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High Twelve Monthly Update

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

Happy Valentine's Day! Don't forget your Loved One and Let Her know You Love Her!

International President Jerry Saville (PSP, CA): Greetings to All! My sincere thanks to Brother Will, our General Counsel; and Brother Kevin Hokerk-Robinson; our dedicated International Secretary for their hard work, time, support and dedication to the 2016 International High Twelve Mid-Year-Meeting in New Orleans last month. The conference was well attended and I believe that everyone had a great time. If you have never been to New Orleans, you really need to put this on your bucket list - it's an interesting city to say the least.

Personally I think we had a great productive and fun meeting. Now we work to finalize the plans for the 2016 International Convention in San Diego next June. The Convention Registration information will be on the International Website soon. BUT, you can make your hotel reservation now by calling the Holiday Inn Bayside. The number is on the High Twelve Website. I hope you will join us next June.

In the near future you will receive the Mailing Labels from High Twelve and as you know, this is one of the two Major Fundraisers for International. The other is the Annual Pocket Planners. We need your support! Please! While we have no payroll we do have expenses. Thanks in advance for your support and donation!

You can find your High Twelve President and First Vice President in Madison, Wisconsin, at the Grand Master's Conference of North America later this month. Yes, Wisconsin in February! We have reserved a space for a High Twelve Table and look forward to meeting all the Grand Masters (maybe not all but we will do our very best). Stay tuned for an update in the next newsletter.

To all readers of this newsletter I'm asking you to invite a friend and/or a stranger to lunch at your next High Twelve Club luncheon. I know, and you know, there are many that would accept your invitation. Try it - it works. Let's continue our High Twelve Masonic journey together as we work to grow Masonry across the land. Until next month...Fraternally, Jerry Saville, President, jsaville@bak.rr.com or telephone 661-203-5747

International 1st Vice President Dr. Ronald Woods (PSP, IN): Well, Marilyn and I have returned from the Mid-Year-Meeting in New Orleans. It was a good meeting and covered many interesting areas of High Twelve International. However I will leave the discussion of that to others. Back in Indiana, things are popping. On February 14th, I will be presiding over the Chartering of Ameer Club in Fort Wayne, Indiana. It is great to see one new club in Indiana. The news gets even better with a conversation I had this evening with Ron Wilson, who advised me that he has some 13 brothers interested in forming a Hi-12 Club in Noblesville, Indiana. I will be visiting Brother Wilson on Monday, February 8th to cover their desires and needs and see that they can properly complete the information that our Secretary Kevin requires. They plan to receive their Charter and will have the installation of Officers on March 14th.

That will make two new clubs in Indiana and it is my hope that before this year is over we can have three more. That will double the size of Hi-12 brothers we have in Indiana with more to go. Finally, it is my desire to see that we establish a Club at the Masonic Home in Kentucky and then work on developing some new ones in the various cities that at one time had Hi-12 clubs. It is also my desire that reestablish a State Association in Missouri and get them working on developing clubs in the various cities within the State.

I encourage all State Clubs to work to establish at least one new club this year in their State. If they would work on this we would have at least 15 new clubs in the United States. I offer this as a challenge to all State Clubs.

God Bless all you do for Hi-12.

International 2nd Vice President William Haynes (PSP, PA): Promoting High Twelve. We all think High Twelve is a great organization. Hopefully, we always talk positive about it to others. When done with enthusiasm, this can produce a very positive image of our organization. In turn, this would make another Mason desirous of joining us and would make recruiting much easier.

It's easy to promote High Twelve. What Mason doesn't like to dine with fellow Mason in a relaxed setting among other Masons enjoying themselves? With the casual setting, no ritual and low dues, we have a lot to enjoy and talk about. This positive promotion really makes our organization outstanding and others should know that also. So speak up about High Twelve and help enhance our positive image among our brethren. Fraternaly, Bill Haynes

International Secretary Kevin Hokerk-Robinson (PSP, AZ): Greetings all! Well the 2016 Mid-Year-Meeting is now history. It was good see old friends and meet some members that I had only talked to over the phone. It was unfortunate the winter storm in the Pennsylvania area kept Brothers Bill Haynes, Don Whistler and Winton Hewitt from attending in person BUT we were able to have them attend via ooVoo video conference along with Darrell Russell from Arnold Page Club #298 in the UK.

