



## HIGH TWELVE MONTHLY UPDATE February 2013 Issue

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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!

**Prayers are provided by R.W. Reverend Mark Megee, PDDGM & Past President of the Union County High Twelve Club (NJ).** He has provided them for our needs and possible use at your club meeting as the opening and closings prayers.

**Invocation:** Supreme Ruler of the Universe, we reverently invoke Thy blessing at this time. Wilt Thou be pleased to grant that this meeting, thus begun in order, may be conducted in peace and closed in harmony. Amen.

**Benediction:** God of action, enabler of all life, never let us forget that Masonry is meant to be lived. Show us that Masonry, to be true to its purpose, must be translated into life. Help us to boldly and faithfully live our Masonry. In Your Holy Name, Amen.

**Flag Presentation:** The Flag Presentation is provided by Robert A. Barnhart, K.Y.C.H, and Past Chairman of the Patriotic Committee, International High Twelve and Past Ohio High Twelve Association President. Its use is encouraged prior to presenting the Flag of Our Country at your Club Meeting.

### Old Glory, Old Glory

How graceful you are.

You stand like a wise man with all fifty stars.

Old Glory, Old Glory

So graceful, so righteous.

Your colors so beautiful and truthful to all of us.

Old Glory, Old Glory  
What memories you bring,  
Like when you were made by hand,  
Needle and string  
Old Glory, Old Glory  
You're important to me!  
You stand for our country.  
The Land of the Free!

**Please, join with me in the *Pledge of Allegiance* to our country.**

**International President Donald Whistler:** I wrote a report for our Mid-Year Meeting which was held on January 21/22, 2013 in Las Vegas, NV. I am going to update that information for you, our members, in this article.

Kevin Hokerk (AZ) became our International Secretary following the Annual Convention in June 2012 and jumped into the position with both feet. He immediately started working to establish the International Office in his home. He tackled the per capita situation which was out of control and now knows where each club stands with it. He has done a great job on getting a handle on how many clubs we have and the membership numbers for them. He has been working with Don Galway, our International Treasurer, and is ready to file the "Master Group Exemption Listing" of information for our State Associations and Clubs with the Internal Revenue Service. He has been in contact with the State Associations and Clubs and is helping them to obtain Employer Identification Numbers and on how to file the Form 990 N. He continues to provide forms, certificates, etc. upon request from the Clubs and State Associations. And finally, he is a full time Secretary, who is available to talk with and interact with our members. In other words, a real "live" person not an answering machine.

One of the major items on our agenda for this year is the membership data base. Kevin Hokerk, Art Walton (CA), our Second Vice President, and Don Galway (MI), our Treasurer, were appointed as our Technology Committee to review the data base. They have been conducting a review of it and are discussing what is needed in it to best serve the Clubs, State Associations and International. At the Mid-Year Meeting, they reviewed their findings. As a result of their report, the Governing Board asked them to do further study, compile a listing of the information that the Clubs, State Associations and International need in a data base, convey this information to the person who has been doing the work on the new data base, ask him if he can incorporate these features in it and, after receiving his response, report to the Governing Board at the Annual convention in June.

Another very important area has been the various tax issues with the Internal Revenue Service. We learned that the "Master Group Exemption Listing" which is to be filed by International with the Internal Revenue Service each year providing the names, employer identification numbers and contact information for the State Associations and Clubs had not been filed for several years. In addition, a number of State Associations and Clubs lost their tax exempt status either because they were not listed under the Master Group Exemption Listing or had not filed the Form 990 N (e-Postcard) for three consecutive years. We are getting control of this situation and the Master Group Exemption Listing was filed on January 28, 2013. It included all of the Clubs for which we had the required information. As I recall, I believe that there are only 18 Clubs for which we did not have the information and Kevin will be working to obtain this information for the next filing. We have also made significant progress in the filing of the Form 990 N by the State Associations and Clubs.

The International Bylaws were revised and updated which proved to be a much a bigger task than anticipated by most of our Officers. These Bylaws were reviewed at the Mid-Year Meeting and some amendments made to them. The Bylaws, as amended, will be posted on the International web site for review. The final version was approved for consideration at the June Convention. Club Bylaws were drafted for uniformity among all Clubs and to make it easier for future review of them. These bylaws were also approved for consideration at the June Convention. The Universal State Association Bylaws have not been drafted yet.

