High Twelve.

Things are going well for the Mid-Year-Meeting in New Orleans. Brother Wilkinson has made trips there and has pictures and information ready to pass out to those that plan on attending. Let's hope that we see an increase on this midyear meeting. Many had said that they wanted a change so make your plans to attend.

International Past President Merv Harris (PSP, FL): I received a Quiz from Nick Heleg-Greza from the Moline High Twelve Club #88, which I think would be fun for all our members. The 10 question Quiz is listed below and the answers will be sent to your club Secretary and President by the International Secretary with the correct answers in January. You can see how well you did at your club meeting(s) in January. Then, See how well you do and I will have 10 more questions for you in the January Update.

1. In the '50s, if you had a flat rear tire, you often had to remove the?
 - a. Necker knob
 - b. Curb feeler
 - c. Fender skirt
2. What color flash bulbs did Dad use for color film?
 - a. Blue
 - b. Pink
 - c. Plaid
3. What was the parking brake called when you were a kid?
 - a. Emergency brake
 - b. Pull Stop
 - c. Breaker.
4. Way before Air Jordan, what was a kid's shoe of choice?
 - a. Buster Brown

- b. PF Flyers
 - c. Old Stinkers
5. In what year did Dewey Defeat Truman according to the Chicago Tribune?
 - a. 1946
 - b. 1948
 - c. 1952
 6. Before the Orkin Man, what technology was part of most home bug deterrence?
 - a. Shoe Fly
 - b. Fly paper
 - c. 50 mm Phlit gun
 7. Dixie cups had what printed on their tops?
 - a. Secret decoders
 - b. Movie stars
 - c. WW II propaganda slogans
 8. What was the prevailing method of birth control in the 50s?
 - a. Heavy lifting and cold showers
 - b. Fear
 - c. Girdles and crinoline petticoats
 9. Jimmy Durante said what at the end of every show?
 - a. Aloha, my friends
 - b. Good night, Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are
 - c. Remember, wherever you go, my nose will get there first.
 10. Popeye the sailor man; Popeye the sailor man. I'm strong to the finish, _____ ,
Popeye the sailor man.
 - a. cause I eats me spinach
 - b. my dad was big and Finnish
 - c. the music is a bit tinnish?

Arizona High Twelve Clubs:

East Valley Masonic High Twelve Club #765: It's good to be back from the summer break and my trip to Germany. Now, back to work. Last Saturday's meeting, which was well attended, included an excellent breakfast and a very informative speaker, Marilyn Klinger. She spoke about health care. I hope we will have a good turnout for the Veterans parade in Mesa on Nov. 11th and also a good turnout for our next meeting Nov. 21. We wish a speedy recovery to those under the weather.

Now is the time to show great respect for all veterans past, present and future. For without the sacrifices of our veterans we would not be free to worship GOD and live a life worth living or have the choice to be all we can be. I hope that all the Masons that can will be in the parade on Nov. 11th with the Masonic Family Group. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Tomorrow's Leaders need you today! DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls instill leadership skills and confidence in their young members. They also represent the future of this Masonic family. But to survive and succeed, they need **YOU TO GET INVOLVED!** You can help and support the Rainbows by getting your Christmas candles from them.

Mesa Assembly # 9 Rainbow Girls: The girls are raising money to go on a mystery trip in January by selling Christmas candles. Please call Mrs. Rose Hanne at 602-430-7911 if interested in supporting the girls...DW

Fraternally, Bro. Steve Maggs, East Valley Masonic H12 #765, Secretary/Treasurer.

Sahuaro High Twelve Club #523: I was just informed our Holaway School Kidney Care Education Purpose Project / Tucson No. 4, Masonic Bikes For Books Program was awarded the Most Impactful DCI Community Service Purpose Project from among competition for all the dozens of DC-Funded \$5,000 each Purpose Projects across the entire United States at their DCI Annual Corporate Meeting this weekend. William E. Wilkinson, ([520\) 981-1200](tel:5209811200).

