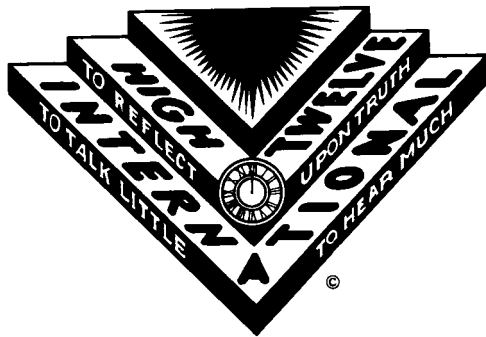


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# About The Authors

Louis Pomeroy Black was born in Kingman, Arizona in 1923. His father had moved from Los Angeles to northern Arizona to be a cowboy and regain his health. His mother joined him and they were married. The family started in Kingman, moved to Phoenix and then back to Pasadena where Louis completed his public schools grades three through 12. On completion of his high school he went to work for Lockheed as a riveter and then a tool and die maker before he was called to serve in the U.S. Air Corps in 1943. He was assigned to the University of Alabama for a short while where he met and married Julia Cooke, a student. They completed most of his air corps assignment for the next few years in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Louis and Julia returned to the University of Alabama where Louis received his B.S degree in accounting in 1948. Settling in the Pasadena area, Louis continued his schooling at local universities for the next two years while he worked for a small CPA firm and received his license.

Having been raised in a Masonic family, the young accountant recognized the square and compass worn by his employer and asked him about it. That simple question changed Louis' life. On November 29, 1951 Louis was made a Master Mason in Carmelita Lodge No. 599 F. & A.M. in Pasadena. He soon found himself at work in the craft as Junior and Senior Steward and then five years as secretary. During this period Louis and Julia adopted an infant girl and named her Cynthia and later an infant boy whom they named David.

The family man received his Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Pasadena in 1953 and has served as Secretary of the Cathedral Association for 30 years. He served on the Arcadia DeMolay advisory council for a number of years while son David progressed through the chairs to become Master Councilor. He was also invited to join the York Rite, Shrine, Royal Order of Jesters, Order of Eastern Star, Royal Order of Scotland and Legion of Honor of the Order of DeMolay. He was also honored with the 32nd Degree KCCH in the Southern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite. Louis and Julia moved to Green Valley, Arizona in 1978 while he was International Secretary and after many years of work in High Twelve returned to assist Green Valley Lodge No. 71 and served as Master in 1988.

In 1961 Louis began another chapter of his Masonic life by responding to a newspaper notice of the meeting of the Arcadia High Twelve Club No. 330. He served as it's President in 1963, state convention treasurer in 1964, state line culminating in serving as California State President in 1968. During this period he also became active in International in 1967 when he obtained the tax exempt status for the organization after filing 10 years of delinquent returns.

Elected to the International line at the 50th anniversary convention in Denver, after serving as State Secretary of California and editor of "The Hour", he progressed to become International President in the 1974-75 term. During his term as President he computerized the membership lists to achieve better communication and installed an up to date accounting system. He was responsible for the adoption of the slogan "In Service to Freemasonry", which to this date has established a lasting bond to the fraternity. On completion of his term as International President he assumed the duties of International Secretary to cement the programs he started and rewrite the International manual. He held that position until 1980 when he became Editor of "The High Twelvian", the In-

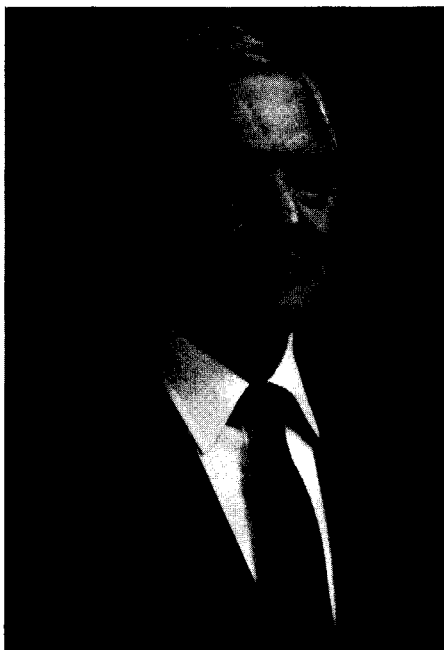
ternational publication.

In 1987, Louis conceptualized and produced the recruitment documentary "High Twelve International: Giving Masonry an Extra Glow", featuring Ernest Borgnine. Louis' current contribution to International is this history, to which he has devoted considerable time. In the course of serving in many International official capacities, he had amassed a vast quantity of High Twelve records, which had been stored in boxes in his garage. Collaborating with professional writer Karen Thure, he now presents the highlights of those records in the pages of this book.

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Karen Thure has been a professional writer since 1965 and has lived in Tucson, Arizona since 1967. As an editor for the University of Arizona Press, she became thoroughly familiar with the culture, history, geography and sociology of the state. Many of her articles have appeared in "The American West", "Arizona Highways", and "The Smithsonian". Her Southwestern writing culminated in the lavish travel book "Arizona", published in 1984 by Oxford University Press. Karen is also coauthor of "Ray Berwick's Complete Guide to Training Your Cat", a popular how-to book, as well as many scientific and technical writings.

Karen's maternal grandfather was a Mason, and this family tie inspired her interest in the fraternity in 1987, when she wrote the script for the videotape "High Twelve International: Giving Masonry an Extra Glow". Her research into the historical records provided by Louis Black, along with a careful reading of 50 years of "High Twelvians", has given her an enthusiasm for International's past that sparkles in the pages of this book.

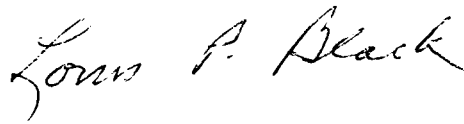


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# Dedication

To my dearest wife Julia Cooke Black who has traveled all the miles with me. This book is lovingly dedicated.

Also, to my family, friends, Brother High Twelvians and their wives who have shared their friendship and counsel over these many years.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louis P. Black". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

## Objects Of High Twelve International

To unite Masons in the happy bonds of a fraternal hour.

To inculcate the ideals taught in Masonry in these fraternal hours.

To encourage and inspire Masons to follow these ideals, in their every day activities in their communities, and for the broader purpose of preserving those principles of government based on the rights of the individual.

To give our support and personal attention to the problems of youth, and fostering, encouraging, and supporting adequate educational facilities and opportunities for them.

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.

# Introduction

This book was written in an effort to capture the living, supportive Spirit of High Twelve International — both past and present. It is hoped that an insight into this Spirit will give us the wisdom and strength that we need to keep our clubs alive to serve the changing needs of the future.

As we all know, High Twelve is more than just a civic luncheon group. It's a vital embodiment of Masonry's science and art of right living — a place where you can feel completely comfortable among friends who share your most important values. This is the vital essence of the Spirit of High Twelve.

It's a part of the Spirit that's stayed the same as High Twelve has shifted and adjusted in response to the various demands of the times. The factual details regarding these many changes have already been patiently sorted out of reams of musty documents and carefully presented in a number of histories — notably those of Brother Darven L. (Paddy) Paddock. These works are highly recommended to anyone interested in a detailed depiction of the ups and downs of High Twelve.

Not to duplicate the work of Brother Paddock, this book is written with an eye toward adding living personality and detail to the basic names and numbers. High Twelvian Louis P. Black has worked in collaboration with freelance author Karen Thure in an effort to achieve the two important goals of accuracy and readability.

To ensure that the text reflects the ideas of the clubs' overall membership, the chapters make frequent use of quotes from Brothers, for the most part drawn from the pages of the *High Twelvian*. In some cases, these quotes have been slightly edited to avoid irrelevance and redundancy. For the sake of readability, ellipses have not been used. Full quotations may be found in referenced issues of the *High Twelvian*.

To expand upon the *High Twelvian* material, quotes from correspondence, the minutes of meetings, and other official records have also been included. Much of this material has been taken from archives stored at the residence of Brother Black. Now that the most significant facts have been recorded on the pages of this book, many of these archives may be discarded.

As a supplement to the text, a series of appendices present the names and terms of all past officers and editors of the *High Twelvian*. A club index, a list of conventions, and a brief chronology of major events have also been supplied, along with additional supplements.

To some readers, the appendices may be just lists of brothers who have made their mark and gone, leaving little known about their special contributions. In fact, however, there is one thing that we do know about each of these individuals: the High Twelve Spirit was a central influence in their lives — a guiding light for putting into practice the lessons and truths of Freemasonry. This book contemplates how we can help that Spirit to continue to offer High Twelve fellowship for the future.





# I.

## Beginnings:

### High Twelve's First Twenty Years

You walk into the pleasant, brightly lit banquet room of a local restaurant or motel. Ice clinks in glasses as busboys pour water, and you can tell by the rich smell that today's menu features the chef's special dish. You're hardly in the door when a friendly hand greets you — Hi, Brother — how was the golf last Saturday?

You smile as you begin to tell how you lost two balls on hole three. Even if your story's not that funny, you're sure it will get a good laugh. You're at High Twelve where everybody knows you — where everybody shares your Masonic goals and values. That's why High Twelve feels more "right" than any other club you belong to — it's the informal Spirit of Masonry in action.

It's been that way since August 17, 1920, when High Twelve's founder E.C. "Wallie" Wolcott sat down with a group of friends and brainstormed club ideas in his office in the YMCA in Sioux City, Iowa. Wallie was the Y's General Secretary, so his office must have been rather roomy, probably on the first floor of the three-story brick building that was an important social and athletic center in one of the fastest growing cities in the Midwest.

You can picture the scene. Nine of Sioux City's most prominent young businessmen are seated in wooden folding chairs around Wallie's big oak desk. The walls of the high-ceilinged room are probably green or cream; the rubber tile floor smells of institutional paste wax. In a corner a lazy electric fan does little to relieve the stuffy August heat.

Wallie — who is seated at the desk — is the unquestioned leader. At age 39 he looks 15 years younger, with thick dark hair combed back from a broad, intelligent forehead. A former minister and noted youth worker, Wallie is well known and highly respected in the business world of Sioux City as well as in the embroiled political circles of Des Moines.

Exactly what happened at that first brainstorming session is uncertain. Many years later, Wallie remembered several versions. By one account, he directly asked his friends, "What do you fellows want?" They responded with a frank, "We want to be with our business associates who are Masons." According to another story, the men were frustrated because they had been barred from Lions and Rotary by profession related membership restrictions. They met with Wallie, an experienced organizer, to ask his advice about forming a new luncheon group that did not use business classification as a criterion for membership. Observing that all nine young men were wearing Masonic pins, Wallie had an obvious inspiration: Why not form a club that makes up its membership entirely of Third Degree Masons?

In any case, the idea of building a club that served the fellowship needs of the men of Masonry had big appeal, and Wallie was the man to make it become a reality. As an early member of the Sioux City Rotary and Lions clubs, he knew the ins and outs of club-building; as a member of his Blue Lodge and the Scottish Rite, he knew the privileges and obligations of his Masonic ties.

Masonic ties were certainly brought up during that first meeting in Wallie's office. As Wallie later recalled, "We talked about building a club limiting its membership to men of Masonry. Not to deal in anything but fellowship, just to

make friendly hours and be all the help we could to the organization of DeMolay. And, of course, the Masters of the Blue Lodges could use our help and attendance."

Sioux City had two active Blue Lodges to draw upon for the proposed luncheon club. So before the young men left Wallie's office, they agreed to each invite a friend or two to accompany them to a second organizational meeting one week later.

Again you can picture the scene. It's 6:30 in the evening on August 17. The sun is low, and the heat has lifted. The meeting room at the Martin Hotel is softly lit by a yellow Tiffany lamp. A white-coated waiter serves coffee to 25 young men who agree to meet for lunch every Wednesday afternoon right there in the Martin.

These young men are the cream of Sioux City's young professionals — strong Masons, good family men, church-goers, and fun-lovers. Their fellowship luncheons are a booming success, and they soon give their group the dignified name of High Twelve.

According to Wallie, the name High Twelve was adopted by the second or third meeting. "We didn't want to use any ritualistic words as a name," he explains, "and High Twelve is the time when we go from labor to refreshment."

A charter fee of \$10 was agreed upon, with dues of \$3 per year. Officers were elected at the second meeting. Interestingly, Wallie did not choose to become president; that honor went to D.C. Browning, while Wallie served on the entertainment committee.

Although he later discouraged the collection of fines for nonattendance, in those early years Wallie followed the example of most men's clubs by requiring 60% attendance for membership and imposing fines for excessive absence. To enforce these rules, there must have been a Sergeant at Arms or a Greeter, who took attendance and noted the tardies. Habitually late members were asked to entertain their punctual brothers with skits, poems, and other amusements.

Every club needs an emblem, and High Twelve's was designed by L.W. Howe, whom Wallie says was only 18 years old at the time. The "on-the-square" emblem features three ascending triangular steps, which symbolize the three degrees required for a Master Mason. The hands of a clockface in the center proclaim the hour of High Twelve, a theme that is repeated by the inverted blazing sun on the top step. The motto on the risers — To Talk Little — To Hear Much — To Reflect Upon Truth — can be traced back to the Blue Lodges of London during the early 1700s run in.



This simple motto means much to High Twelvians, despite the fact that in the laughter of a noonday meeting the words "To Talk Little" are always forgotten.

One of the first challenges faced by Wallie and his fellow founders was to construct an agenda to give substance to the social gathering. Wallie's previous experience with Rotary and Lions must have come into play as he helped create High Twelve's familiar format: prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, hearty meal, announcements and interesting program.

Tradition holds a club together, and the first High Twelvians must have instituted an initiation ceremony similar to that of today. Their first publication was entitled *The Gong*, most likely in reference to the three resonant rings that welcomed in each new member.