In order to provide some tools for the Clubs and State Associations in your recruiting and development efforts, we have developed a Membership Development, Membership Retention and Club Expansion Program. This Program will provide you some tools which everyone can use, whether it is at the State Association level or Club level and whether it is a large or small club. There are eight tools in the program are, as follows:

1. A DVD about High Twelve for use at Blue Lodge meetings, etc.
2. An info-Board with pictures about High Twelve and accompanying dialogue for similar use.
3. A CD or Loop CD talking about High Twelve for use at conventions, etc.
4. The Ambassador Program encourages members to promote High Twelve.
5. A new Brochure with updated information.
6. The Traveling Scrolls are a recognition program for visiting members.
7. A Membership Retention Calling Program designed to help get members back to your meetings.
8. A Club Expansion Program for those that want to work on establishing new clubs within your states.

These tools will be listed on the web site and will be made available to you upon request through our International Secretary, Kevin Hokerk. You can reach him by telephone at 623-239-6170 or email at [klhokerk@cox.net](mailto:klhokerk@cox.net).

I added the Wolcott Foundation to our International agenda for this year. We need to give more attention to the Wolcott Foundation and, more specially, its students and graduates. Malcolm White, Chairman of the Wolcott Trustees, recently said that less than one-half of the Clubs contributed to the Foundation in 2012 and that the total amount contributed was less than one-half of the cost of a Fellowship at George Washington University. If we continue to publicize the background of some of the students and the accomplishments of some of the graduates, as Merv Harris, PIP, has done in the Monthly Updates, we certainly should be able to do much better in raising contributions for the Foundation. We want to encourage all Clubs to contribute to the Foundation and to mail your contributions at least annually to your Zone Trustee.

Finally, as of the last report which I received, we have a net profit of approximately \$1,400.00 from the pocket planner mailing program. We are working with a vendor to mail name and address labels to our Members in February. If we are successful with it too, these profits will greatly help us with our programs.

In order to keep on top of all of our agenda items, we have been having monthly conference calls of the Executive Committee Members. Initially, I established the objective of the call not lasting more than one hour and 15 minutes. The average call, however, has last approximately one hour and 45 minutes.

We are working to improve High Twelve and to reach out to our Members. There is more to do and we will continue to work at it.

**International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President James Parker:** I will begin with a big thank you for all your thoughts and prayers. I apologize for not taking my post at the January Mid-Year Meeting in Las Vegas. There really was an unexpected reason. At my wife's doctor's exam he detected her heart rate to be 150. Next step was a quick drive

to the Northside Hospital, where her visit lasted four days. After many IVs, shots, pills and questions she was released to my care. The doctor made it clear that she could not go home to an empty house. The rest was easy. We canceled all the travel reservations and hotel accommodations. Sorry! She is doing better, but getting used to the meds has been a challenge.

I was glad to hear reports that the long awaited new International Bylaws will go forward to the June convention for your consideration. It is not a perfect document, but one that is very readable and fairly easy to understand. Over time additional changes may be seen as necessary and can be considered in a more usual manner. Constructing a completely new document that suits the needs of all participants takes a great deal of work and cooperation to accomplish. Take our U.S. Constitution as a good example. That convention worked for years to arrive at an almost perfect document. Even after all that cooperation and work, 14 amendments were necessary to improve its perfection. I look forward to each Club reviewing the new International Bylaws and putting them in place in every Club.

Next steps will be management manuals for each of the areas on the website (a Club Manual; State Manual; International Manual; and a Convention Manual.) Each manual will be designed to walk our High Twelve Club officers painlessly through growing a better club experience for its members.

The Uniform Bylaws for each Club and State Association are also well along in their development.

Our International President has a great vision for High Twelve. I have enjoyed being a part of his TEAM. The toolbox as we fondly call the group of tools to improve High Twelve will continue to grow. The process of developing the "Toolbox" will be our leaders focus for years to come. Unlike many organizations whose leadership believes it is their year, so it's out with the old and in with the new. High Twelve is developing a long term plan, which means next year will continue what has gotten a great start this year. A useable Data Base is still under development. Video and non-video presentations are under development to be presented at Lodges and other places to gain membership.