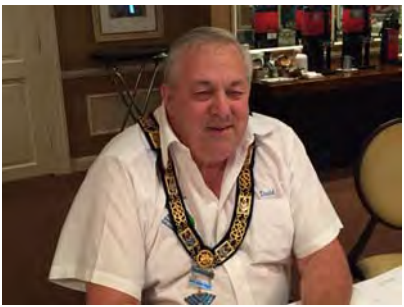
Sunday, January 24th was the travel day for most of the members and the afternoon evening was spent exploring the French Quarter as we were only a block away from Bourbon Street. Monday was for touring and exploring. Mychaeltodd and I walked over to the St. Louis Cemetery #1 for a guided walking tour. It was very educational historically and how these cemeteries function today. We did see the tomb of Marie Laveau - Creole Queen practitioner of Voodoo in New Orleans. Several in our tour made the ritualistic homage to her to have a wish granted. Later Monday evening was an informal dinner in the Hotel Masion Dupuy dining room, we were hoping for 15 attendees and wound up with 25! A wonderful dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by all after which many went back to Bourbon Street.

Tuesday was the business meeting and occupied the day. The usual reports and discussions were lively and everyone had their say. There was one piece of legislation that was voted upon and passed to move forward to the 95th Annual Convention for a vote regarding adding the words 'or affiliate' after the words High Twelve Club to hopefully allow us into North Carolina. Further research will have to be done between now and convention to assess the unknown implications. Then it was off to Bourbon Street!

Wednesday was departure day for most members. We took a cab to the Lower Ninth Ward to view the remaining damage from hurricane Katrina and some of the rebuilding that has occurred. Our cabbie was our tour guide and was able to provide a great deal of insight as he was a resident at the time and worked in the aftermath clean-up. Then it was off to the airport and home.

I do believe all had a wonderful time and the Beignets were WONDERFUL! The following are just a few random pictures

taken while in New Orleans.





Wolcott Foundation Trustee Stanley Gardner, PIP Zone 3: Bi-Lingual - Multi-Lingual! The Wolcott applicants for 2016 are some of the most multi-lingual individuals that have ever applied for a Wolcott Fellowship. In today's world, one or two languages is not sufficient to carry on an active diplomatic conversation. Young people that enter government service will interact with companies, individuals and other governmental agencies that require more than just basic English. The range of languages spoken by these talented young people is amazing, from Arabic to Zulu and many that were not recognized as an official language ten years ago. These young people are generations ahead of applicants from a few years ago and will definitely be valuable assets to whatever government agency they serve.

Wolcott Foundation Chairman & Trustee Malcolm White, PSP (CA): Unknown (secrets?) Facts About Wolcott! The title was generated in answer to the confusion and/or misunderstanding, intentional or accidental, in some quarters about YOUR WOLCOTT PROGRAM.!