Sun City West High Twelve Rice Drive Begins October 9, 2015 was the date the Sun City West High Twelve Club kicked off their annual Rice Fund Drive. Jesse Ramirez, Founder and President of the Valley View Community Food Bank, was the guest speaker at the High Twelve breakfast meeting on that date. He confirmed that the Food Bank is solvent and going strong, providing food for anyone in the community who comes to the Food Bank. He also brought good news to the club having found a facility in Nevada where we can purchase good quality long grain rice for about one third the cost we have been able to find locally. We look forward to our next meeting on November 13th when our drive ends and we

know how much cash our members and friends have gathered to make the annual purchase. All members are reminded to get their donations in to our Club Treasurer Earl Paasch. Everyone was given his address in a flyer they received in October. Hopefully, we will take advantage of the Nevada location where we can make a great purchase due to the generosity of all of our members and friends.

The photograph was taken at the Food Bank that will be the recipient of our donation. Shown here on



the left is John Geyer, Past President of the Arizona Association of High Twelve Clubs. Next to him is David Miller the current President of our Sun City West Club and the current President of the Arizona Association of High Twelve Clubs as well. Next to him is Jesse Ramirez, founder and president of the Valley View Community Food Bank. On the far right is Bob Snodgrass a club member who will be nominated for 2016 President of our club. We gathered at the Food Bank to celebrate the cash donations presented to Jesse Ramirez at that time.

California High Twelve Association Clubs:

Bakersfield High Twelve Club #95: What is going on at Bakersfield High Twelve club #95? Well, Mr. Sal Gochez, from the Bakersfield Regional Occupational Center was our featured speaker in September. He informed us that their main training focuses are the local High School Juniors and Seniors with at least a 2.0 GPA that are not going to College. Their programs train and place these



students into the local work force. They have 18 courses of study at this time. The programs he mentioned were: Auto Gas/Diesel Mechanics, Auto Technology, Animal Care Technology, Medical Assistant, Nursing Assistant, Fire Fighting, and Welding. After being in a program for two years, they earn State or Local Certification in their focus subject. Then, Brother Zaldy Damazo, stood up and said that he places nurses and nurse assistants in the local hospitals as long as they have their California Certification. WOW!! The community helping the newly certified Nurse Assistants. Then, Brother Dean Van Zant (87 years young) came forward and said that he was a member of the First Advisory Board to the Bakersfield Regional Occupational Center. These are good examples of Masonry helping our youth. How much better can it get??

In the picture from left to right is Brother Dean Van Zant presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Sal Gochez for being our speaker today.

Fresno High Twelve Club #10: Brethren: Our September guest speaker was Mary Golden, Program Manager in the Public Affairs Office from Veterans Affairs. She gave a very interesting outline of what the Veterans Affairs Office at the Fresno Veterans Hospital does and the numerous volunteer hours given by individuals who volunteer. If you did not attend this meeting, you missed out on a very good program.

The Incoming officers were installed on October 6, 2015. Brother Malcolm White, a member of Fresno High Twelve Club No. 10 traveled from Bakersfield together with his wife, Carol to install the 2015-2016 Officers. Fraternally,

Jack Farson, Secretary

California High Twelve Association Clubs:

The Oakland High Twelve #2, Oakland, California: The club held its monthly meeting on October 25th

and enjoyed a sideshow Presentation, and Program, on the Philippians, leading up to and during WWII, by Ms. Cecilia I. Gaerlan, Executive Director of the Bataan Legacy. Her presentation on the infamous *Death March*, the Japanese occupation and other events not usually found on PBS were truly enlightening. The legacy of Bataan, Corragator, Manila and all of the Philippians should not be forgotten and of the thousands of both Philipian and Americans that gave up so much, including their lives during this bloody conflict.

Oakland High 12 meets on the 4th Monday of the month at the Oakland Scottish Rite at 12 noon. All Master Masons and their guest are always welcome.

Pictured is (L-R) Cleveland Valrey, PSP; Loren Piper, PP, Program Chair; Speaker Cecila I. Gaerlan (receiving Certificate of Appreciation) and Howard Roberts, Club President.



Florida High Twelve Association and Clubs:

Florida High Twelve 54th Annual Convention Tri County Masonic High Twelve Club #674: Saturday, December 5th, 2015 Convention Site & Hotel: International Palms Resort, 6515 I-Drive, Orlando, Fla., 32819 Rate: \$69 + Tax (includes Full Breakfast Buffet) - Resort Reservations: 1-407-351-3500.