We have a lot to be proud of and a great deal of work remaining to accomplish our GOALS.

**International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Arthur Walton:** "The Success of Reaching Out." Recently I had the honor of installing the officers of the Oakland High Twelve Club. Oakland is an active Club and is the second oldest Club in the United States. As we all know, High Twelve began with a meeting of a group of nine Masonic friends, who met in 1920 in Sioux City, Iowa to brainstorm ideas regarding starting a Masonic club. Shortly thereafter Avery Whitney of Oakland visited a High Twelve meeting in Iowa with his son. He liked the Club format and asked Wallie to tell him how to set up a club in Oakland when he returned from his trip. There are no records of the early activities of the Oakland Club. But its success is witnessed by a period of rapid growth of clubs in California. During the next eight year Clubs were started, in Berkley, Santa Rosa, Fresno, Sacramento, Salinas, San Jose, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Stockton.

What has been Oakland's key to success? Like other clubs they have a monthly meeting, a luncheon format, and an interesting speaker. The Little Red School House is prominent at each meeting. They are very serious about supporting the Wolcott Foundation. I trust this is what I would see if I visited clubs throughout the High Twelve World. However, what I see when I attend their Club is something few clubs that I have visited emphasize. They are looking for new members, contacting local Masonic Lodges and concordant bodies on a frequent basis. As a result they continue to grow. This past summer I reported in the Monthly Update that I attended one meeting where there were 90 people present. They are excellent at communicating their events and that resulted in a large attendance because (1) they informed others in the Masonic Family of the event, using email and direct contact, and (2) they publicized the event for three months in advance.

What Oakland is demonstrating is a lesson we all need to take to heart. They reach out to the Masonic Family, tell them who they are and encourage them come and have lunch with them. This is the key characteristic of the growing clubs that I have visited. They are reaching out to Masons, who are not members in High Twelve.

How can you do the same? Your High Twelve International Officers, to assist you in reaching out have provided a suite of tools that will be available on the International Web Site. They were presented for the first time at the recent Mid-Year Conference in Las Vegas. The tools include a short speech that you can give or use in conjunction with the “Information Board” or the “Power Point Presentation.” We are also providing a “Brochure” that you can handout to Lodge members and concordant bodies as you talk to them. Another tool, that is not ready yet, is a video that you will be able to project at meetings. The video has for its key speaker, the late Ernest Borgnine. The video can be projected from a laptop or using a big screen TV with a HDMI interface. In addition to the tools mentioned above, there are other offerings that were mentioned in the recently distributed High Twelvian: “Traveling Scrolls”, the “Membership Retention Call Program” and the “Club Expansion Program.”

To encourage your club to reach out we have established an “Ambassadors Program” that will reward and acknowledge those individual, clubs and state associations that tell the “High Twelve Glow”, a term used by Brother Borgnine in the video mentioned above, to other Masons. So the bottom line is the tools are rolling out to assists your club in reaching out and getting new members into your club. Use them! You will be pleased with the results.

**International 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Winton Hewitt:** If you have not submitted your Registration Form for the 92<sup>nd</sup> International Convention, June 27-29, 2013 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, please go to the International Website, [www.high12.org](http://www.high12.org), to find out what will be happening and the necessary information to sign-up. This will be one of the best Conventions in many a moon.

**International Secretary Kevin Hokerk:** Greetings from you International Secretary! The 2013 Mid-Year is now history and I am getting caught up from being ‘out of the office’ for several days.

The Universal Club Bylaws were given approval by the board of directors to move forward to the 92<sup>nd</sup> Convention in June. The International Bylaws were updated to reflect the already approved changes from the past several years and was also approved to move forward to the 92<sup>nd</sup> Convention in June.