The young men set up and served on many committees, which sponsored a series of worthy activities that made the new club warmly welcome in the community. High Twelvians gave baskets to the poor, arranged transportation for children to the Shrine Circus, and visited boys' and girls' homes. They also participated in Salvation Army drives and helped set up and decorate the community Christmas tree.

Capitalizing on their prestige in the business community, the young Masons persuaded the Associated Retailers to cooperate in the High-Twelve-sponsored Trade Week, complete with an Indian Pow-Wow. They joined an interclub council of Rotary, Kiwanis, Columbian and Sunshine to cooperate in civic affairs.

But despite all of this community activity, the central interest of High Twelve was fun and plenty of it. One of the first things the membership did was to place the following challenge in the newspaper:

WHEREAS: The Attention of the High Twelve Club has been called to a certain article appearing in the daily press of recent date; and;

WHEREAS: Said article set forth a most impudent and defiant assertion regarding the alleged physical prowess of the Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS: Certain individuals are reported to have proclaimed that said Rotary Club can and will undertake to vanquish any or all other service clubs, civic organizations or other bodies individual or collectively in any or all kinds of athletic competition:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the High Twelve Club, deeply appreciative of its own dignity and standing in the community and highly resentful of the insolent claims of said certain members of said Rotary Club, does declare itself wholly receptive to any or all challenges that have, are or may issue from said Rotary Club and invites opportunity to demonstrate the unquestioned superiority of said High Twelve Club in any or all athletic contests from Mah Jong to football or checkers to polo.

It's easy to detect Wallie's sense of fun and characteristic flowery eloquence in those lines. High Twelve's founder was tall, athletic and particularly fond of baseball. You can be sure that he could be regularly seen on the diamond, whacking the ball in defense of High Twelve's honor.

In addition to games and sporting competition, the first High Twelve Club sponsored ladies' days, picnics and costume balls. From the beginning Wallie

was determined to make the club a family organization that brought friends together in the happy bonds of wholesome fun.

With the exception of ladies' days, wives were excluded from the noonday meetings, as was the custom of all men's service clubs of the era. The agenda often featured stunts, initiation pranks and practical jokes, including a hula dance by Dave Loepp, an attorney who would soon become mayor of Sioux City.

Lawyers, doctors, dentists, bankers, entrepreneurs — every Wednesday noon they came to the Martin because they could count on having fun. And as entertainment chairman, Wallie was determined to keep it that way. In his words: "High Twelve was conceived as a wonderful hour of fellowship at which Brothers could meet, not to grind out any business problems, but to talk about the fine things that can be done by Masons, prompted entirely by brotherly love and unselfishness."

Of course, a well-prepared, politely served meal was another important part of these early meetings. In later years, Wallie often cited bad food as a prime reason for the failure of clubs — surely he wouldn't have allowed this problem in the founders' organization. No early menus from the Martin dining room have been preserved, but it is safe to assume that the food was competitive with that served in other hotels of the day. Delicacies such as fried oysters and scallops of veal were more common in the 1920s than they are today; so were rich desserts such as plum pudding and orange Bavarian cream.

In any case, the Martin's fare was good enough to keep the young club growing, and by May 21, 1921 — less than a year after the first brainstorming meeting — the membership had reached well over 50. By now well respected as a valued group in the community, the men felt themselves ready to become officially chartered as the International High Twelve Club. May 21, 1921, is recognized as the official date of the founding of High Twelve.

Again, along with the hand of attorneys like Dave Loepp, you can sense the sure-purposed direction of Wallie in the words of that first official document:

Whereas the High Twelve Club of Sioux City, Iowa, is the originator of luncheon clubs for the Masonic Fraternity. Whereas the High Twelve Club is a nonpolitical, nonsectarian organization, composed of representative and professional men, who feel a keen interest in the welfare and progress of their city, community and the world, and who desire to emulate and strive to live the ideal taught in Masonry in their relationship with mankind.

Whereas its object is to unite all the members of Masonry in the happy bonds of a social hour, to inform themselves of the progress and truths of Masonry, to inspire and encourage the practice of those virtues which will aid in civic betterment, in the upholding of the principles of good government, in the advancement of education, and in the upbuilding of its members in honorable and successful living.

Whereas membership is acquired by invitation only and is extended only to those men who have had three degrees in Masonry and are men of honor and standing in the community.

Whereas it is deemed desirable that charters be granted to those of the

Masonic fraternity situated throughout the United States of America who advocate and believe in the principles and privileges that the High Twelve Club of Sioux City, Iowa, typify.

Therefore, be it resolved that the High Twelve Club of Sioux City, Iowa, be authorized through its officers and Board of Trustees to issue charters upon such conditions and terms as are deemed appropriate to such Masonic luncheon clubs which desire to affiliate themselves with the parent body, the High Twelve Club of Sioux City, Iowa.

This three-page set of documents must have provided guidance to new clubs that almost immediately sprang up. The second High Twelve Club after the one in Sioux City was formed in the unlikely place of Oakland, California.

Avery Whitney of Oakland visited a High Twelve meeting with his son, a Sioux City telephone company executive. He liked what he saw and asked Wallie to tell him how to set up a club in Oakland when he returned.

We have no record of the early activities of the Oakland Club, which was chartered in February 21, 1922. But its success is witnessed by the rapid growth of the High Twelve movement in California. Avery Whitney was a key founding figure in many of the clubs that were generated during the next eight years in Berkeley, Santa Rosa, Fresno, Oakland, Sacramento, Salinas, San Jose, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and Stockton. From early-on, California would be a High Twelve leader in number of clubs and size of membership, comprising from 20 to 40 percent of all High Twelvians active at any one period.

Back in Sioux City, the Founders' Club was saying goodbye to Wallie Wolcott, who had responded to the financial pressures of a houseful of teenagers by accepting a better-paying job with an insurance company in Kansas City, Missouri. Almost immediately, he joined the Ararat Shrine Temple. Using his contacts there, he began building High Twelve clubs in his new town, starting with a Kansas City club on February 23, 1923.

A natural promoter, Wallie welled with infectious enthusiasm. It wasn't just good luck that attracted creative, intelligent professionals to High Twelve — it was Wallie's warm hand, big smile and persuasive personality.

The men who joined High Twelve in Kansas City transformed the movement from a loose-knit, vaguely conceived association of clubs into a tightly run, professional organization with clearly stated goals. Prominent among these men was Goodwin Creason, a Kansas City attorney who later became a judge.

First, Creason copyrighted the triangular High Twelve emblem. Then, raising his eyebrows at High Twelve's vague three-page official document, he devoted a large portion of his professional time to drafting a clear-cut constitution and bylaws, complete with a statement of aims and ideals.

Lloyd W. Zaiser, who wrote about Creason in the December 1936 issue of International's magazine *The High Twelvian*, describes the man like this: "His sound judgment, lofty ideals and love for High Twelve meant much to the success of the organization in those formation stages when so many influences and selfish interests were brought to bear."

According to Wallie, High Twelve was under pressure from outside organizers, who wanted to bring in new members for \$10 per head. The Zaiser

article indicates that the officers of Sioux City Founders' Club were high on the list of would-be profiteers:

At the time there were some members of the Sioux City club who wanted to go travel the country and organize new clubs, charging a \$15 or \$20 initiation fee, and retaining most of it as their compensation. Creason, Mr. Wolcott and others seriously objected to having paid organizers. They believed these men would be interested primarily in numbers and would bring undesirable persons into the clubs. According to the belief of Mr. Creason and Mr. Wolcott, High Twelve members should be carefully selected, the selection being based solely on upstanding character. They took the position that none of the trade clubs, nor any other organization, not even the church, was composed of members all of whom could meet the high standards required by the High Twelve club. Further, the Grand Lodge jealously guarded against any member of the Order promoting organizations composed exclusively of Freemasons, in which the element of pecuniary profit enures to the promoter.

A strong rule against paid recruitment was a part of the constitution that Brother Creason took to Sioux City for ratification in spring 1923, along with a proposal to move headquarters to Kansas City and charter the club under the laws of the state of Missouri.

Arriving in Sioux City, Creason found that all of the High Twelve officers had left town, with the exception of Roy Larson and the Secretary. At a luncheon meeting attended by these three, Creason presented his draft of the constitution and other papers. Larson's favorable response caused the Secretary to respond in like manner, and the constitution and charter were approved.

In Zaiser's words, "High Twelve history was made on that day." Or, as Wallie put it, "I believed then and do now that the one single decision to allow no paid organizers decided the future for the High Twelve movement and put it in shape to live through the ages."

High Twelve was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 23, 1923, triggering seven years of steady expansion. Wallie describes it this way:

Our method of growth comes out of personal experiences. Paid organizers could have given us a membership of many hundred thousands, but once you have had the joy of helping organize a club in a neighboring city, you are glad that this very fine task was left where you could have a share in it. Our happiest and most enthusiastic High Twelve members are those who have had the joy of hard work building a club—it's the joy of results, of unselfish service, of being Brotherly.

Excellence was another theme of the early expansion movement, a theme which Brother Creason set forth in several promotional pamphlets. As Wallie put it:

There was and still is this great difference between the established conventional civic service clubs and High Twelve. High Twelve, which



draws its membership from the ranks of Blue Lodge Masons only, has an exclusive advantage which sets it apart and singular, to the degree that while performing all the creditable acts of which the average civic service club is capable, its membership is composed of men set apart for high and noble purpose.

This pride in High Twelve's excellence had strong appeal to Masons, who already felt set apart. And, in the prosperous years before the Depression, it was a privilege to be a part of an elite group of businessmen and professionals with fun foremost in their minds. In the October 1936 *High Twelvian*, Wallie describes the excitement of building 33 new clubs. His words have been slightly edited here to reflect the entire scope of the movement.

What royal builders were Roy Larson, Carl Prime, William Moreheiser, Charles Schafstall, Ed Brown, Rex Hatfield, and others who were the foundation group of the first High Twelve Club! The Sioux City Club became a fine club — lived nine years until its later resurrection in the 1940s.

With the help of Goodwin Creason and Herb Towner, I organized the Kansas City, Missouri, club. They got James Fox and Sandy Sandstrom to organize the Kansas City, Kansas, club. Charlie Haw organized the Leavenworth club; the Topeka, Atchison, and Osawatomie clubs came soon thereafter.

I organized the Cedar Rapids and Des Moines, Iowa clubs. Through correspondence I brought the Enid, Oklahoma club into our circle of fellowship and also organized the Evansville, Indiana club.

I visited the Denver club at its charter dinner. Soon we had a widely popular club in Boulder. The Aberdeen, Washington club set the Northwest afire — Seattle, Portland, and Eugene clubs caught the glow. Avery Whitney, A. W. Gearhart, Herbert Hood, and a host of other royal fellows pushed High Twelve in California. A fine group of men led by Judge Hardy and the Enid brothers gave us the Tulsa and Okmulgee, Oklahoma clubs. Then the Dallas, Borger, and Panhandle clubs came into fellowship in Texas. J. Henry Baker and Roy Hooper and their loyal helpers have given us the two Detroit clubs and other Michigan clubs.

We talked about merging with the Hiram clubs in Phoenix and other Southwest cities at this time, but negotiations bogged down, mainly because of the name. They wouldn't give up Hiram, and we wouldn't give up High Twelve, so we went our separate ways just before reaching agreement.

I always think that it is remarkable that every bit of this organizing work was done without any pay in money — a delightful piece of unselfishness that stands without parallel in the history of luncheon clubs. High Twelvism has a message for the world. Shall we spread it to the ends of the earth?

Histories of High Twelve too often get bogged down in tedious lists of club formations and dissolutions. Fortunately, from 1927 on we have well-preserved issues of the *High Twelvian* — which had been preceded by *The Dial* — to keep us aware of the club activities that beat at the heart of High Twelve. At first edited by Wallie Wolcott, followed by C.M. Sanderstrom, the

magazine was taken over by Brother Philip Spidy of Borger, Texas, in October 1930.

The most exciting events, of course, were the International conventions. The officers who were elected on these occasions are listed in appendices at the back of this book. The names of leaders like Wolcott, Haw, Fox, Towner, Creason, Gearhart, Whitney, Truman, and Schoenfield appear frequently in top positions on the officer's roster.

Starting with a small meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, convention fever grew with the clubs. In 1926, representatives of 29 clubs attended the event held in Denver. One year later, the first issue of the *High Twelvian* presented the following highlights.

A reception committee wearing 10 gallon hats, yellow neckerchiefs, and blue shirts greeted the delegates at the Shirley Savoy Hotel. The next day, President Goodwin Creason gave a well-attended address, followed by a ladies' day luncheon. After entertainment by those famous stars of radio, the Ray-O-Vac Twins, the ladies took a city tour followed by cake at the Denver Dry Goods Tea Room.

At the banquet, a presentation of the Boulder club charter was followed by a singing contest between trios and quartets, as well as "bursts of forensic eloquence, and dances by vaudeville artists." Picnics, mountain caravans, and theater parties contributed to the delegate's "joy supreme under the sunshine blue skies of Colorado."

In 1927, similar events entertained High Twelvians and their wives in Oakland. At the banquet, Wallie, who was President for that year, stressed the importance of expansion: "The most outstanding problem before us in this Convention is growth. Our very life is dependent on it. MORE CLUBS, MORE CLUBS!"

Wallie advised men who would build more clubs to follow the instructions set forth in a pamphlet on how to organize a High Twelve Club written by Goodwin Creason. According to these instructions, the first step toward a new club was the wooing of the leading Masons of the town — "men whose approval will mean success if carefully followed up, and against whose disapproval, we can hardly hope to win." These men should be told at the outset that High Twelve is noncommercial and nonpolitical. The fact that the club has no trade-related membership restrictions should be emphasized as a big plus. Then Creason tells us:

Now you are ready to have your leading Masons call several of the best level-headed brothers in town together, among whom should be some fine young blood. Go over all of your positive points with the group. Having won them, pledge each of them to bring one, two or three good brethren to a luncheon at a very early date. Follow this up until you have twenty converts, when you should effect a temporary organization. Now get yourself a chairman, a live wire for a secretary, a good popular song leader, and two or three good men to work out interesting programs for future meetings. Stir up a lot of enthusiasm. From now on your club should progress very rapidly.