Another successful Prime Rib Dinner was held at the Ocal Shrine Club on October 9th. We had 108 people in attendance and the food was outstanding! Entertainment was provided by Steve Robinson, a man who plays 12 different instruments and has a beautiful voice.

Steve played and sang for an hour without taking a break. Most entertainers talk a little during their performance but Steve goes from one song to the next without stopping. The people loved his performance and we will be having him at our April High Twelve Meeting.

We had members and ladies from the Club, Shrine Club, Scooter Club, Lady's Shrine Club, Leesburg, Wildwood and Villages Lodges in attendance. When Steve played a slow number, the dance floor was full.

At the November club meeting, we will install the new officers and thank the outgoing officers for the great job they did in 2015. After the installation, the club will enjoy a full Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings.

We are looking for a another good year with lots of entertainment and speakers. The monthly dinners will continue to be held at restaurants and clubs around the area.

Illinois High Twelve Association Clubs:

Northwest High Twelve Club No. 769: President George Rogers called the meeting to order at 11:50 am with the pledge of allegiance and Joe Santisteban, High Twelve State President, offering the opening and closing prayer. After the luncheon orders were taken, the attendees introduced themselves with special recognition to brother John D. Riggs. Brother John



Riggs was later voted into membership. He is a member of Palatine Lodge No. 314, former Treasurer, etc. and a new residence of Palatine. His address is 1254 E. Evergreen Dr., Palatine 60074 ([847-346-5167](tel:847-346-5167)). Welcome John! We were blessed with Mrs. Joan Rogers and Mrs. Jan Van Cleave in attendance today.

After the Secretary-Treasurer reports as shown in the previous emailed meeting announcement, Brother John Albert, Wolcott Representative passed out Wolcott label pins to all members attendees. Brother Peter Maris stated that there is still time to apply to Hellenic Masonic Lodge for their four \$1,000 scholarship fund. Hellenic Lodge (John C. Psaltis Foundation Scholarship) applications are requested to be made prior to November 30th.

Eleven members donated twenty-two dollars to the Wolcott foundation today plus four dollars to other-youth fund. We now have twenty-two members with dues collected from seventeen members. It is never too late to insure your membership. President George Rogers will select two extra meeting in the near future; one to the new DeMolay Chapter in Bloomington and the other to Cornerstone High Twelve meeting. Their meetings are: Bloomingdale DeMolay Chapter, (Scottish Rite Center) 1st & 3rd Monday (7:00 pm) and Cornerstone High Twelve Club, Golden Corral Restaurant, 1455 N. Dilley Road, Gurney, 1st Wednesday at Noon.

President George Rogers talked from a personal viewpoint on Shriner's Hospitals and asked each Mason to promote the excellent work of the twenty-two Shriner's Hospitals. A map identified the eight local Shriner's Temples that promote the Chicago Hospital. Chicago's Hospital is typical for pediatric hospitals but it different in services as only 1,600 surgeries were performed last year but over 13,000 out-patients were handled. Admission requires only a phone call (773-385-KIDS) and religion, nationality, local, foreign children (up to 18 years) are handled based only on need. Medical expenses are covered at Shriner's Hospital or where a patient medical care is performed, as if they were performed at Shriner's Hospitals. Doctors and nurses are part of the paid staff but specialty doctors are secured when needed. The use of hospital volunteers are an important part of Shriner's operations and a visible portion of care.

Discussion at this meeting was centered on the goals of High Twelve and the main goals were Fellowship and Wolcott Foundation. The question was Are we doing enough in charity. Our expenses are low as members pay their own food bill but the \$24 membership dues is allocated to \$5 State and \$10 International leaving \$9 for our charity and any expenses. At an estimated 22 members this year, we have \$198 available for yearly charity and promotion (handouts, Annual Conventions, etc.). These funds are supplement with extra donation in the Wolcott School House which now is \$35 (since August). Should our Bylaws be changes that state, The Dues of the Club are \$24.00 per year including the \$10.00 per year per capita amount for National, be changed to read, \$ XX.00 plus \$10.00 per year capita to National. The Bylaws could be changed in August, 2016 if the membership wishes to change our dues structure and amount.