The Wolcott Program was generated by the High Twelve International organization to fill a perceived, and known, need for well trained and well qualified public servants. The way it works is really quite direct and really basic: monies contributed to the Wolcott Foundation are used to fund Graduate Fellowships - 40 graduate hours leading to an MBA in Public Affairs at the George Washington University. The Foundation structure is simple and direct: it begins with a member of High Twelve or any person or entity making a contribution in some form - cash, check, charitable remainder trusts, bequests and the like. These funds are accepted by the Club Wolcott Representative, except perhaps in the case of trusts, bequests and such as those, which require a bit more paper work - and that is where the Foundation Treasurer and Legal Counsel do the heavy lifting. A receipt from the Club Wolcott Representative - EVERY CLUB SHOULD HAVE A WOLCOTT REPRESENTATIVE - indicates the contributor, the amount and where and how the monies are to be routed. Contributions to the Wolcott Foundation are, when receipted, tax deductible - your Wolcott Foundation is a 501(c) 3 entity. A contribution may be designated 'FELLOWSHIP FUND' (to be used immediately for a Fellowship) or as 'ENDOWMENT FUND' (which is placed into the Investment Program - and ONLY the income from Investments are used to fund Fellowships. Contributions may be designated as Heritage Bonds - as a Memoriam or an Honorarium (some people use these in lieu of flowers or some material gift on special occasions). These contributions, too, may be designated as Fellowship or Endowment Funds. The Club Representative or the Zone Trustee may prepare these Heritage Bonds for the Contributor. Monies may also be contributed in the form of Century Club or Wolcott Club contributions; these may be recognized by the appropriate Certificates recognizing the contributor, and their support of the Wolcott Foundation. Once the Club Wolcott Representative receives a contribution and has issued a receipt to the donor, the monies are sent to his Zone Trustee for proper processing and recognition; the Trustee then forwards the funds to the Wolcott Foundation Treasurer who then directs the funds according to the wishes and directions of the donor. The Investment Income, the Fellowship contributions and the income from Trusts, Bequests and the like, are used to finance the Fellowships to be awarded in that year. The selection of the Fellows for the current year is made

during the Wolcott Selection Session, held in Washington, D.C., each year in March. Hence, as you are reading this, your Trustees are preparing for that selection process. The other business of the Wolcott Foundation takes place at the time, and place, of the Annual International High Twelve Convention. At this time the eight Wolcott Trustees conduct the business of the Foundation, which includes the annual election of Foundation Officers - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Each Trustee serves a term of five years - if vacancies occur, a Trustee will be appointed to fill the remainder of that five year term. Trustees are elected by the High Twelve Club Members in their respective Zones. They are nominated by a Club, within their Zone, and to which they belong. All members belonging to the Clubs within that Zone vote for the Trustee. The geography of the Zone may be altered as may be necessary at the annual business session. The Trustee receives NO PAY; he is reimbursed for travel and housing for the two events per year - the Selection Session in March and the Annual Business Session in June. He is also reimbursed for telephone and postage which he may incur in performing his duties.

Any questions that you may have may be directed to me at caromal@bak.rr.com, and will be answered to the best of my ability. Fraternaly, Malcolm S. White, Chairman, The Wolcott Foundation, Inc.

**GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND YOU AND ALL WHOM YOU HOLD DEAR!**

Arizona High Twelve Association, Chaplain, Paul Howell:

Chaplains Message for February. I am honored to be asked by President David Miller to serve this year as State Chaplain. That is an distinct honor, one which I deeply respect. Since that time I have had the pleasure to participate in all but one of the Club's Installations and have been graciously received on all visits.

As the Chaplain, I have been giving it some diligent thought as to what I might have to say to all of you, my Brothers. The first thing is that we always need to remember to give thanks to that Supreme Architect, who watches over and supports each of us, by whatever name we wish to call Him/Her. Then we should remember who we are and what the organization is and is about. Don't forget those whom, for whatever reason are unable to be with us, with specific references to those whom we now to be suffering. Should there be a major catastrophe within the world prayer for those in need and assistance.

Always remember to watch over all of the Men & Women in Service to this great country who may find themselves within harms' way.

Keep your prayer short and to the point. Those in attendance are not there, for the most part, to hear you speak, but to enjoy the Food, Fun, Friendship and Fellowship of all those in attendance.

And lastly, this is not meant to embarrass or intimidate anyone. Remember that we are not a Christian Organization but an organization which requires its members to believe in that Singular, Universal, and Supreme Architect of the Universe and therefore should not exclude others outside of the Christian faith.

May your God, by whatever name, bless you and keep you. May the light of His countenance shine upon you and forever give you peace and happiness.

California High Twelve Association, Bakersfield High Twelve Club #95:



Greetings and Happy New Year from Bakersfield High Twelve Club #95! I was proud that I made it through the Holidays eating moderately. Okay...did over eat occasionally. Well, our first meeting was a Wellness Program by Mr. Sean Kenney, a physical trainer. Now, I am feeling very guilty and not really wanting to face up to my Holiday indulging.