Creason's pamphlet was undoubtedly on hand at the 1928 convention that



took place in Topeka, "the capital of the Wheat State." By now the clubs were almost 30 strong, with a membership of more than 4,000. Representatives of the Hiram Clubs — at that time optimistic about a merger — joined High Twelvians in their enjoyment of entertainment that included performances by the High Twelve Trio. These three singers from the Kansas City, Kansas, club, were regularly engaged by church and civic groups throughout their state to "brighten the corners and chase away the gloom."

The trio was an applauded feature at the Seattle convention in 1929. The *High Twelvian* quipped that an old lady on the train said she would "like to meet the two men and the tenor." In Seattle, High Twelvians enjoyed a ride on a hydroplane and a drive up Mount Ranier. Between such pleasures they found time to adopt a national objective: the care and assistance of worthy boys between the ages of ten and fifteen years.

With Wallie's strong interest in the welfare of boys, it was inevitable that High Twelve would soon become indented with this cause. But scruffy delinquents were not the kind that Wallie sought for his clubs. Instead he wanted to help a certain type of boy, whom he described in the 1930 *High Twelvian*:

"We seek to help boys who are the results of death of one or both parents, or the breaking up of the lad's home by divorce. These boys are a very distinct group in themselves — they are never to be boys on probation from the Courts, or reformatory groups. Nor are they to be mental defectives, or crippled, or such dependent boys. Rather they are to be normal, healthy, honest, industrious boys, who must live by their own earning power, or perhaps are the only aid and partial support of a widowed mother, or of dependent brothers and sisters, who, with a little aid, comradeship and fatherly counsel can be assisted into fine and successful men."

Of course, many of the clubs already had programs designed to help youth. In Seattle, orphan girls laughed at the antics of Baby Snooks as they huddled around a radio purchased for them by the men of High Twelve. The club in Kansas City, Kansas, sponsored the care of a crippled child in the local hospital. A number of clubs gave financial support to Rainbow and DeMolay.

The success of these service programs indicates that in 1930 High Twelve still had plenty of fund-raising power. In fact, reading the set of 1930 *High Twelvians*, one gets no inkling of the repercussions of stock market crash that had occurred the year before. International President Charles H.J. Truman stated that "our purpose is fun and frolic, friendship and fellowship." And clubs across the country lived up to this happy purpose. In Des Moines, High Twelvians and their spouses trumped aces for prizes in a bridge tournament. In Kansas City, Kansas, the boys blackened their faces and sang in a High Twelve Minstrel Show. In Fresno, the wives enjoyed ladies' day so much that they followed the example of the wives in Kansas City, Kansas, and organized their own luncheon club.

In deference to the interests of the ladies, the *High Twelvian* added a page just for them. Naturally, the focus was on cooking, including a recipe contest with an electric percolator as a prize. Not to be forgotten, the kiddies also got a

special page, complete with jokes and a riddle contest.

At the 1930 International convention in Dallas, however, overtones of the nation's growing economic misery could be sensed. Instead of a jocular account of a series of delightful entertainments, *High Twelvian* coverage was subdued. "Time was when the prime motive of attendance at a convention was a good time only," said editor Philip Spidy. "Such was not the case at Dallas. A good time we had — and how! — but we also did a lot of constructive thinking and planning. This is good, and bodes well for our beloved organization."

Brother Spidy was right — the beloved organization continued to thrive in the early years of the Depression, even adding a few new clubs. Certain economies were taken, however. The 1931 convention, which had been scheduled for Detroit, was moved to the more centrally located Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Clubs held fund-raisers to help send a total of 29 delegates to the convention in majestic Yosemite the next year, but in 1933 no convention was held at all — officers were held over.

On a local level, dues were dropped to 50 cents a member. Other money-saving steps were frequently reported in the *High Twelvian*, which was now distributed by regional directors to save postage. The Denver club, for example, moved its meeting place to the Adams Hotel, "where an excellent luncheon is served for 50 cents, just half of the price elsewhere." Keeping the spirit of High Twelve's new national objective, this club offered financial aid to Denver's Pearl Street Working Boys' Home. In gratitude for the support, one of the boys entertained at a luncheon with his ukelele and harmonica. Brother James Hoffman tells us, "His playing bordered on professional lines and clearly expressed the fact that, if given a chance, the underprivileged boy of today may be the leading man of tomorrow."

Those words must have warmed the heart of Wallie Wolcott, who strongly professed this philosophy regarding the high potential of underprivileged youth. Since 1928, Wallie had been serving as International Secretary, running club business out of his home and office. Also listed as a life member on the *High Twelvian* masthead, he was a regular at conventions, mingling and making speeches.

Comfortably employed as the sales manager of a Chicago dairy, Wallie could afford the train trip to the 1932 convention in rustic Yosemite, where he resigned his secretarial post due to the pressures of personal business. In recognition of his years of service, the popular leader was unanimously elected to the newly created International office of President Emeritus. Satisfied with this honor, Wallie became inactive in High Twelve for the next eight years.

Still, High Twelve's founder must have been thrilled by the news of the new club that danced in with a Conga beat during the year of his resignation. This was the club in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, founded by Brother Fernando Muller, who seems to have discovered High Twelve by visiting one of the Texas clubs. In one tropical flash, High Twelve became more international than Wallie had ever imagined. The brothers in Brazil represented twelve nationalities, including six born Americans, one Swiss, two born Brazilians, one Portuguese, one Hungarian, two Brazilians of German descent, one American of Italian descent and one American of Moroccan descent. It's delightful to

picture them seated over fresh Brazilian seafood in the elegantly appointed Praia Flamengo Hotel, singing the "High Twelve March" in a cacaphony of accents.

Back in the U.S.A., High Twelvians were still singing the march in accents from eleven states, but the financial pressures of the Depression were beginning to make their mark. On the positive side, High Twelve's service programs for youth were more appreciated than ever. Clubs raised money for shoes for needy school children, cooked turkey dinners for boys camped along the river, and bought new uniforms for threadbare Boy Scout troops. The Leavenworth, Kansas club donated over one thousand dollars to the Cushing Memorial Hospital, while the ever-charitable Denver club took on full sponsorship of the Pearl Street Working Boys' Home. In addition, the Denver brothers began to provide soup lunches to girls from the Opportunity School for Continuing Education.

On an individual level, High Twelvians did little things to relieve the grief of the Depression, inspired by the words of Harry L. Buckalew, State President of the California High Twelve clubs:

The clubs which see the suffering heart of humanity and leap wholeheartedly into the breach will not only hold their membership during these times but will prosper when conditions improve. Our clubs contain members of many different walks of life who can help in different ways.

Your school men probably will locate more need than any others. Use them. Dentists can help with aching, pus-pocketed teeth; your doctors can remove tonsils which are pulling children down to serious underweight conditions; your oculists can examine the eyes of school children who are not able to afford this service and the club pay for glasses that may be needed; your merchants can provide shoes and clothing at cost to the club for deserving families; your fuel men can provide a similar service along with free boxes from the grocer's; and your wives can sew for distressed Masonic families. Let us open the big heart of High Twelve now, and great shall be our reward.

Brother Buckalew's prophecy came true — High Twelvian open-heartedness was rewarded with a spunky survival of the Depression, despite a few temporary setbacks. Because some clubs were not associated with International or listed in the *High Twelvian*, it's difficult to monitor the rise and fall of the various charters. According to Brother Darven Paddock, by fall 1934 the Brotherhood had dropped to only 12 active clubs with 500 members — but this low is not reflected in the club roster in the *High Twelvian*, which listed 24 clubs.

Whatever the downslide amounted to, High Twelvians were determined to turn it around. In 1934, they officially changed their name to High Twelve International, which they proclaimed on bumper stickers affixed to their Fords and Packards. Next they published three instructional pamphlets to help the ailing clubs. One of these — "How to Keep a High Twelve Club Thriving" — provided ideas for keeping remaining clubs in gear. The other two — "What Is High Twelve?" and "International and State Administration" — guided the formation of new clubs as well as the reactivation of old ones

which had withdrawn their charters.

By the fall of 1935, High Twelve membership had bounced back to 26 active clubs; one year later the *High Twelvian* roster listed 28.

In 1934, the convention had been held in Detroit, where card parties, moonlight boat rides, sight-seeing trips and the gala President's ball drove away the Depression blues. In the way of business, delegates to this convention created positions for three District Governors to be appointed by International. These officers were authorized to take charge of the states in three zones — East, West and Central. An elected representative from each club was to serve as a friendly liaison between his club and the International officers.

In 1935, the convention was hosted by the 100-member-strong Des Moines club, which offered High Twelvians "education, inspiration, and entertainment." Kansas City, Missouri, carried the ball the following year. In light of the demise of the Sioux City Club in 1930, Kansas City began proclaiming itself the founders' city, and the slogan of the convention was "Back to the Birthplace of International."

The 13th International President, Harry L. Buckalew, was installed during the 1936 convention, where he delivered the following words of warning: "Keep politics and commercialism out of your clubs."

Brother Buckalew, who invested his own time and money to visit all U.S. clubs after his election, evidently knew what was afoot in Texas. During the year, four clubs in that state were ordered to be disbanded by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge due to their involvement in Masonic politics.

At the 1937 convention in Detroit, 300 attendees were given strong admonitions against intrusion upon the prerogatives of the craft. Walter "Andy" Anderson of the Highland Park club near Detroit took over the editorship of the *High Twelvian* from Brother Philip Spidy of Borger, Texas.

On a happier note, conventioners enjoyed tours to Ford's Greenfield Village and serenades by the General Motors chorus. Things were beginning to look up in the Motor City, and the outlook was brightening for High Twelve. Michigan now boasted six clubs, almost as many as California. International's new national objective was to encourage DeMolay, and the boys who received the benefits duly expressed their appreciation: "Thank you, High Twelve! You will always be proud of what you are doing for the future adult citizens of your country!"

Unlike those deep Depression issues, the late 1930's *High Twelvians* began to report lavish entertainments that attracted new members and sustained the interest of old ones. In Cedar Rapids, for example, a ladies' night held in a leading hotel featured flags, electric fountains, flowers, favors, dancing, bridge, and performing artists. At the end of a six-course dinner, the lights went out while tuxedoed waiters brought in cups of Baked Alaska topped by colored sparklers.

Clearly the country was awakening from the doldrums. And in the get-up-and-go spirit, High Twelve appropriated \$500 to an expansion fund and began adding new clubs.

Former International President Clark A. Beems stated, "A vigorous campaign is to be waged for the organization of new clubs in all localities in

the country where there are sufficient numbers of Freemasons.”

Clubs in Royal Oak, Michigan, Lodi, California, and Toledo, Ohio were three results of the expansion drive. Then, in June 1938, a club in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, joined the brotherhood, furthering High Twelve’s international scope. A charter was presented to this thriving new club of 75 members at the Prince Edward Hotel, “amongst a profusion of color and flowers and the drapery of British and American flags.”

Unfortunately, down in Rio de Janeiro, the High Twelve club suffered a political blow. A revolutionary government was prohibiting the meeting of all Masons — including the men of High Twelve. After April 1940, the Rio club was no longer listed in the *High Twelvian* roster.

But even the loss of those very international brothers could not dampen the enthusiasm brought on by High Twelve’s new era of growth. Fired by the excitement of expansion, International President Roy Hooper suggested that each club set aside the first meeting in June to commemorate the founding of High Twelve in 1923 in Kansas City, Missouri. Without Wallie around to remind the clubs of their Sioux City roots, the incorporation date was becoming the officially recognized birthday of High Twelve, and Goodwin Creason was being given credit as the founder.

Sensing his declining status, Wallie attended the 1938 convention, armed with a speech that set things straight about his role in the founding of High Twelve. Realizing that he needed to reassert his position as a leader, he accepted an appointment to the High Twelve Advisory Council.

Returning to International after a long absence, Wallie must have been pleased to see that the clubs that he had founded were faithfully following his objective of helping disadvantaged boys. Many of the chapters were adding aid to the Boy’s Clubs of America to their program of support of DeMolay.

The 1939 convention at Berkeley was a roaring success, with High Twelvians enjoying strolls through the Hotel Claremont’s 24-acre gardens overlooking San Francisco Bay. A double room — which included complimentary breakfast — cost the conventioneer \$4.50 a night.

The beginning of the decade of the 1940s was celebrated at an International Convention in Windsor, Ontario. In addition to entertainment by the Windsor High Twelve bagpipers, attendees enjoyed sightseeing that included a tour of the Walker’s Distillery.

But high spirits at the convention were dampened by the looming spectre of war, and some clubs were already reporting the loss of members to the military. Wallie Wolcott summarized the feelings of the brotherhood in 1940:

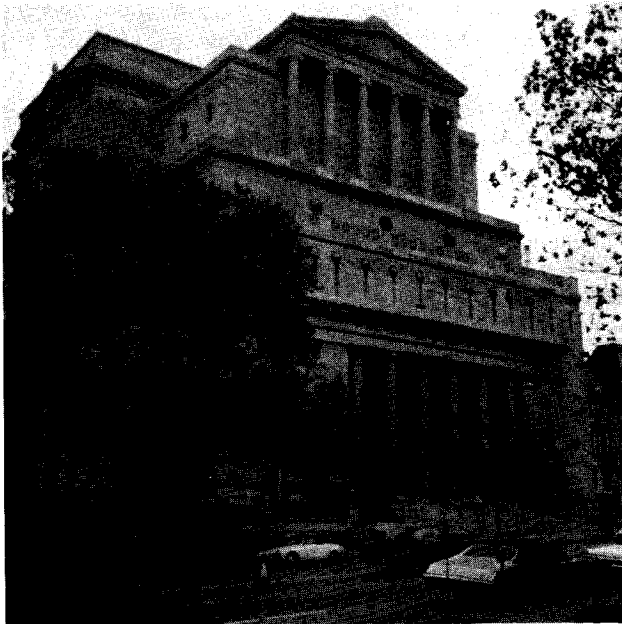
We are in the midst of a very strenuous period of life. In a time of war we begin testing our relationships, our life values.