Discussion was held on the progress of the Group Exemption validation that has been on-going since the beginning of December. I am happy to report the filing with the IRS was submitted 1/28/13 on time. There are 16 cases where the EIN status is still unresolved and further work needs to be done. A midyear update can be done this summer to include these 16 EIN’s. A BIG thank you for all your efforts to get this information updated. An email will go out to the State Association & Independent Club Presidents and Secretaries when the IRS completes the updates which should allow the filings of 990-N ePostcards to occur for those who have not been able to file. Remember, this validation will be a yearly process to keep things in sync between the IRS, clubs, and associations and international.

A request went out to all Association Secretaries in December for them to distribute a revised Monthly Report that now has membership number split into Regular and Masonic Home classes – this is important for Per-Capita Billing. This form also has a place to put the email addresses for the President, Secretary, Masonic and Wolcott Representatives. Monthly Reports are to be filed MONTHLY with your State Association Secretary who will forward them to the International Office as a group. Remember to include a check payable to International for any New Member (\$3.00 each) and Reinstated Members (\$3.00 each) with your Monthly Report – this information will be tracked and invoiced as needed. The Monthly Report is the source document for the International Office to function efficiently and provide accurate information on where our clubs are physically located, who the officers are so they can be contacted, per-capita billings for state and international and any membership changes to member addresses etc. But for the International Secretary to do accurate reporting it starts with the Club Secretary. I will help you anyway possible to make you successful in this request.



If you have any questions please let me know by email, phone, snail mail or Skype. Fraternally, Kevin L. Hokerk, International Secretary, High Twelve International, 11404 W Olive Dr. Avondale AZ 85392-4210. Office Phone: 623-239-6170. Fax: Call 623-239-6170 first! Skype: klh85392

**Arizona High Twelve Association:**



Shown Left to right.  
Jesse Ramirez, founder and  
director of the food bank.  
Bob Peake, club local charity  
chairman.  
John Geyer, club president.

The Valley View Community Food Bank was the location of the presentation of nearly a ton of Premium Pinto Beans to the Food Bank by the **Sun City West High Twelve Club # 567**. The club is proud to have been the donor of more than 107 tons of long grain rice and 4 tons of Pinto Beans to local Food Banks in recent years for the needy in the greater Sun Cities area.

**California High Twelve Association, Fresno Club:** We will meet at Carrows Restaurant at 4280 North Blackstone on February 5th, 2013. Carrows is located just North of Ashlan on the East side of town. The Board of Director's will meet at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be ordered off the menu at 12:00 Noon. We hope that many of you will be able to attend this important meeting. The Board will discuss where we will hold future meetings. We will present their recommendations to the membership during lunch. We believe this move is necessary as the Ramada Inn has increased our lunch price to \$15.00 per person and we have to guarantee 20 in attendance. We do not always have the minimum of 20 in attendance and the club has to pay for the difference. I hope that everyone had a very merry Christmas and wish all a Happy and prosperous New Year. Program: There will not be a speaker at this meeting as we will discuss our plans for future meetings. Byron Pretzer, President.

**Humor:** A couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. When they were asked what their secret was to a long lasting marriage they said: "We take the time to go out to a restaurant two times a week; a candlelight dinner, soft music and a slow walk home. She goes on Tuesdays, and I go on Fridays."

**More Humor:** A French man nearly got away with stealing a number of paintings from the Louvre. However, after planning the robbery and getting in and out and past security, he was captured only three blocks away when his Econoline ran out of gas. When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied, ♦I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Go

## **Florida High Twelve Association, Cortez Masonic High Twelve Club #538:**

### **INSTALLATION OF CORTEZ MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB # 538 OFFICERS FOR 2013**



From left to right: David Hauraney, Installing Marshal & Club Masonic Representative; David Gardner, Sgt-At-Arms; Jeff Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.; Lindy Nardone, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P.; Robert Davis, Club President; Robert L. (Bob) Rodd, P.S.P., Installing Officer & Club Wolcott Representative & Master of Ceremonies; Lewis Peter, Secretary; Gene Black, P.S.S., Installing Chaplain & Club Treasurer. Missing is Club Chaplain, John Sutterley.