Photo: On the left is Mr. Sean Kenney and on the right is James Siler, President.

Being President, I went to the meeting anyway. Mr. Kenney introduced us to something called Chair exercises. I thought I

can do that...12 repetitions twice for each exercise exercising the upper half of my body one day and the lower half of my body the next day. I am trying them and I am feeling a lot better physically. I thought you would like to know what is happening at our Club. Come see us when you can. (the second and fourth Friday of each month at Johns Incredible Pizza on Rosedale Highway in Bakersfield, California at noon.) See you soon.

Fresno High Twelve Club #10: Brethren, A Real Happy New Year is here. A lot to do (smile) but I can't do it without you. We need to introduce more brother Masons to Hi-12. One way to do that is to invite them to one of our monthly gatherings. Another way is to share with them what our monthly programs are like. If none of that is appealing....tell them about the Student Loan Program we offer or the Wolcott Program we support. In other words getting more verbal about our Hi-12 program is a very effective way to advertise/inform others about us. Try it... It might surprise you on the outcome. Isaac Hollomon, Jr., President

Bet you didn't know all this

SHOT OF WHISKEY - In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash, he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a shot of whiskey.

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS - American fighter planes in WW-2 had machine guns that were fed by a belt of cartridges. The average plane held belts that were 27 feet (9 yards) long. If the pilot used up all his ammo he was said to have given it the whole nine yards.

BUYING THE FARM - This is synonymous with dying. During WW-1 soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000. This was about the price of an average farm so if you died you bought the farm for your survivors.

IRON CLAD CONTRACT - This came about from the ironclad ships of the Civil War. It meant something so strong it could not be broken. Most men in the early west carried a jack knife made by the Buck knife company. When playing poker it as common to place one of these Buck knives in front of the dealer so that everyone knew who he was. When it was time for a new dealer the deck of cards and the knife were given to the new dealer. If this person didn't want to deal he would pass the buck to the next player. If that player accepted, then the buck stopped there.

Well It's February! We're seeing rain, sunshine, fog and moderate temperatures.....what a good thing! Time for us, Hi-12 guys, to really start thinking about asking other Masonic Brothers we know if they have heard anything about the Hi-12 Program. Like any other group it's important for us to keep our roster of members full and active. So you're thinking.....How can I help? What can I do to make a difference?. You can try by making a list of what brother Masons you know that are not members of Hi-12. Next you can approach them about Hi-12. Talk to them about the good we do for kids. Talk to them about our speaker program and the guests we have had for the last 2 yrs. Invite them to come and dine with us. Possibilities...I say yes. Try it you might be surprised at the results. Isaac Hollomon, Jr.

California Masonic Home High Twelve Club #606:



President Ron Sherod, PGM 1991; 1st VP Gary Charland; 2nd VP Gary Arguardo; Secretary/Chaplain Art Walton; Past President Larry Sadler; Treasurer/EM Rep. Gene Grice (Behind Podium); Not pictured - Sergeant-of-Arms/Marshal Brother Richard Cummings; and Masonic Representative Scott Walsh.

Florida High Twelve Association, Tri County High Twelve Club #674, Lady Lake, FL:

At the February Meeting of the club, the State President Michael Hemphill joined us and we were entertained by the Son Chords Barbershop Quartet of The Villages. There were 54 members and guests attending the meeting and everyone seemed to have a great time.

The entertainment in March will be a Choral Group from the Lady Lake Elementary School with over 50 students participating. Our club donates Pop Tops to the school each month, which helped them win the District Award for the last three years and hopefully will again this year.



Photo: Pictured from left to right Florida State Secretary Don Hodson, State President Michael Hemphill and on the right, Jerry Palagonia visiting from the LeHigh Valley High Twelve Club #493 in Allentown, Pennsylvania

Cortez High Twelve Club #538, Bradenton, FL: Hopefully all have gotten off to a great 2016. Our members, their ladies and friends from various parts of the USA and Canada have arrived back in Bradenton and bringing with them stories and other news to share with each other.