High Twelve is working through a happy social hour to warm the hearts of men through genuine unselfish friendship, to help them meet the tests of life. Alone, we fall; united we stand in the brotherhood of High Twelve.

# High Twelve International

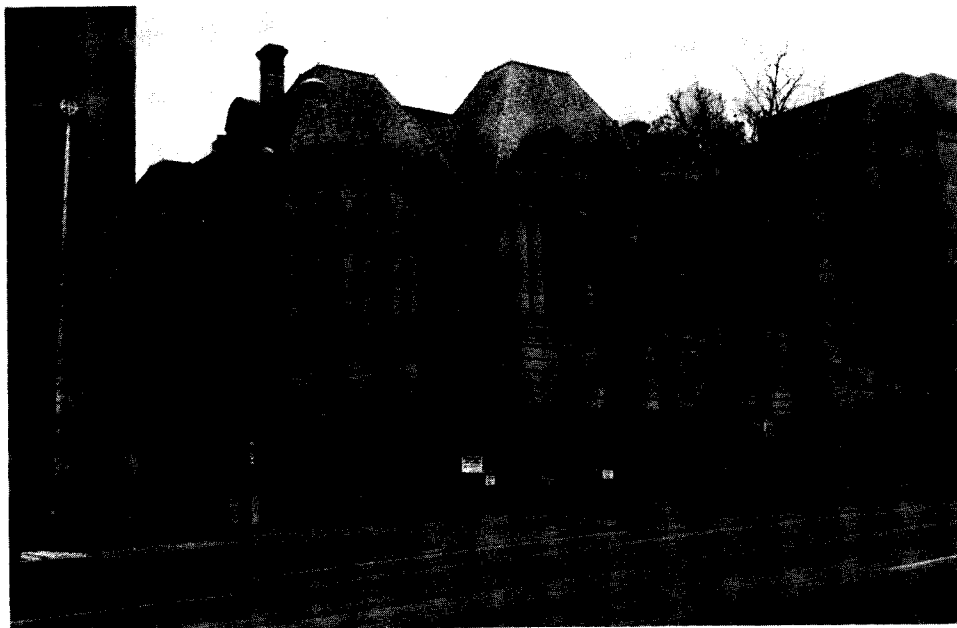


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E. C. "Wallie" WOLCOTT Founder of  
**HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL**



## II. Master Club-BUILDER: The Story of High Twelve's Founder

"I love real, live boys — those who can run, yell and jump with vigor. I love to do all of these things — to be one of them. It's a wonderful life: keeps one young."

E.C. Wolcott, June 1909

This quote expresses the philosophy of Edgar Cornelius "Wallie" Wolcott, the man whose energy and vision helped create High Twelve. To comprehend the vital Spirit of the clubs, with their consistent focus on fellowship and fun, it's important to understand Wallie's background and personality.

The man's joy in life shines forth from the portrait that first appeared in the 1927 *High Twelvian*. By this time he was 46 years old, but he looks like he's in his 20s. His thick dark hair is side-parted and brushed back from a broad white forehead. His eyes are eager and blue; his nose straight; his mouth firm but ready for a smile. His chin is tilted in a "come on, let's go" gesture — he has the look of a hearty, confident youth ready to start an adventure.

Throughout his lifetime, Wallie's sense of adventure expressed itself in a love of travel and meeting new people. And, with his fresh, youthful vision, he was able to shape a career that allowed him to savor this kind of adventure to the fullest. First as a minister who sponsored sports for boys, then as a YMCA executive and later as a speaker on youth. Wallie indulged his relish for fun in constructive ways that also gained him personal recognition.

*NOTE: This chapter is the result of an objective attempt to tell an accurate story of Wallie's life to the year 1940, with dates and activities corroborated as much as possible through reliable historical sources. The research was performed by Karen Thure, an established author with published credits in The Smithsonian, Arizona Highways and The American West as well as in a recent book from Oxford University Press. The facts were corroborated by Louis Black, who verified them with long-time High Twelvians.*

Although Wallie's statements don't always agree with historical records, it should be remembered that the man was quite elderly when he did his writing and gave his interviews. His enthusiasm for living and promotional ability — qualities that made him an ideal club-builder — appear to have led him to occasionally exaggerate in his old age. This chapter is not written as an expose of this tendency to stretch the truth. Instead it is offered as an affectionate picture of the man whose youthful spirit was a driving force behind High Twelve.

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The man with the boyish gusto was born on April 22, 1881, in the little Mississippi River town of Muscatine, Iowa. He was inordinately proud of his Iowa roots, remarking, "My home state itself and association with the people in it contributed no end to my character and deep-rooted attitudes in life." He was also impressed with the fact that he was a direct descendant of Oliver Wolcott, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence who later became Governor of Connecticut.

Wallie's parents were the Reverend William H. Wolcott, a Quaker minister,

and Alice Lucinda Wilson. He had a brother named Sam and possibly other siblings. Of his childhood, Wallie has commented: "My early life was typical of rural existence before the turn of the century. While austere and restricted, because a preacher's family must exemplify his calling, it was by no means unhappy or unfruitful."

Wallie's vagueness about his early years doesn't do justice to what must have been a loving, supportive, creative home life. The young man who emerged from that environment had self-confidence, an out-going personality, leadership ability and talent as an orator in the flowery style of the day. The latter may have come from years of extemporaneous speaking in his father's Quaker meeting house.

Wallie's lofty eloquence may also have been a product of his secondary education, which in that era emphasized Latin, history and forensics. A popular high school student, Wallie recalls being active in baseball, football and public speaking.

Wallie's happy youth gave him the fun-loving personality that colored all his later dealings, including club-building. Ice-skating on Muscatine farm ponds, fishing in the Mississippi, and later competing in high school sports provided him with an appreciation of the importance of play that never left him.

Wallie's understanding of fun also became a pillar of his philosophy regarding successful communication with boys: "A point of contact is number one on the list," he would frequently declare. "That point of contact varies in different boys —but for a real, live, average boy, it is PLAY!"

An Iowa childhood that combined play with the silent meditation and inspired speech of the Quaker meeting house appears to have ended in study for the ministry. But exactly where — or if — Wallie spent his college years is lost to history. A profile in the February 1946 *High Twelvian* reports that he went to school in Paton and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and received a B.A. degree from the University of Chicago in 1905. In other printed sources, including his own autobiography in *A History of High Twelve International*, published in 1964, he indicates that he received his B.A. from the University of Chicago four years earlier — in 1901. In fact, no registrar's office in colleges in Paton or Cedar Rapids record his attendance, and the University of Chicago indicates that he was a student only for the summer of 1908.

But Wallie was a preacher at heart if not by degree, and in his autobiography he states that he was formally ordained as a Congregationalist minister in Iowa in 1902, the same year that he married Myrtle Frances Burton of Van Meter, Iowa.

Wallie was in his 80s when he wrote that brief autobiography, and his memory was beginning to grow fuzzy. The date September 16, 1902, however, can be corroborated in other sources as the wedding day of Wallie and the pretty dark-haired girl who preferred to be called by her middle name, Frances. Also the offspring of a minister, Frances may have been Wallie's high school sweetheart.

Wallie and Frances probably served in one or more small-town Iowa Protestant churches over the next few years. During this period Wallie became a member of the Hiram Lodge in Gillman, Iowa, and received his Scottish Rites. We have no other documentation of his activities until 1907,

when he became pastor of the Mayflower Congregational Church in Sioux City.

The two years at Mayflower Congregational were fun and challenging for the enthusiastic young minister. At 26 years old, he was fired with zeal to put his philosophies regarding “play therapy” into happy action. On June 12, 1909, the *Sioux City Tribune* ran a full-page story on the pastor of the little frame church. It showed pictures of Wallie’s “gang” at the skating rink that the minister himself had constructed in a field near the church for noisy Saturday hockey tournaments.

In this article, a series of quotes from Wallie provide a good glimpse of his developing philosophy about youth:

First, we must get close to a boy. You have to get on speaking terms and inspire confidence. A boy is a real Indian in friendship. He never forgets friends or enemies.

Friends must be genuine. A boy is quick to detect the least deception. Love and hatred are strong and lasting. To break a promise is a serious break in friendship.

Love of play is as strong as a boy’s appetite, even when it comes to the old cookie jar. It’s hard to get him to bed for fear he’ll miss something.

You can’t preach to an average boy. He can’t be still enough. But you can be his “hero” and he’ll follow you to the end of the earth. An hour spent with him on the playground is worth 50 dry sermons: but there he is Sunday mornings, down in the front row — being loyal.

As a “hero” of the boys of Mayflower Congregational, Wallie organized sleigh rides and sponsored a beautifully robed boy’s choir that sang all over the city. When the choir needed an organ, he collected \$3.00 from each member of his flock and purchased a used instrument.

It was in the middle of this two-year ministry, in the summer of 1908, that Wallie took his semester of courses in divinity at the University of Chicago. In the heady intellectual atmosphere of Hyde Park, the young Iowan must have gained sophistication — and maybe even shown a bit of youthful rebellion. It appears to be around this time that he disposed of his hated given name Edgar and replaced it with an affectionate diminutive of his last name — Wallie.

As a married man of 27, Wallie may have decided that his economic responsibilities were too great to allow him to continue his studies at Chicago. Alternatively, his growing reputation as a fund-raiser may have been generating irresistible opportunities back in Sioux City.

In any case, Wallie returned to Iowa to complete a second year as minister of Mayflower Congregational. Local newspapers covered his large and enthusiastic boys’ Sunday school classes, which, for lack of room, met on the basement stairs. Wallie made good use of this coverage in his fund-raising drive toward a large new church facility, which he promoted under the slogan, “A Boy Must Have Room!”

Whether the church-building drive was completed under Wallie’s guidance is unknown. We do know that the year 1910 found him working as a part-time fund-raiser for the Sioux City YMCA. A mortgage of \$125,000 was about to be foreclosed on the big brick social and athletic center. Wallie’s job was to head

a campaign to raise money to save the building. His success in this effort gained him an offer of a salaried job as General Secretary of the Y, and he accepted, no doubt excited about an opportunity to directly implement his philosophies regarding the importance of play for boys. Although he occasionally accepted an invitation to preach on youth issues in a Congregational pulpit, this decision marked the end of Wallie's professional association with the church.

Later in life, Wallie was often asked why he left the ministry, and he answered characteristically: "I am a preacher and always will be — but I preach in a different way. I believe that men in the firing line of community affairs are needed as much as those restricted by congregations."

Wallie also may have begun to tire of the isolation felt by men of the ministry, who are set apart and never quite treated like everyday folks. He was sometimes known to comment that ministers were lonely people — and outgoing Wallie was never one to tolerate loneliness. His apparent lack of a degree in divinity may also have been a factor in his decision to pursue a career outside the church.

So the rising young man — now in his late 20s — launched a vigorous chapter of his life as a fund-raiser, youth leader, and club-builder. In addition to advancing his professional and civic career, he was also busy starting a family; his daughters Margaret and Kathryn Alice were born during this spirited era of his life.

Though he was frequently away from home on business, Wallie remained a devoted family man and husband, often referring to Frances as "my sweetheart wife." Anyone who recalls seeing the two together mentions the obvious affection between this tall man and diminutive woman. Never jealous of Wallie's activities, Frances kept house, cared for the children, and tended the flower and vegetable garden that they both shared as a hobby. Frances also often helped Wallie with clerical work, especially during the early years, when her husband was becoming established as a leader and organizer of youth and the business community.

Wallie describes the thrill of being young and active in the early part of the 20th century:

These were eventful, exciting and delightful years. I recall that Cuba became a republic and the United States took over from France the completion and operation of the Panama Canal — two notable achievements for this progressive nation in its attempts to create and build good will throughout the world. It was an era of national growth and expansion, and each day brought an exhilarating challenge of quest and healthy competition. There seemed so much to be done; so little time to do it. The lethargy of stagnation and sense of futility was not then a part of the social, fraternal or religious pictures.

Wallie was the epitome of the optimistic energy he describes above. This is the period in which he indicates that he became active with the Boy Scouts. Although a number of High Twelve sources say that he took on the responsibility of becoming Iowa's first Boy Scout Commissioner, this is not verified by the records of the Iowa Boy Scouts. Because these records show

that no statewide organization existed during that era, Wallie more likely served as an active supporter of Eloy C. Johnson, Scout Executive of the Area Council that included Sioux City. And, although he was never a troop leader, Wallie's work at the Y may have given him experience with troop activities. In any case, he was a great admirer of the Scouts, calling the movement a "wonderful thing for boys."

Wallie also joined the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs during this period, acting as an early if not a founding member of the Sioux City Chapters. A number of printed assertions that Wallie was a charter member of the Rotary Club when it was founded in Chicago by lawyer Paul Harris have no basis in fact. Not only is Wallie not listed in the Rotary founders' roster, but there is no record of his having been near the Windy City in 1905, when he was only 24.

The two main sources for the following events are Wallie's autobiography in the 1965 *The History of High Twelve International* and a series of nine articles by Brother Newell F. Guernsey of Sioux City, which appeared in the *Official News Bulletin* of the Iowa-South Dakota Association of High Twelve Clubs in 1973-74. The Guernsey articles were partially based on an interview that he conducted with Wallie in a St. Louis coffee shop. Wallie was over 90 at the time — on leave from his rest home — and his memory was surely cloudy. A number of dates cited in these articles — including Wallie's birthdate — appear to be in error. In any case, it is interesting and fun to read the colorful parade of deeds that a blend of fact and legend has attributed to the founder of High Twelve.