Our Florida State Hi-12 main event of the year is right around the corner taking place on Monday, February 11, 2013. That is our Florida State “High Twelve Day” which, this year, is being held at the Mid Florida Lakes Great Hall in Leesburg. Hi Twelvians, their ladies and guests from all around Florida come and enjoy a day of great comradery, great food and lively entertainment with a few surprises added in. Hopefully you have made your reservations for this event. If not, they need to be done right away. Questions, contact Gene Black (941-359-6511) or Bob Rodd (941-776-0937) As High Twelve Day is on one of our meeting dates, the Cortez Club meeting is cancelled as we expect a good number will be attending the State Event.

If you, as a Master Mason and your lady are not yet part of Cortez Masonic High Twelve, we invite you to come and visit us and see why, hopefully, you will want to become more involved with us and maybe even become a member. The first step however is that you come and see what we are all about and meet the wonderful people that belong to our club. You will also see how much fun both the men and ladies have. Please come and join us. We meet most Mondays from November through April at Duff’s Original Buffet which is at the corner of Route 41 (Tamiami Trail) and 60<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Bradenton. We usually arrive between 10:30 and 11 AM. We eat at 11AM and start our happenings around noon. Do not pay when you enter but come to our private room over to the side and check in and pay there so you will receive our special price. A fun day with humor, great food, good companionship, Masonic information and quite often some special goings on.

Speaking of fun, on February 4<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our monthly auction of new or slightly used (but in good condition) items that each of us have around the house that we no longer need or use. You may even have some

Christmas or Hanukkah gifts that you received that you would like to share with others. We hold this event the first Monday of each month right after our day's luncheon get-together. When you come you might enjoy sharing an item or two of your own for our auctioneer, David Gardner to see what the item will bring. All proceeds from our auctions are used to pay for our annual picnic.

In January Hi-12 International held their mid-year conference at Harrah's Casino and Hotel in Las Vegas. and we are looking forward to what new information will be coming forth as, unfortunately, none of our members were able to attend.

Cortez # 538 will hold a Board Meeting on Monday, February 18 at 10AM prior to our regular Luncheon.

Lots of other things are in the works. Come and find out what they are and see if you would like to participate in them.

Fraternally, Robert L. (Bob) Rodd, PSP, [roddbobkat@aol.com](mailto:roddbobkat@aol.com) – Telephone 941-776-0937.

**North Central High Twelve Association:** Just a reminder - If the Des Moines Public Schools cancel classes then Des Moines Club # 4 does not meet on that day. The weather forecast makes this reminder seem timely. Don't forget our Valentine Luncheon with our ladies on the 13th! AND **VALENTINE LUNCHEON WITH LADIES -** Wednesday, **February 13**, 2013 at 11:15 A.M. This will be a sit-down luncheon. Reservation deadline, Sunday, **February 10**, 2013. Gift for the Ladies! The cost is \$12.00. Please make check out to Holiday Inn. Let's have a big turnout! Our speaker on that day will be M. W. B. Bryce B. Hildreth, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa. Travel safe!

**Illinois High Twelve Association:** 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 4 meetings this month at Denny's Restaurant, 2601 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Moline. The meetings are scheduled for February 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2013. Try to come about 11 a.m. and have time to eat and enjoy the fellowship before the program at noon (High Twelve). Ladies and guests are welcome.

**Feb. 1** - David G. Klein will show a DVD on Shriners Hospitals, Chicago.

**Feb. 8** - Adam Vaught, Counselor to the Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court will give a presentation about the Illinois Court System's Supreme Court. He worked for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court making judicial and committee appointments, speeches and scheduling, and giving legal recommendations on cases.

**Feb. 15** - Randy Hollerud, Member of IHSA, National Federation of Officials, Quad City's Officials Association, Galesburg Officials Association will speak about his referee career and how he got started, and some the reason he did it. His talk will include the advertise of the coach's and fan's.

**Feb. 22** - Reed McDaniel, His topic will give a history of B&B Hardware Inc., Milan, IL. How it began and the line of succession in the same family through the present fourth generation.

**Pennsylvania High Twelve Association:** **AKHAWIYAH COUNCIL NO. 185 - ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.** Akhawiyah Council No. 185, A.M.D., home Council of R.V. Bro. **Matthew D. Dupee**, will hold a reception on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2013, in honor of his elevation in February to be our Sovereign Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees. Wives, family, significant others and friends will be welcome.