The only requirement to become a member of Cortez Masonic Hi-12 Club #538 is to be a fellow Mason (3rd Degree). Your lady is always invited to come and share the day's festivities with you which helps make our get-togethers a family affair. If you have visitors staying with you bring them along. Many of our brothers are also members of Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shriners, etc. Some brothers and sisters are members of Eastern Star, Amaranth, etc. and some of our ladies are members of the Daughters of the Nile. As you can see we are a much diversified group. However, we all have one purpose. That is to have fun and enjoy each others company.

Our support includes DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls as well as the St. Petersburg Masonic Home. We also promote the Wolcott Foundation. Please come and find out more.

We meet each Monday from November through April, so come soon. We meet at Duff's Original Buffet (One of the best Buffets you will find) at 6010 14th St. (Route 41) in Bradenton arriving between 10:30 and 11:00 AM to socialize. (Do not pay when you come in.) Ask where our private room is and come over. 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. Several even stay after for more food and more socializing.

The first Monday of each month we hold an auction of items brought in by our members and guests, the profits from same are used for our annual picnic. We also usually have a couple of outside activities doing things together. Cost for the meal is \$9.00, which includes tax and tip.

There are two activities done by the Florida State Masonic High Twelve Clubs, Inc. that we strive to support. One of them is coming up the end of this month on February 27th, which is Hi-12 Day. It will be held in Tamarac where we get a chance to meet other HighTwelvians and their ladies from around Florida for a day of great comradery, food and fun. Come to our club get-togethers and learn more about this activity.

If you are a regular, we thank you. However, if you have not been, please come and enjoy the fun with us. As it is said the more the merrier and we want to have the best time possible. Look forward to having you with us.

Fraternally, Bob Rodd, President and Wolcott Representative.

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™ have 4 meetings in February. Meeting dates for February are 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. 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.

February is one of the last two months to be added to the calendar at the beginning of the year (the other is January). This is because in the original [Roman calendar](#), the two months of [winter](#), when not much would happen in agriculture, did not have names.

February is the second month of the year, coming between [January](#) and [March](#), and is also the shortest month, with 28 days in a [common year](#), and 29 days in a [leap year](#). February begins on the same day of the week as [March](#) and [November](#) in [common years](#), and on the same day as [August](#) in a [leap year](#). Every year, February ends on the same day of the week as [October](#), and in common years, February also ends on the same day of the week as [January](#). In a [leap year](#), February is the only month to begin and end on the same day of the week. From circa 700 BC, when Numa Pompilius, the second king of Rome, added it to the calendar, February had 23 days and 24 days on some of every second year, until 46 BC when Julius Caesar assigned it 29 days on every fourth year and 28 days otherwise. [Leap year Day](#), [February 29](#), is added in every year that can be divided equally by four, such as [2012](#) and [2016](#), but this does not apply when the year ending in 00 at the turn of the [century](#) does not divide equally into 400. This means that [2000](#) was a [leap year](#) in the [Gregorian calendar](#), but [1900](#) was not. This is where the [Julian calendar](#) calculated dates differently, as it always repeated [February 29](#) every four years.

In [weather lore](#), [Groundhog Day](#), in the [United States](#), is set to decide what the weather will be like for the rest of the [winter](#).

February's flower is the [violet](#) and its [birthstone](#) is the [amethyst](#). The meaning of the amethyst is sincerity. The [zodiac](#) signs for February are [Aquarius](#) ([January 21](#) to [February 19](#)), and [Pisces](#) ([February 20](#) to [March 20](#)).

Whew! That is your history lesson for today.

North West High Twelve Club #769, IL:

Our meeting was held on January 26th, at the Red Apple Restaurant. Brother David Traux had an informative talk important for any Mason. Each of us should be committed to become a better and a more informed brother.

Before our meeting, President George Rogers requested all members to join in fellowship at Job's Daughter, Bethel No. 14 on Friday (8 pm), at Elmhurst Masonic Lodge, 159 W. North Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois. Job's Daughter was started in 1922 and there are sixteen Chapters in Illinois and they serve our youth between twelve to twenty years old. Jennifer Selock, Bethel Guardian and Daryl Selock as Associate Bethel Guardian welcomed all to the Installation of Officers.