In 1916, when it appeared that the U.S. would become involved in World War I, Wallie says that he helped organize Company H of the Iowa National Guard, which later became the 56th U.S. Infantry. But due to an injury of both his knees — probably the result of his active athletic life — he was forced to resign his commission as Sergeant First Class.

Never one to miss a good fight, Wallie signed up for a year's tour of duty as a consultant on morale building for the Army. This service took him to the Texas border, where he organized a string of friendly YMCA huts to provide comfort to the troops fighting against Pancho Villa under General John J. Pershing. In his later months, he helped train Army personnel from Midwestern states for duty overseas. "Working with the young men in military service was not unlike what I had been accustomed in the years preceding," says Wallie. "The men were slightly older, of course, but nevertheless they were only different in that they wore khaki instead of knee-length pants, and played in a vicious game by a different set of rules."

Returning to the game of promoting social welfare in Sioux City, Wallie resumed his old post as General Secretary of the YMCA. In the course of his resumed efforts toward guiding the lives of boys and young men, it became increasingly evident that his success could be boosted by eliminating the temptations of open gambling and prostitution. Fighting these vices meant facing the dark snares of the political battlefields in Des Moines — and with his military training fresh in his memory, Wallie was ready for the fight.

The stories surrounding Wallie during this period take on an operatic air of romance and danger. Vice kings and corrupt politicians came to hate the eloquent, do-gooder Mason who spoke out on the floor of the State Senate in



support of the Cosson Bill against prostitution and gambling.

As Wallie got off a streetcar in Des Moines late one night, he saw a man lurking behind a tree. Wallie approached him with the challenge, "If you're going to shoot, go ahead and get it over with." The man declared that he was a friend and invited Wallie out for coffee to discuss a vicious plot against him.

This same man helped Wallie later that week when the Cosson Bill was about to come to a vote. Hearing scuffling outside his hotel room, Wallie opened the door to reveal his friend pummeling a photographer. Beside the two stood a scantily clad woman who had been instructed to fling herself into Wallie's arms, creating a perfect picture for blackmail.

With such sleazy plots foiled, the Cosson Bill passed, but Wallie wasn't finished in Des Moines. His success against vice had given him a taste for the power of politics, and his next efforts were directed toward helping attorney Horace A. Houghton set up a juvenile court system.

The Juvenile Court Law passed more easily than the Cosson Bill, and, in the wake of its success, Wallie was asked to become a judge. Instead, he chose to substitute on the bench and serve as parole guarantor for 11 particularly promising boys who had gotten into minor scrapes and earned their way out of the penitentiary. "Not one of these ever disappointed me for my faith invested in their rehabilitation," says Wallie.

By now seriously committed to helping disadvantaged youth, Wallie prevented the runaway of 20 boys found in empty boxcars or trudging along the highways. In addition to reuniting them with their families and providing counseling, Wallie helped the boys get back into school and earn good grades. Particularly diligent scholars received personal loans for college tuition. When they left Sioux City, Wallie and Frances had nurtured quite a flock of "our boys," who later went on to become doctors, lawyers and distinguished businessmen. "Not one of them failed to pay back their college loan," Wallie proudly recalls.

A final story regarding Wallie's involvement with criminal justice raises doubts about whether his string of successes wasn't affecting his judgment. He supposedly discovered that a certain high official was also functioning as the head of a vice ring, kidnapping young girls for a house of prostitution. As the father of two daughters, Wallie became enraged when he heard that the official was skipping town on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. Rather than risking a tipoff by alerting authorities, the youth leader rushed to the sheriff's office, had himself deputized and arrested the man at the railroad station. He was subsequently instrumental in the corrupt official's prosecution and sentencing.

Wallie's bold act at the railroad station was evidently regarded as heroic. In any case, he tells us that he was asked to accept the position of Warden of the Iowa State Penitentiary. He also indicates that he was pressured to run for School Board and Mayor of Sioux City. But the founder of High Twelve resisted these flattering offers — perhaps he felt too committed to his men's clubs, the Boy Scouts and his position at the Y.

Wallie's life now takes on a more conventional tone, and the information that follows can be verified in a number of reliable sources. By this time it was 1920, and Wallie was 39. As a respected businessman and social worker, he

was approached by nine young community leaders and asked to help them form a Masonic men's club that did not use business classification as a criterion for membership. Wallie's involvement with the founding of High Twelve has been described in the previous chapter.

On a personal level, Wallie's life was beginning to point toward change. Margaret and Kathryn Alice — nicknamed Kay — were approaching college age, and Wallie and Frances had taken two needy boys into their home to raise as their own. A modest salary at the Y was not enough to cover four teenagers' needs. And so Wallie obtained a position with a Kansas City, Missouri, insurance company and moved his family to that city in 1923.

Wallie worked to establish a college education insurance policy to be taken out by parents when a child was born. The job was a natural extension of his concern for youth, and he was happy. As mentioned in the previous chapter, he joined the Ararat Shrine Temple in Kansas City and established a local chapter of High Twelve — the third club after the one already in action in Oakland, California. Soon Wallie had three clubs operating in the Kansas City area, and High Twelve International became officially incorporated under the laws of Missouri.

Wallie stayed in Kansas City for three years. According to the August 1960 *High Twelvian*, he served on the juvenile court bench with his fellow Mason Judge E.E. Porterfield during this period, but there is no historical evidence to corroborate this statement; Wallie more likely served as an occasional advisor to his friend.

At any rate, Wallie's work with youth was continuous enough to gain him the position of General Secretary of the YMCA in Evansville, Indiana, in 1926. His business experience again came into play as he saved the beautiful old Y building by raising money to retire a bond issue. His fund-raising efforts were so successful that the building was renovated and redecorated.

Wallie established one of the first Knot Hole Gangs at the Y, taking groups of kids to local sporting events. He set up High Twelve Clubs in both Evansville and nearby Louisville, Kentucky. He became president of High Twelve International when he attended the convention in Oakland in 1927. His office at the Y and his study in his home became the official business office of High Twelve, with Frances supplying regular unpaid clerical support.

By now Wallie was apparently serving as a speaker and consultant on student problems. The profile that he wrote for the first *High Twelvian* magazine declares: "In every part of the United States where there is an interest in boy-life, the name of E.C. Wolcott is a household word."

The year 1928 found Wallie in the Chicago area, possibly seeking a job that would give him an outlet for his interest in the welfare of boys. What he did from 1928-1929 is lost to history. We only know that the academic year of 1930-31 found him in St. Paul, Minnesota, working as an assistant to President Alfred Hughes of Methodist-affiliated Hamline University.

But the world of academic administration was evidently not for Wallie. By fall 1931 he was back in Chicago, this time in a dream position that he would hold for the next eight years. First serving as Health Education Director and later as Sales Manager for the Blue Valley Creamery in Chicago, Wallie was given the opportunity to carry out the concern for youth held by his boss Mr.

Walker.

*Historical research turns up little information on the Blue Valley Creamery. However, the 1929 Chicago phone book shows that the dairy occupied three buildings on downtown Jackson Boulevard. With an executive staff of six officers, the company may well have been large enough to send Wallie all over the country to give speeches to high schools and colleges on youth issues — all Blue Valley expense. In any case, Wallie proudly recalls those speeches in various High Twelve sources.*

*There is more question as to the accuracy of Wallie's memories regarding his other Blue Valley experiences. For example, he surely misremembered during a 1975 interview when he stated that he supervised 3,000 truck-driving Blue Valley salesmen — the largest dairy in Chicago during the 1930s had a sales staff of only 200. Likewise, Wallie's statements about equipping one million boys and girls in every state of the union with free Blue Valley baseball bats, caps and balls may also be inflated by the "larger than life" hindsight of old age.*

*Yet Wallie speaks of the one million baseball caps repeatedly, and his memory certainly may ring true. High Twelve's founder was a charming, highly persuasive man, and he may have convinced the philanthropic Mr. Walker that a strong public relations program was the way to pull through the Depression years. It is interesting to note that when Mr. Walker died in 1940, his heirs sold the equipment and closed the dairy.*

Wallie began his Chicago years in the lakeside Evanston but soon moved to the Northwest suburb of Villa Park. In 1931, he settled in the more exclusive, nearby Glen Ellyn, a pleasant, elm-shaded village that, like Evansville, Indiana, called to mind his rural birthplace. Wallie's flower garden on quiet Miller Court was frequently visited by Sunday afternoon strollers, who admired its well-tended elegance.

When he wasn't busy with his roses, Wallie recalls that he found time to work for High Twelve. "Mr. Walker, the owner of Blue Valley, was a Mason, and he didn't care when I dropped away and went somewhere and built a club. And I had wonderful clubs: Evanston, downtown Chicago, and Oak Park. Oak Park is the only one that lived, but it almost immediately became a marvelous club."

*Wallie mis-remembers here; these clubs were actually formed after he left the Chicago area.*

Wallie stayed in Glen Ellyn until October 1940, when he was 59 years old. By now his daughters and foster sons were married and visiting his gracious old home with three lively adopted grandchildren — Barbara, Louise, and Courtney.

Courtney was the first boy in Wallie's line of progeny, and he delighted in exercising his philosophy of play with his little grandson. Sandlot baseball wearing Blue Valley Creamery caps, work on a Shrine float for the Glen Ellyn Fourth of July parade, trips into Chicago to see Santa Claus at Marshall Field's — High Twelve's founder was having the chance to play with his own little boy at last.

By now Wallie's dark hair had turned white, and he wore it in a short wartime brush cut. His slender, athletic build had acquired girth, and his





youthful face had gained a double chin.

But Wallie's spirit of fun and good humor still shone in his warm, open smile. And his sharp business judgment and common sense could be felt in his firm, friendly handshake. A grandfather, sales executive, youth worker, and speaker on juvenile issues, Wallie still had immense stores of energy to give to the growth of his unique "baby," High Twelve International.

## Birthplace of High Twelve International



*The old YMCA Building in Sioux City, Iowa in which High Twelve International was founded. Picture taken in 1957 after work of razing had begun.*

International has announced a vigorous campaign for new clubs in 1941, but Wallie was determined to fan this effort from a slow flame into a roaring fire. Before the 1942 convention, he visited the Hiram Club in Lincoln, Nebraska, and his old friends in Sioux City, Iowa, to try to get them to come into the fold before the 1942 convention. At home, he added clubs in East St. Louis and South St. Louis to the downtown club he had started the year before.

The 1942 convention had originally been planned for Tulsa, but because such a large number of High Twelvians from that town were serving in the military, the event was held in Toledo instead. At the meeting, International President Edwin E. Hruska admonished delegates to direct club efforts toward the war: "Masonry has always been a supporter of a democratic form of government, and so long as we are willing to fight for FREEDOM, so long will Masonry and High Twelve survive!"

Clubs were responding to such pep talks by buying war bonds and raising money for projects to help American soldiers. Chicago High Twelvians each contributed a penny for every Japanese plane shot down. The kitty was used to buy defense stamps. In Oakland, club members raised money for a day lounge for soldiers on a nearby base, while their brothers in Berkeley set up a game room in a military hospital.

Meanwhile, Wallie was waging his own war against the stagnation of High Twelve. Determined to keep growth on the upswing despite the drain of the draft, he took a step that would determine the course of his career for the next 18 years. The December 1942 *High Twelvian* announced the formation of an Expansion Department, with Wallie Wolcott as Chairman. By June, this department had become the Wolcott Expansion Plan, which Wallie administered from his St. Louis business office in the full-time paid capacity of Extension Director.

In view of his earlier determination to prohibit hired organizers, it is ironic that Wallie should become High Twelve's first and only paid club-builder. But he was perfect for the job. Like P.T. Barnum and the circus and Henry Ford and the factory, Wallie was in the right place at the right time with the perfect personality for doing the job that he loved.

As a former minister, Wallie had an upright air that made High Twelve seem good and purposeful. As a charismatic promoter, he spoke in superlatives that inspired enthusiasm and belief. But most of all, as a lover of life, he had a sense of fun that convinced new members that High Twelve was going to be a trip back to the carefree laughter of boyhood.

Fun and adventure were on Wallie's mind as he packed his trunk with pamphlets and hit the road for High Twelve in March 1944. He was traveling on the proceeds of the \$4,000 Wolcott Expansion Fund, which had been budgeted at the 1943 convention. The money had been raised from donations from clubs and individuals who were rewarded with certificates that proclaimed them members of the "Founder's Group of High Twelve."

Responding to tips from club presidents and secretaries who saw promising opportunities for expansion in their regions, Wallie reported his ambitious activities in the February 1945 *High Twelvian*:

The following clubs have been chartered since the June 1944 convention:

### III.

## Expansion High Twelve Grows Up

It's the spring of 1940. At Sunday afternoon picnics, High Twelvians are playing Stun the Hun, tossing balls at the cartoon image of a leering Kaiser. The country feels exhilarated, fearful and confused — restless with the mood of impending war.

In Wallie Wolcott's home in the pretty Chicago suburb of Glen Ellyn, there's a restlessness that's due to more than war news. Upon the death of the owner, Blue Valley Creamery has been closed and Wallie's position terminated. Out of work at the age of 59, High Twelve's founder cannot find another job in the Chicago area.

Now Wallie has an offer from Ralston Purina in St. Louis. Both he and Frances hate to leave their beautiful house and garden, but the move seems necessary — Wallie needs employment.

The couple have a hard time getting settled in St. Louis. The *High Twelvian* masthead lists three different addresses for them during their first 18 months in their new city. Unfortunately, the job with Ralston Purina does not work out, and Wallie sets up his own firm — Wolcott Associates, Inc. — to provide consultation on personnel problems. But during the war years, independent personnel consultants are not in high demand, and Wallie finds he has more and more time to devote to High Twelve.