The evening, which will be held at the Bay Pony Inn in Lederach, PA (near Lansdale), will begin at 6:00pm with dinner being served at 7:00pm. **S.M. David Lightfoot** will host the evening. There will be some entertainment. The Bay Pony Inn has a web site for those unfamiliar with the Inn and the area. [www.bayponyinnpa.com](http://www.bayponyinnpa.com). Reservations will be on a first come, first served basis upon receipt of your check and reservation form and will be limited by the capacity of this venue. We will try to accommodate group tables if requested (maximum of ten per table).

The meal will be a served dinner and you can select one of the three choices below when you make your reservations. Those not making a choice may expect the chicken option. In addition, a vegetarian and a gluten-free plate will be made available upon special request. There will be a non-alcoholic punch bowl. A cash bar will be available. We look forward to a low-key evening of fraternizing and socializing. Edwin E. Cummings, PSGM

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Dinner includes: Appetizer of Fresh Fruit Supreme, Caesar Salad and Chocolate Mousse for dessert

Meal selections @ \$40.00 per person:

Chicken Marsala

Prime Rib of Beef

Flounder Florentine

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Total money sent: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Checks, payable to Akhawayah Council #185 AMD, will be deposited as received. Meal tickets will be provided at the door. For meal tickets in advance, please include a return addressed, stamped envelope.

**Reservations and/or Cancellations MUST BE RECEIVED by March 14th.**

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: PJ Miller, Secy, 1116 Pine St., Lansdale, PA 19446

For more information or special arrangements, including group tables, Contact Bro. Ed Cummings, 267-424-4420 or [pagrac@gmail.com](mailto:pagrac@gmail.com).

#### PENNSYLVANIA NEW CASTLE HIGH TWELVE CLUB NO. 767 - INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The New Castle High Twelve Club No. 767 held a special dinner meeting on January 9, 2013 in lieu of the usual stated meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at noon. The main purpose of the meeting was to install the new officers of the Club for 2013. Twenty Seven members and guest attended and enjoyed a good meal at a reasonable price and witnessed the installation of officers by Charter President George F. Morrow, substituting for the International President Brother Donald M. Whistler and State President of Pennsylvania Brother and Reverend William D. Hartman who had to cancel their plans to attend because of health and other family emergencies.

You are cordially invited to attend the International Annual High Twelve Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 27-29, 2013. See the International Website at [www.high12.org](http://www.high12.org) for additional information and Registration Forms.



Group picture of those in attendance for dinner and installation

The new officers for 2013 are:

Brother Gordon E. Hensel	President
Brother Karl H. Chandler, III	First Vice President
Brother Robert J. Murdock, Jr.	Second Vice President
Brother David J. Williamson	Secretary/Treasurer
Brother James G. Camp, III	Masonic Lodge Representative
Brother S. Robert Marziano, Jr.	Wolcott Representative
Brother Howard E. Glover	Sergeant at Arms
Brother George F. Morrow	Immediate Past President

We would like to wish all the new officers a successful New Year and look forward to our stated meetings the rest of the year.

### WHAT IS HIGH TWELVE

High Twelve International's founder, former minister, E. C. "Wallie" Wolcott, who was the YMCA's General Secretary at the time and eight of his business associates who were also Master Masons, met in Sioux City, IA, for fellowship and camaraderie and chartered the first High Twelve International club. It was Founders #1, chartered May 17, 1921.

"High Twelve is an organization of Master Masons who support Masonic causes with special emphasis on youth support and patriotic events. There are approximately 9,000 members in over 250 clubs nationwide and in foreign countries.

Although only Master Masons can join High Twelve, anyone is welcome at the meetings. A typical meeting is brief in its business, full of fellowship, and includes a program usually a speaker, on a limitless range of subjects. Some clubs have ladies at all of the meetings, while others have ladies on special occasions.

High Twelve is an association dedicated to the unification of Master Masons, independent of the formal ritual of Lodge, but dedicated to service to the fraternity. Just a few of our accomplishments have been to develop long lasting friendships, encourage and support our public school systems and participate in constructive community activities and to preserve the principles of good government based on the rights of the individual.