The speaker scheduled for the November 24th will be selected by Joe Pegoraro with meeting dates to be retained as November 24th and December 22nd as voted on by membership. Meeting schedule dates were a concern based upon pending holiday celebrations dates.

Our starting time for the December meeting will be 11:50 am to permit additional orders and visitation time.

Fraternally, Don Van Cleave, Secretary Treasurer, [847-934-3679](tel:847-934-3679) - dvccleave@comcast.net

Moline Area Masonic High Twelve Club #88: 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'll have 3 meetings in November. Meeting dates for November are the 6th, 13th and the 20th. There will not be a meeting on the 27th. Thanksgivings is November 26.

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.

First a little humor to relax our mind: A game warden was driving down the road when he came upon a young boy carrying a wild turkey under his arm. He stopped and asked the boy, 'Where did you get that turkey?' The boy replied, 'What turkey?' The game warden said, 'That turkey you're carrying under your arm.' The boy looks down and said, 'Well, lookee here, a turkey done roasted under my arm!' The game warden said, 'Now look, you know turkey season is closed, so whatever you do to that turkey, I'm going to do to you. If you break his leg, I'm gonna break your leg If you break his wing, I'll break your arm.'

Whatever you do to him, I'll do to you. So, what are you gonna do with him?' The little boy said, 'I guess I'll just kiss his ass and let him go!'

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: I am blind, please help. There were only a few coins in the hat.



A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were going.

The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, 'Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?'

The man said, 'I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way. I wrote: Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it.'

Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Moral of the Story: Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively. When life gives you a 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear.

The most beautiful thing is to see a person smiling. And even more beautiful, knowing that you are the reason behind it!

Happy Thanksgiving to all! Editor: <mailto:ngreza@hotmail.com> Nick Heleg-Greza.

Michigan High Twelve Association, Masonic Home Resident James Satterthwaite, PIP: Brother Jim sent me two articles from the Reminisce Magazine that he thought were interesting and I agreed with him. Many of us, who are Senior Citizens can relate to the stories. I hope you enjoy them as much as we both do. Merv Harris, Editor.

Unusual Orders: I grew up on a farm in North Dakota. We were tough people who grew our own food, milked our own cows and preserved every bit of food we could. Waste was just not a word in our vocabulary.

When I walked into the kitchen one day, Mom told me to take a pail of cream that was sitting on the floor and pour it into the can. I asked her to repeat what she'd said. She did, but in a sterner voice. I was bewildered and asked her why she wanted me to pour cream in the can.

"Just do it, and don't ask again," she said sternly. But make sure you leave the pail over there.

I thought Mom was losing her mind, but I walked to the outhouse with the pail of cream anyway. Once inside, I took the cover off the toilet and poured sweet cream into the hole. Shaking my head, I set the empty pail in the nearest corner.

Later that afternoon, Mom and I were putting the separator together. My brother entered the separator shed swinging the empty cream pail.

Why was this in the outhouse? he said. Mom started laughing and asked me, 'Why did you leave the pail in there?'

You told me to! Submitted by Doris Riddle

I Bought The Family's First Phone!

During the Great Depression, when money was tight, I asked my parents if we could get a phone. They said, No! So I took the initiative. After school, I worked at a music store repairing radios and record players. I went to the phone company office to order an installation. The manager hesitated, noting my age. I said, I can pay the bill; check with my employers, and he did. Satisfied, he said my phone would be installed the next day.

I was the only one home for the installation. I had the phone set up in our dining room in a cabinet with doors. I then called my buddy Ralph, gave him my phone number, and told him to call me during the dinner hour. I made no mention of the phone to the family.

Seated for dinner, I said nothing. When the phone rang, I reached into the cabinet and pulled out the phone. I thanked Ralph for the call, hung up, and continued eating.

Father spoke first: Who is paying for the phone? I said, I am. The phone is mine. Nothing more was said until the next day, when Dad handed me a note with a phone number. He asked me to show him how to make a call.