The luncheon club that Wallie founded was coping with the threat of war with its usual pluck. In the summer before Pearl Harbor, the constitution was changed to include the following clause:

Any subordinate club of High Twelve International may remit the dues of any of its members who may be engaged in any branch of the military service of the United States or be in training under the provisions of the Selective Training and Service Act, for such a term as the member may be so engaged. No International dues shall be payable on behalf of any member whose dues have been so remitted.

From 1941 on, the *High Twelvian* frequently reported service-bound members. And the men who stayed home were coming down with military fever. The Detroit club called its annual expansion drive the "Membership Blitz Air Force." The men were divided into competing squadrons, each with a name and a captain.

The Detroit expansion blitz was undoubtedly successful. Despite the outlook of war, High Twelve membership lists were growing, and new clubs were being added at an encouraging rate. Mount Clemens, Redford, Jackson, and Southwest Detroit joined the Michigan contingent. To bring order to this expansion, the Michigan State Association elected a standardization committee that set forth recommendations regarding everything from the songbook to the induction ceremony.

Of course, Wallie, the irrepressible club-builder, was busy organizing a High Twelve club in St. Louis. He reported his plans for the new club at the 1941 convention in Cedar Rapids, where he invoked High Twelvians to "think beyond your home town and share in the International movement."

California — East Oakland and Pasadena  
Oklahoma — Oklahoma City and Bartlesville  
Arkansas — Little Rock  
Kansas — Wichita  
Iowa — Burlington, Keokuk and Fort Dodge  
Illinois — Alton, Quincy, Jacksonville, Peoria, Rock Island, Belleville,  
Springfield and Downtown Peoria  
In addition, the following clubs will be chartered very shortly:  
Missouri — St. Joseph, Springfield, and Clayton  
Arkansas — Pine Bluff and Fort Smith  
Iowa — Waterloo, Davenport, Ft. Madison, Ottumwa, Iowa City and  
Muscatine (Wallie's home town)

Wallie then proudly cited 17 other cities in which work was being done to form new clubs and went on to say: "If you are a Masonic member and have any friends in the cities mentioned, I would appreciate it if you would send me their names and addresses so we might contact them regarding new clubs. I solicit your earnest help in order that we might have 100 clubs added to High Twelve International by next convention time."

Wallie's optimistic mood is amazing. Who but High Twelve's founder could imagine starting 100 new clubs in little more than a year during wartime? But Wallie's bright-eyed optimism was colored by the fact that he was — as *High Twelvian* editor Andy Anderson put it — "in his glory building clubs all across the country."

At the age of 64, Wallie looked like a man in his 40s, and he acted with the energy of a boy. He loved traveling, meeting new people, speaking from a podium and bowing to warm applause. And — as his expanding waistline evidenced he also was enjoying plenty of hearty food, which he always believed was essential to the success of High Twelve.

In the trenches of France, brothers in combat must have dreamed about High Twelve lunches — old-fashioned ham, meatloaf or crisp fried chicken served up American style with warm rolls, mashed potatoes, canned green beans and strawberry Jello. In the same issue of the *High Twelvian* in which Wallie reported his phenomenal club-building success, Past International President Lieutenant Colonel James R. Hoffman shared this contrasting picture:

On the whole a muddy (now frozen), messy piece of business, this war. Christmas Eve was spent in a shell-torn French barracks where the cold reached into your very bones and with no lights because the Jerries were strafing every light with 50 calibre machine guns and 20mm cannons from planes. However, we did manage to have a Christmas service by the Chaplain, and we warmed ourselves up with a bit of cognac, candy and fruit cake from home. Christmas day we had turkey and cranberry sauce served out in the middle of a frozen field.

A few months later, Lieutenant Colonel Hoffman was lying in a European hospital, wounded and decorated with a Purple Heart. In many of the beds near him, the sons of Masons were groaning in pain, discouraged with a war that seemed like it would go on forever.



Back home in the U.S., the mood was also low. The edge of excitement had worn off the constant rationing. War news that had at one time seemed so glamorous now sounded repetitious and dull.

High Twelvians sighed quietly at the announcement that there would be no convention in June 1945. As part of the war emergency, the government had declared a ban on organizational meetings with an attendance of over 50.

But wartime rules had little effect on the clubs that August, when members gathered in parks and ballrooms to celebrate the surrender of Japan. Amidst bands, balloons, and buffets, they welcomed home their sons and daughters, feeling that the world was fresh and new — a miracle of promise.

International President Hugh G. Allerton captured the crux of that feeling in the October 1945 *High Twelvian*:

We all thank the Supreme Architect for the end of the worst war in history. Let us fervently pray that the people of the world may have the wisdom, foresight and leadership to make this the final war. Certainly the atomic bomb is an edict that there should be no more armed conflict! Let us hold before us as an ideal that we in High Twelve shall exercise our influence to help the world keep an everlasting promise of peace.

High Twelvians returning from overseas must have been astonished at the explosive growth that their movement had experienced while they were away. Wallie's enthusiastic work had nearly doubled the number of International-affiliated clubs — bringing the roster from 35 to 60 in a single year — and state associations were regularly forming.

As Wallie pointed out in the April 1945 *High Twelvian*: "This new membership is producing as much money as the Extension Fund has given. If I could have another year of Fund support, I believe I could reach a total of 200 clubs — and from then on our financial and growth problem would be forever past."

Clubs responded to Wallie's plea by sending more donations to the expansion coffers, and International President Hugh G. Allerton sang the phenomenal club-builder's praise:

We of High Twelve are watching with admiration the enthusiasm of our Founder and President Emeritus, E.C. Wolcott, in the great crusade he is carrying on in the successful organization of new clubs. I wish you could hear the fine things I hear men say of him from all over the country and Canada. He truly is an ambassador of goodwill for us. We must produce by voluntary effort the necessary funds for him to carry on.

At the 1946 Silver Anniversary convention in Wallie's town of St. Louis, the problem of voluntary contributions was solved by raising International dues from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per capita, in part to support expansion efforts. Wallie's zeal for High Twelve growth — which had brought the clubs to a total of 86 with 7,662 members by the time of the convention — gained him rounds of applause from the 389 conventioners who had come to "refresh their souls with fellowship after the dreary days of war."

Delivering an emotional speech that related the "moment of inspiration that came to me, impelling me to found High Twelve," Wallie received a standing

ovation.

"Wallie is an especially forceful speaker, whose address met with the heartiest approval from the audience," observed one admirer.

Even more recognition welled from the crowd when Wallie presented a check for \$300 to start a fund to be used for educational purposes. A part of this seed money was a gift that had been bestowed on him and Frances at the 25th anniversary of the Sioux City club in May. The members of this club — which Wallie had recently reactivated as Founder's Club Number One — had given the couple a silver bowl containing \$235 in quarters intended to pay for a vacation. But, as Wallie explains, "Frances, my sweetheart wife, leaned over, and she said, 'Dad, now, we don't need a vacation. Let's build a fund to be loaned by High Twelve. I've got \$65 in my savings account that I can contribute.' And her gift brought the total to \$300 that we could present to begin the Founder's Fund at the convention in June."

The Founder's Fund — which was renamed the Wolcott Foundation in 1950 — would soon become the unifying project that International President Hugh G. Allerton had hoped for one year earlier: "Many enthusiastic members are yearning for the day when we shall be motivated by some project or ideal such as the Shrine has found in the Hospital for Crippled Children. Someday an appealing project will take hold of the imagination of our members and be seized upon. We must let matters take their course and patiently await the appearance of such an activity."

Wallie's shaping of the direction of High Twelve — which now included the inception of a fund for a worthwhile International project — was rewarded in May 1947, when the full-time, salaried position of Executive Director was created for him. The 67-year-old leader accepted the job at the convention in Dynamic Detroit, filled with glowing plans for the future. Happily, he could report that 32 new clubs had been formed during the past year, bringing the total to 117 with 9,516 members.

In his later years, Wallie was fond of recalling that in his club-building days he had put 40,000 miles on two cars, not counting the miles he put in on buses, planes and trains. "All that organizing cost me long days and difficult travel, but it was also a great happiness," he tells us. One source of that happiness — which exemplifies Wallie's many flowery descriptions of High Twelve activities — occurred during the founding of the Mobile, Alabama, club in 1947:

The Mobile charter night was undoubtedly the most outstanding program I have ever attended, and there will never be another one in so unique a setting. The party was held at the summer home of Brother and Mrs. Southall on the east shore of Mobile Bay. A fish dinner of the famous "red snapper" variety, along with a super-abundance of fine foods, cool drinks and delightful fellowship, was made even more lovely by the presence of the charming ladies of these High Twelvians.

Under a giant oak tree, 315 years old, with a spread of branches of 150 feet and a leafy height of 200 feet, with a spotlight playing on the waving green moss that clung to its limbs — the Mobile officers were duly installed and presented with their charter.

The writer wishes all of you could have been with him and shared in

the hospitality of the brothers and their wives who opened their homes to him that weekend. I had never known how delicious fish could be until I came home after five great fish feeds — fish happy. And, as the glory of the sun on Sunday morning kissed that great, beautiful tree, I began to know the deeper meaning of Masonic fellowship.

Wallie continued his club-building efforts in 1948, touring the nation in an old blue Plymouth. One of his favorite stops was the Sioux City Founder's Club Number One, which was now the nation's largest club, with 296 members. He also enjoyed entertainment by the boys and girls of the Decatur, Illinois, High Twelve Club accordion band, which created a number especially for him entitled "Wallie's Waltz."

The period in the history of High Twelve can become too much involved with the story of Wallie. It's important to remember that thousands of other High Twelvians were working for the cause. Among them was Goodwin Creason, the lawyer who incorporated High Twelve back in 1923 in Kansas City, Missouri. When Brother Creason passed away in April 1948, Wallie wrote his obituary for the *High Twelvian*:

Brother Creason was a true founder of High Twelve. He began the Kansas City club, organized International, wrote its first constitution and bylaws, edited with me our pamphlets, and was the second president of High Twelve International. He gave many hours of Masonic and legal advice and guided the direction of our early days. His great contribution cannot be measured in words.

Generous amounts of time and money were also a part of the contribution of International President Hugh Allerton, who updated the constitution and bylaws; Holland FlaHaven, who expanded the scope of the copyright on the name in insignia; and Leonard H. Engstrom, who rewrote the club's pro forma decree. Local club members also gave of themselves — sometimes in ways quite unique.

James Vance Smith, for example, the smallest High Twelvian in the world, was a leading character in the Rose Midget circus. The 29-inch, 39-pound member of the Cedar Rapids club announced that he would be glad to entertain any High Twelve club on his circus route. Likewise, in Oakland, Wild Bill Hickok — the nephew of the original — offered California High Twelvians a program that featured his collection of antique rifles of the West.

These brothers bring to mind other unusual High Twelvians. Dr. Elbert Yit Chung, a Pasadena eye specialist, said he had made glasses for Chang Kai-shek. And John P. Logan of Tulsa, former U.S. Marshal, celebrated his birthday as the oldest High Twelvian of the year 1948, blowing out 89 candles on a cake shaped like his badge.

Brother Logan's advanced age was a contrast to what was on the minds of High Twelvians in clubs across the country — the education and welfare of youth. The great debate centered around finding a worthy project for activation of the Founder's Fund, which contributions from clubs across the country had raised to almost \$3,000. In 1949, a questionnaire was mailed to the clubs to determine what sort of cause might be appropriate.

Wallie, of course, was a part of the debate, urging a rapid decision. High



Twelve was seriously in need of a fund that could give local clubs a great objective. In addition, the fund could serve as a safe place for a wealthy and benevolent brother to leave a large gift for loving service after his death.

Finally, in 1952, the plan of Brother J. Wallace Forbes, a dentist from Collingswood, New Jersey, was adopted. The Wolcott Foundation would provide a fully paid, one-year scholarship to the School of Government at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Any deserving girl or boy of Masonic background was eligible for this graduate fellowship in international affairs. The ultimate goal was to spread Masonic ideals throughout the world in a program of statesmanship for peace.

Wallie — who, in his increasing years, was now more often referred to as “Daddy” Wolcott — approved of the plan. In fact, his attention was directed elsewhere, as he played the game of post-growth International politics. A few years earlier, upon the illness of Andy Anderson, High Twelve’s founder had increased his influence by taking over the editorship of the *High Twelvian*. Now he was using the pages of the magazine to help establish the firm central control of the International Headquarters in St. Louis.

Despite a vigorous verbal campaign against state prerogatives, Wallie was unsuccessful in his efforts to prevent state association presidents from exercising equal voting rights with the International Governing Board. And, as the difficult decade of the 40s slipped into the comfortable froth of the 50s, High Twelve’s founder wrote an editorial that was almost bitter:

Too often, as the result of some charge of failure of service from the International office, one hears the threat of a club leaving the movement. *WHY?* Small-mindedness, a belly-centered concern for perfect food, and a general apathy. Brothers, I tell you, if Communism, Catholicism, Socialism, and Selfishness succeed in destroying our American way of life, High Twelve will be the first to be crushed if you persist in such an attitude!

Wallie’s strong words reflect his growing assertiveness. This was the beginning of his era of virtually unchallenged power and almost worshipful recognition. For the entire decade of the fifties — from the International Headquarters on Big Bend Boulevard just outside St. Louis — Wallie would rule High Twelve with a swift and determined hand.

The organization that Wallie so proudly presided over grew steadily throughout the 50s, reaching a total of 223 active clubs by 1959. Many new states joined the High Twelve family, including Montana, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Louisiana, Florida and Hawaii. It was also during this decade that High Twelve became truly international, with clubs in Canada, Mexico, England, France, Spain, Guam and the Philippines. A number of the chapters outside the U.S. were located near Air Force bases and Army installations, the result of the worldwide organizational efforts of California High Twelvian Major William Ward.