Part of our Masonic goal is to be better informed and I have attached a web page to challenge your knowledge of geography. It is only a geography test.

http://www.rethinkingschools.org/just_fun/games/mapgame.html

A small Lodge had had a string of bad luck. It was preparing to initiate a candidate on a steamy evening in June and it's air conditioner had stopped working. After sweating their way through part of the work, the Master had asked the candidate what he most desired. The candidate replied a beer!

Masonic High Twelve Club #49, Saint Joseph, MO:



Club No. 49 holds its second meeting of the

month at the MOILA Shrine Center, **Ladies Day**, whereas Wives and Widows attend. In December, as is customary, the Central High School Dickens Choir provided Christmas Caroling. The Club always appreciates the entertainment and donates money to the Central High School Choir. The tables were decorated with Christmas arrangements provided by Jan Patterson, wife of Al Patterson, President and the room was lighted with Christmas lights. The Center Piece donated for each meeting at MOILA by Bro. Gary Butchart, **Butchart Florists**, was won by Mary Andrews, wife of Brother Dan Andrews. The 50/50 drawing was won by Cheryl Leggans, wife of James Leggans, Sergeant-at-Arms. One half of the 50/50 drawing goes to the Lil Red School house which collects money for the annual donation to the Wolcott Foundation and the Frank S. Land Fund. The meal provided by Prime Catered Events, for just \$10, started with a mushroom soup followed by Ham, mashed potatoes, and a Broccoli-Cauliflower vegetable.

The first meeting of the month is our regular business meeting for members and is held at Ryan's Buffet. The last week of the month brothers are called to labor & refreshment to assemble the Club's monthly bulletin for mailing. Coffee, donuts, and conversation prevails. An average of fifteen brothers show up monthly for this endeavor, must be the donuts and coffee! Al Patterson Secretary, High Twelve Club No. 49

Illinois High Twelve Association:

Greetings my fellow High Twelvians. This has been an interesting, and somewhat busy quarter for me. In October, I attended the Annual Meeting of the Middle Chamber Club, my home club. I also had the opportunity to install the newly elected and appointed officers for the upcoming year.

The following day I attended the meeting of Cornerstone Club. I was a guest of the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication in Springfield and represented two organizations. I was honored to present a check for the Illinois Masonic Charities to the Grand Master on behalf of Illinois High Twelve. I believe we were one of only two organizations that made a presentation, which made us look good.

In October, I made a visit to the Freeport Club and was joined by some of our State Officers. It was a nice drive and we were warmly welcomed. It turned out to be a very nice meeting with a good turn-out and good food to boot. I also attended the Northwest Club stated meeting.

There was both a sad and happy time at the end of November for me. I attended the Masonic Service for RWB Bruno Fabris, Past President of the Northwest Club and on November 26th, I enjoyed an excellent Thanksgiving feast with our 3rd V.P., Mark Nokes and his really neat family.

December was a typically busy month for me. I attended the stated meetings of all 'my' clubs. I also represented High Twelve at the Grand Master's Reception, which was hosted by Landmark Lodge. Our State Secretary, Ed Rund and I were invited to have lunch with a group of Brothers, who meet monthly at a restaurant in Homewood. They wanted information about High Twelve and we were happy to provide it to them. We were well received and will see where this goes from here.

I am writing this article in Tucson, where I am spending the holidays with my family. I will be ending the year by spending some quality time with Dave Miller, President of the Arizona High Twelve, and his lovely wife. Dave is an old friend and comrade of mine; he was the one that talked me into running for the bottom of the line of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

I'll end this article by wishing you, your families, loved ones and friends a very safe and peaceful New Year! Signing off from sunny Tucson (same temperature as it is in Illinois today). Joe Santisteban, State President

Now for some humor:

A man is driving along a highway and sees a rabbit jump out across the middle of the road. He swerves to avoid hitting it, but unfortunately the rabbit jumps right in front of the car. The driver, a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulls over and gets out seeing what has become of the rabbit. Much to his dismay, the rabbit is dead. The driver feels so awful

that he begins to cry. A blonde woman driving down the highway sees a man crying on the side of the road and pulls over. She steps out of the car and asks the man what's wrong. I feel terrible, he explains, I accidentally hit this rabbit and killed it. The blonde says, Don't worry. She runs to her car and pulls out a spray can. She walks over to the limp, dead rabbit, bends down, and sprays the contents onto the rabbit. The rabbit jumps up, waves its paw at the two of them and hops off down the road. Ten feet away the rabbit stops, turns around and waves again, he hops down the road another 10 feet, turns and waves, hops another ten feet, turns and waves, and repeats this again and again and again, until he hops out of sight. The man is astonished. He runs over to the woman and demands, What is in that can? What did you spray on that rabbit? The woman turns the can around so that the man can read the label. It says: *Hair Spray - Restores life to dead hair, and adds permanent wave.*

A little known fact.... The first testicular guard, the Cup, was used in Hockey in 1874 and the first helmet was used in 1974. That means it only took 100 years for men to realize that their brain is also important.

The waitress went over to fill the customer's coffee cup. Regular? she asked. Yes, he said, because I stay on a diet of fruit.

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...'

Texas High Twelve Association: International President Jerry L. Saville Visits Texas Club: Tri-Cities High Twelve Club #700, was honored to have a distinguished visitor at its meeting December 8, 2015, when International President Jerry Saville came to visit . Bro. Saville, it turned out, was no stranger to the club President Al Putnam as they had served together while in the United State Air Force at Randolph AFB in the 1970's. There was considerable discussion about their past relationship and also they found Texas State President Roger Hopkins as he also served there in the same time frame. Attending the meeting were 34 members and visitors to include Bro. Sam Green, former Texas State President and current State Secretary and Bro. Don Garrido, Vice Chairman, The Wolcott Foundation, and his wife, Lydia. President Saville discussed the growing of the High Twelve Clubs world-wide and especially those in Texas. He was most commentary on our club and this was met with appreciation. At the conclusion of his talk, Club President Al Putnam presented Brother Saville with special club #700 cap and we also presented him with a special Texas Grand Lodge Coin of Grand Master Wendal Miller. The club members and guests enjoyed President Saville's visit and hope he enjoyed being with us.

Roger Hopkins, President of Texas State High Twelve also presented Jerry Saville with a Stetson Western Hat from the State High Twelve Association.



Int. President Jerry Saville on the left; Club President Al Putnam; and Past President Lee Stroman.



Past President Lee Stroman on the left; Int. Pres. Jerry Saville center; and Bob Cox



For those members who would like to have a High Twelve emblem on their car but do not want to affix an emblem permanently on the painted surface I would suggest placing it on the front windshield or the rear window. This way when you trade the car in the emblem can be easily removed with no damage!

Past International President James Satterthwaite, PSP, Alma, Michigan: Jim and his Lady Naomi have left the great State of Florida and returned to their home State of Michigan. Now each year as winter approaches, Jim and Lady Naomi, settle in for a Long and Hard Winter in Michigan; but this year Jim reports the Robins are still around and he can see grass around the complex. Now he has time to review the emails and their contents and come up with a few bits of humor for you all to enjoy. Here is a sampling of what he found in his search.

Walk Among Us!

A guy bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge (still working), he put it in his front yard and hung a Sign on it saying: 'Free to good home. You want it, you take it.' For three days the fridge sat there without anyone looking twice. He eventually decided that people were too mistrustful of this deal. So he changed the sign to read: 'Fridge for sale \$50.' The next day someone stole it!

Walk Among Us!

One day I was walking down the beach with some friends when someone shouted....Look at that dead bird! Someone looked up at the sky and said...Where?

Walk Among Us!

While looking at a house, my brother asked the estate agent which direction was north because he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning. She asked, 'Does the sun rise in the north?' My brother explained that the sun rises in the east and has for some time. She shook her head and said, 'Oh, I don't keep up with all that stuff.....'

Walk Among Us!