From that day on, Dad was on my phone, and I had to wait my turn! Submitted by Doris Riddle

Wolcott Trustee Robert Morton, Zone 7 (PA):

At the September meeting of the North Penn High Twelve Club #473, we had Chris Conrad, **A Wolcott Senior Fellow** as Speaker. He is 23 years of age, and received his undergraduate degree in the Spring of 2013 from Temple University - Honors program in Economics and Political Science. He graduated from George Washington University's Graduate program with a GPA of 3.9; from the Elliot School of International Affairs, Security Policy Studies in the Spring of 2015. He will continue to remain with his current employer, The Avascent Group, where he serves US civilian agencies [e.g. NASA] and foreign institutions [e.g. The Japan Bank for International Cooperation] with internationally focused strategy and business consulting services. He has recently received a promotion within his firm for his work over the past year and a half. Regards, Bob Morton.

Wolcott Trustee Zone 5, Michael E. Clark (PP, PSP, MI):

Senior Wolcott Fellow visits Grand Rapids, Michigan High Twelve Club No. 236:

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.

PIP Merv Harris, Editor:

Brethren and Ladies, we need your articles and photos for the Monthly Update. Articles can be on meeting notices, awards, dinners, contributions, special events or anything of interest. Photos are also welcome and we need your input to make the Update interesting.

You may not realize that your article or photos can inspire other clubs to try what you have done and make their club meetings more interesting. We all need to share our ideas and accomplishments, so we have great meetings, and perhaps our members will encourage other Masons to join the clubs.

All articles must be submitted to me at mjghi12@centurylink.net. Please send your photos as JPEG images or similar photo programs. Photos can then be enlarged or reduced in size and can also be changed to be used in the Update.

Thank you for the support you have given in the past and hope you will continue to support our International newsletter. You will notice that Arizona has gone all out to submit articles this month and we hope they continue in the future.

We hope to see you all at the Mid-Year-Meeting in New Orleans in January! Also, check out the International Website and you will find many ideas that will help you club or Association.

Humor:

A 20 something year-old girl finally decided to introduce her boyfriend to her parents. She hid him from them because she was afraid of how they'd react because he's very religious, but now that they're engaged she couldn't hide it anymore. The boy shakes the father's hand firmly and sits down for a talk. So I understand that you want to marry my daughter. Do you have a job to support her? With God's help sir, someday soon, I'll find a job. Are you planning on having kids? With God's help sir, someday, yes. I understand that you're a student. How are you going to pay your tuition and afford a baby? With God's help sir, I'm very certain both of these are possible goals. The conversation went pleasantly and politely. After the boy left, the mother asked the father: Well? What do you think of the young lad? To which the father replied: He seems pretty nice, the only problem is that he seems to believe that I'm God.

A surgeon was checking on a patient who had a hernia operation three days before. The doctor asked the man why he had not gotten out of bed. I hurt, the man said. You don't know how it feels. I know exactly how it feels, the doctor said. I had the same procedure last month, and I was back at work two days later. There's no difference in our operations. Oh yes there is, said the patient. You had a different surgeon.

A man was stopped by the police around 2 a.m. The officer asked him where he was going at that time of night. The man replied, I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late. The officer then asked, Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night? The man replied, That would be my wife.

They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again. The boy asked, What is this, Father? The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is. While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a fat old lady in a wheel chair moved up to the moving walls and pressed a button.

The walls opened, and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched the small numbers above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number, and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order. Finally the walls opened up again and a gorgeous 24-year-old blonde stepped out. The father, not taking his eyes off the young woman, said quietly to his son.....Go get your Mother.

The Seattle Seahawks' Last Offensive Play in Super Bowl - 2015...It's the last offensive play of the season. Score a touchdown and you'll win the Super Bowl. No thanks, we'll pass.

An Israeli soldier who just enlisted asked the Commanding Officer for a 3-day pass. The CO says Are you crazy? You just join the Israeli army, and you already want a 3-day pass? You must do something spectacular for that recognition! So the soldier comes back a day later in an Arab tank! The CO was so impressed, he asked How did you do it? Well, I jumped in a tank, and went toward the border with the Arabs. I approached the border, and saw an Arab tank. I put my white flag up, the Arab tank put his white flag up. I said to the Arab soldier, Do you want to get a three-day pass?

So we exchanged tanks!

Winter in Florida! Come and visit us this year!



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