High Twelve, which is a social extension of the Masonic experience, is so named because long ago, noon was known as “high twelve” and the time to call off from labor for refreshment. Accordingly, many High Twelve clubs – but not all – meet at noon. There is no ritual; but it strongly encourages its members to be active in their lodges and their communities.

High Twelve International affords valuable assistance to the Blue Lodges in whatever manner it is most needed. High Twelve International is Masonry in Action in the community where each Club holds its meetings and in the State where the several clubs are banded together in common purpose. High Twelvians adhere strictly to Masonic Law of that jurisdiction.

High Twelve International’s clubs combine fellowship with helping others in their quality of life pursuits, particularly young adults and youth. The club’s two philanthropic objectives are youth and education, strongly supporting the Order of DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, Job’s Daughters and the Wolcott Foundation that was established to provide scholarships for students at George Washington University who seek public service careers in government."

### **MISSION STATEMENT OF HIGH TWELVE**

To unite Masons in the happy bonds of a fraternal hour and inculcate the ideals taught in Masonry. To encourage and inspire Masons to follow these ideals, in their everyday activities, in their communities, and for the broader purpose of preserving those principles through the encouragement and support of education for our youth and of government based on the rights of the individual.

To support and cooperate with all recognized Masonic Grand Lodges and all other Masonic bodies, with this declaration of principle: ***THAT WE SPEAK AND ACT ONLY AS INDIVIDUALS AND NEVER FOR THE INSTITUTION OF MASONRY.***

### **FIRST CAPITAL HIGH TWELVE CLUB #668 - MASONIC CENTER, YORK, PA**

The First Capital High Twelve Club meets at the Masonic Center of York, 400 Masonic Drive, York, PA. The club is comprised of about 75 Master Masons from various Blue Lodges in York County and was founded in the spring of 1988.

The Club meets the last Monday of every month except for the months of May and December when due to holidays they meet on the next to the last Monday. The Club does not meet in July and August. The Club meets at 12:00 o'clock noon at the Masonic Center of York, 400 Masonic Drive, York, PA. A typical meeting will start promptly at noon with the pledge to our country's flag, a prayer to our God and then lunch is served. Sometimes there will be a brief discussion about club business and then we adjourn to the Blue Room for an interesting speaker. A meeting will typically last until no later than 1:15pm and many times the meeting will adjourn at 1:00pm. All meetings adjourn in good harmony with the benediction. Those members whose schedules are flexible will many times arrive at the Masonic Center early so they can fellowship with the brethren. For those who are on a less flexible schedule we offer the following, we start promptly at noon and if the speaker portion of the meeting is not completed when you have to depart for other engagement, the members and speaker understand.

As you might imagine, there are annual dues which help to support the Masonic Center of York, High Twelve International, Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs and the mailing of the monthly newsletter. Currently the dues are \$28.00 per year. The members pay for meals when they attend. The current cost of meals is

\$11 and you will find the meals to be what Masons have come to expect. The Club does have a Christmas/Holiday party in December where special entertainment is presented and the ladies are invited.

While all members are Master Masons we speak as individuals and never for the Institution of Free Masonry. The Club has no formal ritual but does of course support the Blue Lodges in their work. The main event of a High Twelve meeting is hopefully the opportunity to enjoy each other's company, engage in lively discussions and leave the meeting, saying to yourself.....I am glad that I was able to attend First Capital High Twelve meeting this month, I enjoyed the fellowship of my brothers in Masonry.

The First Capital High Twelve Club, like all other High Twelve Clubs internationally, financially support a charitable objective. The Wolcott Foundation provides "Grants," to George Washington University, to young people seeking public service careers. Clubs also support the various Masonic youth organizations.

This is only a brief summary of the benefits of membership in First Capital High Twelve.....we invite you to attend a meeting as our guest and see for yourself.