My colleague and I were eating our lunch in our cafeteria, When we overheard an admin girl talking about the sunburn she got on her weekend drive to the beach. She drove down in a convertible, but said she didn't think she'd get sunburned because the car was moving.

Walk Among Us!

My sister has a lifesaving tool in her car which is designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped. She keeps it in the car trunk.

Walk Among Us!

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area and went to the lost luggage office and reported the loss. The woman there smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and said I was in good hands. 'Now,' she asked me, 'has your plane arrived yet?'...

Walk Among Us!

 While working at a pizza parlor I observed a man ordering a small pizza to go. He appeared to be alone and the cook asked him if he would like it cut into 4 pieces or 6. He thought about it for some time then said Just cut it into 4 pieces; I don't think I'm hungry enough to eat 6 pieces.

Walk Among Us!

A noted psychiatrist was a guest speaker at an academic function where a blonde reporter happened to appear. The blonde reporter took the opportunity to schmooze the good doctor a bit and asked him a question with which he was most at ease. 'Would you mind telling me, Doctor,' she asked, 'how you detect a mental deficiency in somebody who appears completely normal?' 'Nothing is easier,' he replied. 'You ask a simple question which anyone should answer with no trouble.. If the person hesitates, that puts you on the track.' 'What sort of question?' asked blonde reporter. Well, you might ask, 'Captain Cook made three trips around the world and died during one of them. Which one?' The blonde reporter thought a moment, and then said with a nervous laugh, 'You wouldn't happen to have another example would you? I must confess I don't know much about history.'

Walk Among Us!

A man was driving when he saw the flash of a traffic camera. He figured that his picture had been taken for exceeding the limit, even though he knew that he was not speeding. Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed. Now he began to think that this was quite funny, so he drove even slower as he passed the area again, but the traffic camera again flashed. He tried a fourth time with the same result. He did this a fifth time and was now laughing when the camera flashed as he rolled past, this time at a snail's pace. Two weeks later, he got five tickets in the mail for Driving without a seat belt!!! You can't fix stupid.

Past International President Merv Harris PSP (FL): Brethren and Ladies. At the recent Mid-Year-Meeting in New Orleans, I brought up the subject of standardizing abbreviations, so all High Twelvians would understand the meaning of those being used by the International Officers, members and those receiving our High Twelvian, Monthly Update and other communications, such as Bylaws. Letters and documents.

I was advised by those in attendance that no one would pay attention and they would continue to make up their own abbreviations and the readers can figure them out on their own.

Now I know that many of our High Twelve members were in the Military and know that the use of standardized abbreviations is common and those, who have worked for big businesses were required to use the Corporate approved ones.

One thing that I am concerned with is our publications are viewed by people in many different Masonic Organizations and when they see misspelling and abbreviations with no meanings, must think that we are not professional and do not have standards.

You will not be shoot-at-dawn or hung from the highest-yard-arm but would help make us look like a more professional organization that we can all be proud of and show that we care.

I am asking that when you submit something that will be published and reviewed by others that you take a second look and submit the Proper Names and/or Abbreviations. Here are a few we see over and over and are currently being used with several variations.

Proper	Approved Abbreviation
Brother	Bro.
Bylaws	Bylaws
Chaplain	Chaplain
Grand Master	G:.M:.
High Twelve International	H-12 International
High Twelve Website	H-12 Website
International Annual Convention	International Convention
Master Mason	M.M.
Mid-Year Meeting	Mid-Year-Meeting
High Twelvian	High Twelvian

Past President
Sergeant-at-Arms
Secretary
Treasurer
Website
Worshipful Master

P.P.
Sgt.-at-Arms
Sec.
Treas.
Website
Wor.

Additional approved abbreviations (Masonic) can be found at many Grand Lodge Websites!

Just a reminder that all Donations to the Wolcott Foundation must be received by the Wolcott Foundation Treasurer no later than April 30, 2016. That means your club Secretary or Wolcott Representative must submit your donations to the Wolcott Zone Trustee no later than April 15, 2016.

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Fraternally, Mervyn J. Harris, PIP, Editor

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