The value and variety of High Twelve service projects undertaken during

the 1950s was tremendous. On an individual club level, High Twelve was a major force for the good in each club's respective community. In Springfield, Missouri, for example, the High Twelve Hungry Seven Male Chorus and German Band gave performances to help finance full sponsorship of the local chapters of DeMolay. In Bakersfield, California, the men put money and spirit behind a team of Little Twelvets, who went to bat for them in the Junior Baseball Association. In Lakewood, Ohio, the club raised money to provide miniature traffic lights for safety programs in the town's kindergarten rooms, while their Brothers at Castle Air Force Base in California organized a summer program that gave mentally retarded kids a chance to experience the excitement of the runway.

In addition to such local programs, many states had a unifying project to give the clubs a common goal. In California, the Ensign Mayo Loan Fund — which had been established in 1946 — was providing DeMolay boys with college scholarships, while clubs in Missouri, Illinois, Michigan and other states were awarding their own statewide educational loans to youth of Masonic heritage.

The clubs also shared a mutual interest in work on International projects. In 1954, for example, High Twelvians across the nation banded together to raise money for relief packages for Korean orphans. And, in addition to contributing to Wolcott Foundation scholarships in government, the clubs combined efforts in gathering funds toward the purchase of a High Twelve Headquarters building in Saint Louis. Michigan alone raised \$4,000 by selling plastic keepsake bricks.

The drive for the new headquarters was an emotional issue for Wallie. In his mind, each donation was a tribute to his stature — a proof of the brotherhood's loyalty and affection. In his multiple positions as Founder, Lifetime Member, President Emeritus, Executive Director and Editor of the *High Twelvian*, Wallie was growing accustomed to being treated like a celebrity — and he was seldom disappointed.

At conventions, Wallie was on stage to award a silver attendance cup, the Wolcott Foundation trophy and the ribbon-bedecked "president's jewel." He stood at the podium making speeches and sat prominently behind the flowers at the head banquet table.

On visitations to clubs across the country, Wallie was often feted at a Wallie Wolcott Night attended by as many as 70 brothers. In February 1954, after he visited the California clubs, he commented: "The whole schedule was carried through without a change or slip-up — fine food, music and rich Masonic fellowship — a grand and perfect tribute to the great possibilities of High Twelve."

Wallie's face — smiling broadly to show his increasing number of chins — was displayed in large candid portraits in two issues of *The Hour*, the quarterly publication of the California clubs that had debuted in 1952. The clubs voiced their esteem for their founder in accompanying articles, calling him "a grand old man beloved by all, with a heart as big as his smile" and "one of the greatest men and Masons it is our privilege of knowing."

The same esteem was evident at Wallie's 75th birthday party at the 1956 convention in Sioux City, which was described in the Summer 1956 *High*



*Twelvian*. The celebration with a rendition of "This is Your Life," highlighting the funny and serious incidents of Wallie's career. A huge cake in the shape of the High Twelve emblem was then presented, along with an array of gifts. Wallie was next treated to a rendition of his favorite hymn, "The Lord's Prayer," and the evening closed in "splendid fellowship."

An even more lavish celebration occurred on Wallie's golden wedding anniversary on September 16, 1952, which was described by his loyal secretary Lucille Diering:

With the help of Wallie's and Mrs. Wolcott's daughters, Mrs. Nissen and Mrs. Rember, we planned a surprise party under colored electric lights in the Wolcotts' backyard. Between 125 and 150 of their friends responded to an invitation to drop by for cake and punch on the big evening. Wallie and Mrs. Wolcott were given many gifts and flowers from friends and from some of the High Twelve clubs. They also received over 200 cards and 30 telegrams. On behalf of the International Board, they were presented with a gold clock under a glass dome. I believe this is the only time that I have ever seen Wallie almost speechless.

But speechlessness was not a problem some years later when Wallie began to clash with the policy-makers of International. When the Governing Board voted to raise his salary at the Philadelphia convention in 1959, he took this as a vote of confidence. Secure in his position as Executive Director, he began to challenge the decisions of International's elected officials in a swaggering and arbitrary manner.

In truth, the seemingly ageless mind of High Twelve's founder was finally beginning to grow old. He was frequently accused of being crochety and high-handed — even his long-suffering office staff was beginning to show signs of strain. Frances, who was putting in part-time hours reorganizing the mailing list, did her best to smooth ruffled feathers.

Things came to a head in the fall of '59, when Wallie objected to the Board's resolution to decentralize High Twelve. Citing a growing number of clubs and the increasing cost of travel, the resolution stated that the role of day-to-day administration, coordination and clubbuilding should fall more and more to member clubs and their state and district associations.

Wallie saw this policy as a direct challenge to his personal power. After a series of strong verbal objections, he tendered a bitter letter of resignation in early December. His main complaint was directed toward "the recent action that makes the International officers the control rather than the servants of the clubs."

In a huff over a lack of response to his letter, Wallie ceased actively editing the *High Twelvian*, as evidenced by the lack of his usual talkative columns and features. Obviously High Twelve politics — not journalism — were prominently on the mind of the master club-builder, who had just become 79. Turning from his feud with the International officers to strike out at the trustees of the Wolcott Foundation, he objected to their handling of the funds, triggering a mass resignation. Only the cajoling of the International Board convinced the men to serve their terms.

Wallie's anger continued to simmer as spring passed into summer. Despite

the pleadings of his daughter Kay, who lived near Carmel, the bitter old man refused to attend the International convention in that city in June 1960. His absence made it easier for Immediate Past President C.J. Hyde and new President William L. Worthen to take decisive action.

Clearly, Wallie's vindictiveness was becoming intolerable to the organization that he had founded.

In a meeting at the close of the Carmel convention, the Governing Board passed a resolution to retire Wallie Wolcott with an annual pension of \$4,800. In his place a "youthful and energetic" administrator would be appointed with strict instructions to carry out the policies of the International President and Board.

Infuriated by the acceptance of his letter of resignation, Wallie expressed his point of view in a July letter to a friend: "I was fired as Executive Director and Editor. The pension thrown at me is absurd and foolish — I refused it."

When secretary Lucille Diering came into the office on the morning of August 8, she found the place in wild disarray. Wallie had been there on the weekend, removing his personal possessions and any records he felt appropriate. He evidently also took some boxes of International stationery, for he used this to write a letter to the presidents and secretaries of all the clubs, denouncing his unfair treatment. While some loyal clubs reacted by threatening to resign from International, others were merely puzzled. As one recently elected Secretary remarked in a letter to a friend, "I have received this strange letter from some man named Wolcott. . . ."

The passing of fame is a cold fact of life. Soon after Wallie's retirement, International Treasurer James E. Gram took over as unpaid Acting Administrator, and in January 1962, Bob Vorhes was appointed to a paid, full-time position. E.P. White, Jr. of Louisville became the Editor of the *High Twelvier*, and business continued as usual, much to Wallie's dismay.

Swallowing his anger, in fall 1960 Wallie grudgingly accepted the Board's "save-face" offer of the position of Official Historian and began to cash his accumulated pension checks. In the biography accompanying the announcement of his retirement, the *High Twelvier* had reported that during recent years Wallie had acted as interim pastor of two Congregational churches in St. Louis. It also indicated that he was the owner and operator of a 245-acre farm on which he raised fine Hereford and Angus cattle. If these statements are true, Wallie's preaching and farming must have paid only modestly. His close confidantes revealed that at the time of his retirement he was in serious need of money.

Despite his financial problems, in January 1962 Wallie found the money to hire a "very eminent" lawyer to file a suit protesting the transfer of funds from the "old" Wolcott Foundation to the "new" nonprofit entity and prohibiting the use of his name for the fund.

Wallie's bitterness was compounded by the fact that his grand dream of a new High Twelve headquarters had faded soon after his retirement. Contributions were returned to the original donors or placed in a fund to improve High Twelve's newly rented offices at the Missouri Grand Lodge housed the new Masonic Temple in St. Louis.

This blow to Wallie's ego was followed by a ruling of the Circuit Court of St.



Louis against him in his lawsuit in May 1964. The news must have been just another bruise to a household that was fraught with old age and its accompanying medical problems. In a 1965 letter to a friend, Wallie indicated that he had been homebound for nearly two years, caring for Frances who suffered from an "extreme nervous conditon" and cataracts that had required two surgical operations. His daughter Kay Nissen had also become an invalid, the victim of a debilitating disease for which Wallie constantly purchased new wonder drugs.

Family health problems may also have prevented Wallie from devoting much attention to his post as High Twelve Historian. Many boxes of records had been delivered to his home to support his research, but he never referred to them. Between performing household chores and nursing Frances, Wallie worked in fitful spurts on a rambling and pompous document of only 12 pages. When the material was finally published in 1964, it had to be padded with the contributions of his friends to give it enough bulk to make a respectable 40-page booklet.

In 1965, the Wolcotts moved from their long-time home on Honeysuckle Lane to a smaller, easy-to-care-for cottage on Belton Avenue, also in Webster Grove but closer to the Deaconess Hospital. Frances died in that facility on September 2, 1966; two weeks later the couple would have celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary.

His own health failing, Wallie soon checked into the Lutheran nursing home in St. Louis. His last years have been sensitively described by Brother Newell F. Guernsey in the *Official News Bulletin* of the Iowa-South Dakota Association of High Twelve Clubs:

High Twelve International owes much to Brother Richard W. Gordon of St. Louis for unselfishly transporting our beloved founder to many High Twelve meetings and conventions, far and near.

At 94 years of age, Brother Wallie is in a nursing home, sight and hearing badly curtailed. He has difficulty rising from his wheelchair and isn't always sure of his direction. Grand old warrior that he is, however, he disdains help.

It is Brother Gordon who visits Wallie at least once a week. He reads aloud his letters and gives him the latest High Twelve news. Down through the years, he has been a loyal friend in good times and bad — not only to Wallie but also to his invalid daughter next door, Margaret Wolcott Nissen, whose husband met the Great Master three or four years ago.

Wallie himself met the Great Architect of the Universe on November 6, 1975 — just before the hour of High Twelve. After Masonic services in St. Louis and Sioux City, the 94-year-old club-builder was buried beside Frances in Graceland Park Cemetery in the town in which he had founded High Twelve. Every Memorial Day the loyal brothers of Founder's Club Number One decorate his grave with a wreath of flowers.

It seems fitting that Wallie should lay at rest in Sioux City, the place in which his enthusiasm for youth had been expressed at its robust best. Ralph Pitman, one of Wallie's informally adopted boys, remembered his benefactor

in a speech at the 1954 International convention: "Wallie was the father, moral advisor, and economic assistant to every poor boy in Sioux City — and a friend to some of the rich ones whose parents didn't have what Wallie had."

What Wallie had was a youthful enjoyment of life that lasted him until the end. Even after this virtue had ballooned into a hunger for fame and authority, the old man's boyish eagerness continued to give him refreshing personal appeal.

Within a few years after he had left office, High Twelvians forgave their founder for his childish lawsuit and petulant push for power. He became remembered as a legendary figure — larger than life — who glowed with a love of living that rang in his full-chested laugh.

As for Wallie, he returned his brothers' forgiveness, bequeathing his modest estate to International upon the death of his daughters.\* More importantly, he endowed the clubs that he had founded with a spirit of sparkling optimism that was vividly expressed in the Summer 1960 *High Twelvian*:

High Twelve owes a never-ending debt of gratitude to its founder. He has inspired our membership with qualities of leadership and wisdom essential to continued progress. Harmony prevails! The future is in the hands of every brother! High Twelve's growth and success seem assured.

*\* Margaret died in 1973, and Kay departed this life in 1984.*

**Appendix I.**  
**International Data**  
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**Past International Presidents**