For more information about High Twelve, please contact: Roger Stabley, Secretary at 717-764-1097 or you may email Roger at [rsyankeefan@yahoo.com](mailto:rsyankeefan@yahoo.com)

#### **Past International President James Satterthwaite: SATURDAY MORNING IN JANUARY**

As I was walking home this morning, all bundled up with earmuffs, scarf and heavy gloves; I met the mailman sitting in his truck drinking a bottle of orange juice. We spoke a few words and since we hadn't met since before the New Year we both gave the New Year greeting and I continued home.

Shortly after arriving, he left his deposit of quite a few items in my mailbox; I picked them up and sorted them by importance. It seems that this time of year not to many important things arrive.

But one item always takes my interest and has since about 2006 when I was elected to the International President's office, and that is the monthly copy of High Twelve Highlights, published by Missouri Masonic High Twelve Club number 49. This is a unique club as it has no less than four Chaplains and each one a minister. Each month one of them writes an article entitled "Chaplains Corner" which I have fully read each month as it is always well written and gives a story and thoughts well worth the time involved.

This monthly paper is full of interesting items and pictures that make you stick with it for the short time it takes to cover the issue. I bring this up because most of these brothers do not know me, but they take the time and spend the cost of mailing just to let me know they care and let their members and I understand what they are doing.

I am writing this to let them know that I also care, and appreciate this mailing greatly and thank them so much and wish them peace, success, and harmony during this New Year.

**Wolcott Foundation Report - Michael E. Clark, Zone 5 Trustee:** The New Year brings joy, hope and new challenges to everyone, but it seems that whatever the challenge may be, we somehow find the solution and move on to our next challenge.

January brings a challenge for the Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation in the manner of applications for our highly regarded and sought after Fellowships. Today is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January, and I already have six applications to review. The applicants have the 31 days of January in which to apply and we Trustees must review each application to determine the best qualified applicants to which we will award our Fellowships in March. In 2012, we received 143 applications for Wolcott Foundation Fellowships, and there is no reason to assume we will receive any less in 2013.



These young people are the cream of the college under-graduate crop. They are required to have achieved a minimum 3.5 GPA in their undergraduate studies, which is a challenge for any college student. Most of these applicants also speak several languages, have traveled throughout the world and many have completed college related internships with various non-political organizations within our government, while attending college on a full time basis.

They must complete two essays in their application and I have found the level of knowledge and understanding of world affairs possessed by these applicants to be amazing and impressive.

It takes a great deal of time to review each application. We have to determine which applicant is the most qualified. Here in Michigan in January, I find that a fire in the fireplace, a cup of coffee and my two dogs on the couch with me, puts me into the proper mood for three hours of reviewing applications several nights a week.

I wish we could share with each High Twelve member the enjoyment we get from being associated with these outstanding young people. I know our Wolcott donations, which unfortunately continue to decrease each year, and provide only one half of the cost of one Fellowship, would increase if our members could read and meet these future international leaders of our country. I get so excited each night after reviewing applications that often I find it hard to sleep worrying that I might have missed something in an application that might have increased my score to the applicant.

Please Brothers, dig deep in your pockets and fill the Little Red School House with money. These future leaders need our assistance, and the Wolcott Foundation needs your help in continuing to provide Fellowship opportunities for the betterment of our country.

If you make a special effort, your Wolcott Trustee has beautiful certificates for your club for various levels of contributions. Dedicate a Heritage Bond to a departed member or in celebration of a member's contribution to your club. Contact your Wolcott Trustee about Wolcott pins available to your club to help spur contributions. Your Wolcott representative can also tell you how you can give money through your estate as well. It is easy to get information, you just have to ask.

Well, it's time to light the fire, get my coffee, join my dogs on the couch and continue the process for determining our next Wolcott Foundation Fellows. Can I count on you to do your part?

Michael E. Clark-Trustee, Zone 5, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Wisconsin

**More Humor:** A man takes his place in the theater, but his seat is too far from the stage.

He whispers to the usher, "This is a mystery, and I have to watch a mystery close up. Get me a better seat, and I'll give you a handsome tip."

The usher moves him into the second row, and the man hands the usher a quarter.

The usher looks at the quarter, leans over and whispers, "The wife did it."

**NOTE: Please submit your articles/photos by February 20, 2013 for the March 2013 issue.**

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