# High Twelve

	President	Convention City	Treasurer	Secretary
1923-26	Goodwin Creason			E.C. Wolcott
1926-27	E.C. Wolcott	Oakland, Ca	James F. Fox	H.A. Wilson
Feb 1928-June 1928	Charles Truman	Topeka, Ks	James F. Fox	E.C. Wolcott
Dec 1928	Dr. J.E. Hunter	Seattle, Wa	James F. Fox	E.C. Wolcott
June 1930-Oct 1930	James P. Fox	Dallas, Tx	James K. Hoffman	E.C. Wolcott
Oct 1930-Feb 1931	Summers Hardy	Detroit, Mi	James K. Hoffman	E.C. Wolcott
Dec 1931-June 1932	A.W. Gearhart	Yosemite, Ca	W.J. Schoenfeld	E.C. Wolcott
July 1932-June 1934	James K. Hoffman	Denver, Co	Hubert E. Hood	Hubert E. Hood
Aug 1934-Apr 1935	Clark A. Beems	Detroit, Mi	Ed N. Smith	Edwin E. Hruska
Sept 1935-June 1936	Al F. Williams	Des Moines, Ia	Ed N. Smith	W.A. Benson
Sept 1936-May 1937	Harry L. Buckalew	Kansas City, Mo	Ed N. Smith	W.A. Benson
Oct 1937-June 1938	Ray Hooper	Denver, Co	H.L.S. Haller	W.A. Benson
Oct 1938-May 1939	Rodney G. Selby	Berkley, Ca	Graham R. Miller	W.A. Benson
Oct 1939-Apr 1940	Earl K. Gullen	Windsor, Ont, Can	Graham R. Miller	W.J. Schoenfeld
Oct 1940-Apr 1941	John E. Cuddeback	Cedar Rapids, Ia	Graham R. Miller	W.J. Schoenfeld
Oct 1941-May 1942	Dr. E.E. Hruska	Toledo, Oh	W.J. Schoenfeld	W.J. Schoenfeld
Oct 1942-May 1943	Walter A. Anderson	Evanston, Il	W.J. Schoenfeld	W.J. Schoenfeld
Oct 1943-May 1944	Dr. Fred Starratt	Des Moines, Ia	W.J. Schoenfeld	W.J. Schoenfeld
Oct 1944-Apr 1945	C.D. Rowal	Davenport, Ia	W.J. Schoenfeld	W.J. Schoenfeld
Oct 1945-Feb 1946	Hugh G. Allerton	St. Louis, Mo	W.J. Schoenfeld	W.J. Schoenfeld
Sept 1946-May 1947	Holland Flehavan	Detroit, Mi	W.J. Schoenfeld	W.J. Schoenfeld
Oct 1947-June 1948	Leonard Engstrom	Omaha, Ne	William F. Hecht	Delmar Gowins
July 1948-May 1949	Fred A. Hunt	Louisville, Ky	William F. Hecht	Delmar Gowins
July 1949-June 1950	Owen C. Carr	Oakland, Ca	William F. Hecht	Delmar Gowins
Sept 1950-Apr 1951	J. Wallace Forbes	San Diego, Ca	William F. Hecht	Hush Allerton PIP
May 1951-Apr 1952	Otto W. Cox	Chicago, Il	William F. Hecht	Hush Allerton PIP
May 1952-Apr 1953	Charles S. Johnson	Tulsa, Ok	William F. Hecht	Hush Allerton PIP
May 1953-Apr 1954	J. Nelson Truitt	Denver, Co	William F. Hecht	Hush Allerton PIP
May 1954-Apr 1955	Harold J. Sivers	Detroit, Mi	James E. Gram	Hush Allerton PIP
May 1955-May 1956	G.A. Rowal	San Francisco, Ca	James E. Gram	Hush Allerton PIP
June 1956-May 1957	Milton W. Hardy	Sioux City, Ia	James E. Gram	Hush Allerton PIP
June 1957-May 1958	W.L. Hopperstead	Toledo, Oh	James E. Gram	Hush Allerton PIP
June 1958-May 1959	Hicks G. Griffiths	Philadelphia, Pa	James E. Gram	Hush Allerton PIP
June 1959-May 1960	William K. Fenton	Carmel, Ca	James E. Gram	Harold Sivers PIP
June 1960-May 1961	C.J. Hyde	Louisville, Ky	James E. Gram	Harold Sivers PIP
June 1961-May 1962	William L. Worthen	Clearwater, Fl	James E. Gram	Harold Sivers PIP
June 1962-May 1963	James N. Robertson	San Diego, Ca	William S. Roser	Harold Sivers PIP
June 1963-May 1964	William F. Teerman	Indianapolis, In	William S. Roser	Elmer F. Wagner
June 1964-May 1965	Charles Burkin Jr.	Kansas City, Ks	William S. Roser	C.D. Conard
June 1965-May 1966	Robert F. Clinch	New Orleans, La	William S. Roser	C.D. Conard
June 1966-May 1967	Vinton S. Malcolm	Oakland, Ca	William S. Roser	C.D. Conard
June 1967-May 1968	Leonard B. Voorhes	Dawton, Oh	William S. Roser	Robert Clinch PIP
June 1968-May 1969	E.P. White Jr.	St. Louis, Mo	William S. Roser	James W. Bibb (Ky)
June 1969-May 1970	Howard M. Smith	Ft. Lauderdale, Fl	William S. Roser	Robert Clinch PIP
June 1970-May 1971	John L. Shaw	Denver, Co	William S. Roser	Robert Clinch PIP
June 1971-May 1972	Wib L. Waser	Traverse City, Mi	William S. Roser	Robert Clinch PIP
June 1972-May 1973	Howard H. Jennings	Pasadena, Ca	William S. Roser	Robert Clinch PIP
June 1973-May 1974	William K. Rose	Toledo, Oh	William S. Roser	Robert Clinch PIP
June 1974-May 1975	Louis P. Black	Tucson, Az	William S. Roser	John L. Shaw Dec'd 1-75 Robert F. Clinch PIP
June 1975-May 1976	Leslie C. Whitnev	Philadelphia, Pa	William S. Roser	Louis P. Black PIP
June 1976-May 1977	Roser E. Helman	Tampa, Fl	William S. Roser	Louis P. Black PIP
June 1977-Nov 1977	Keith W. Seales Dec'd 11-77		William S. Roser	Louis P. Black PIP
Nov 1977-May 1978	Darven L. Paddock	Baton Rouge, La	William S. Roser	Louis P. Black PIP
June 1978-May 1979	Darven L. Paddock	Whitchea, Ks	William S. Roser	Louis P. Black PIP
June 1979-May 1980	Donald E. White	Scottsdale, Az	Edward L. Natal	Louis P. Black PIP
June 1980-May 1981	Robert L. Borins	Dawton, Oh	Edward L. Natal	Donald E. White PIP
June 1981-May 1982	Nelson F. Huntz	San Jose, Ca	Edward L. Natal	Donald E. White PIP
June 1982-May 1983	Malvin Sattenfeld	Orlando, Fl	Mark E. Schrock	Gene Dahn
June 1983-May 1984	Edsel F. Oliver	Ocean City, NJ	Mark E. Schrock	Gene Dahn
June 1984-May 1985	Ross V.N. Bauer	Stockton, Ca	Mark E. Schrock	Gene Dahn
June 1985-May 1986	Arthur E. Russ	New Orleans, La	Mark E. Schrock	Gene Dahn
June 1986-May 1987	Clifton O. Bingham	Des Moines, Ia	Mark E. Schrock	Gene Dahn
June 1987-May 1988	Kenneth E. Kelsahar	Grand Rapids, Mi	Mark E. Schrock	Gene Dahn
June 1988-May 1989	Clifford W. Jex	Tampa, FL	Mark E. Schrock	Gene Dahn
President Charles H.J. Truman	1928 Did not serve as 3rd, 2nd, or 1st V.P.			
1st V.P. C.K. Haw	- Did not advance	1927		
2nd V.P. H.A. Whitnev	- Did not advance	1927		
3rd V.P. Dr. J.E. Hunter	- Skipped 2nd V.P.	1928		
Judge Summers Hardy	did not serve as 3rd V.P. - 2 years as 2nd V.P.	1928-30		
3rd V.P. W.R. Arthur	- Did not advance	1928		
3rd V.P. E.C. Wolcott	Filed in	1930		
No Convention 1933	- Officers served 1932-34			
2nd V.P. W.J. Schoenfeld	1930-31 Did not advance - Became trees 1941			
3rd & 2nd V.P. Clark A. Beems	1931-34 Skipped 1st V.P.			
3rd V.P. Al F. Williams	1932-34 Skipped 1st V.P.			
3rd V.P. P.A. Bidv & Editor	1935-36 Skipped 1st V.P.			
3rd V.P. Theron Wilson	1936-37 Skipped 1st V.P.			



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2nd V.P. B.W. Blewett	1937-38 Did not serve as 3rd V.P. - Did not advance
2nd V.P. Earl K. Gullen	1937-38 Skipped 2nd V.P.
2nd V.P. Vernon Handley	1940-41 Did not advance
2nd V.P. Judea F.A. Rittenhouse	1945-46 Did not advance
3rd V.P. F.E. Fields	1950-51 Did not advance - resigned for health reasons June 1951
2nd V.P. J. Nelson Truitt	1951-52 Replaced F.E. Fields
2nd V.P. Marvin J. Fisher	1957-58 Killed in auto accident 2-8-58
1st V.P. William Kent Fenton	1958-59 Did not serve as 3rd & 2nd V.P. - replaced Fisher
Pres. Keith M. Seales	1977-78 Died of prolonged illness Nov. 1977
3rd V.P. Edward L. Natal	11-77 to 5-78 appointed to board as 3rd V.P. with understanding not a candidate for line in 1978
Pres. Paddock served out Seales term to 5-78 and then was elected to his own full term	
- All officers advanced 11-78 and held those positions, except Natal. Robert L. Borins elected to replace Natal.	



Goodwin Creason  
1923-26



E.C. Wolcott  
1927



Charles Truman  
1928



Dr. J.E. Hunter  
1928



James P. Fox  
1930



Summers Hardy  
1930-31



A.W. Gearhart  
1931-32



James F. Hoffman  
1932-34



Clark A. Beems  
1934-35



Al F. Williams  
1935-36



Harry L. Buckalew  
1936-37



Roy Hooper  
1937-38



Rodney Q Selby  
1938-39



Earl K. Gullen  
1939-40



John E. Cuddeback  
1940-41



Dr. E.E. Hruska  
1941-42



Walter A. Anderson  
1942-43



Dr. Fred Starratt  
1943-44



C.D. Royal  
1944-45



Hugh G. Allerton  
1945-46



Holland Flahavhan  
1946-47



Leonard Engstrom  
1947-48



Fred A. Hunt  
1948-49



Owen C. Carr  
1949-50



J. Wallace Forbes  
1950-51



Otto W. Cox  
1951-52



Charles S. Johnson  
1952-53



J. Nelson Truitt  
1953-54



Harold J. Sivers  
1954-44



G.A. Royal  
1955-56



Milton W. Hardy  
1956-57



W.L. Hopperstead  
1957-58



Hicks G. Griffiths  
1958-59



William K. Fenton  
1959-60



C.J. Hyde  
1960-61



William L. Worthen  
1961-62



James N. Robertson  
1962-63



William F. Tearman  
1963-64



Charles Burkin, Jr.  
1964-65



Robert F. Clynch  
1965-66



Vinton S. Malcolm  
1966-67



Leonard B. Voorhes  
1967-68



E.P. White, Jr.  
1968-69



Howard M. Smith  
1969-1970



John L. Shaw  
1970-71



Wib L. Mager  
1971-72



Howard H. Jennings  
1972-73



William K. Rose  
1973-74



Louis P. Black  
1974-75



Leslie C. Whitney  
1975-76



Roger E. Helman  
1976-77



Keith W. Seales  
1977



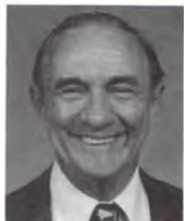
Darven L. Paddock  
1977-1979



Donald E. White  
1979-80



Robert L. Boring  
1980-81



Nelson F. Muntz  
1981-82



Melvin D. Satterfield  
1982-83



Edsel F. Oliver  
1983-84



Ross V.N. Bayer  
1984-85



Arthur E. Buss  
June 1985-86



Clifton O. Bingham, Jr.  
1986-87



Kenneth E. Kalahar  
1987-88



Clifford W. Jex  
1988-89

## **Appendix II.**

### **Club Information**



NO.	CLUB NAME	CITY	LOCATION	CHARTER DATE	NUMBER MEMBERS CHARTERED	INACTIVE DATE	RE-ACTIVE DATE	FIRST PRESIDENT
1	Founders	Sioux City	IA.	5-17-21		25	6-24-42	Dell C. Browning
2	Oakland (Downtown)	Oakland	CA.	2-21-22				Dr. Frank M. Rose
3	Kansas City	Kansas City	MO.	2-23-23				Archie Read
4	Des Moines	Des Moines	IA.	4-18-25				James P. Fox
5	Leavenworth	Leavenworth	KS.	-23				Frank Brookiser
6	Kansas City	Kansas City	KS.	4-24-25				Edwin C. McCullagh
7	Cedar Rapids	Cedar Rapids	IA.	1- 8-26				Ben C. Wallace
8	Berkeley	Berkeley	CA.	2-19-25				W. D. Stephens
9	Stockton	Stockton	CA.	6- 8-25	80			
10	Fresno	Fresno	CA.	3-21-27				
11	Denver	Denver	CO.	12-25-24				
12	Seattle	Seattle	WA.	1-11-26		4- 1-76		
13	Downtown Detroit	Detroit	MI.	-28				
14	Northwest	Detroit	MI.					
15	Ft. Dearborn	Chicago	IL.	6- 5-39	37			Ellis D. Verink
16	San Jose	San Jose	CA.	8-25-28				
17	Jackson	Jackson	MI.	-38				
18	Topeka	Topeka	KS.	3-18-25	50			
19	Tulsa	Tulsa	OK.	11-21-25	135			
20	Highland Park	Highland Park	MI.	2-22-35		1- -9?		
21	Lansing	Lansing	MI.	5-19-35				
22	Southeast	Detroit	MI.	5-10-35		1-12-65		
23	Redford	Detroit	MI.	-36		Combined		
24	Royal Oak		MI.	12- 2-37				
25	Mount Clemens	Mt. Clemens	MI.	6-20-38				
26	Toledo	Toledo	OH.	6- 2-38				Crawford Smith
27	Hannibal	Hannibal	MO.	11- 3-39				
28	San Francisco	San Francisco	CA.	6-29-39	47			J. "Fred" L. Zingle
29	St. Louis	St. Louis	MO.	2- 2-42	25	10- 7-64		Walter C. Proetz
30	MacArthur	St. Louis	MO.	10-16-42	43	7- 2-56		Dr. Newton C. Allen
31	South Side (Grotto)	St. Louis	MO.	10-19-42	31			Percy C. Kidder
32	Evanston	Evanston	IL.	12- 2-42	48			Norman Berry
33	Birmingham	Birmingham	MI.	11- 6-42	35			H. Wayne Black
34	George Washington	East St. Louis	IL.	3-20-58	55			R. D. Adams
35	Albert Pike	Little Rock	AR.	6-12-44	32			Edward H. Tegtmair
	Belleville	Belleville	IL.	7- -44				

\* DENOTES DROPPED CLUB

NO.	CLUB NAME	CITY	LOCATION	STATE	CHARTER DATE	NUMBER MEMBERS CHARTERED	INACTIVE DATE	RE-ACTIVE DATE	FIRST PRESIDENT
36	Pasadena	Pasadena	CA.	CA.	9-15-44	63			James A. Bowman
* 37	East Oakland	E. Oakland	CA.	CA.	7- -44	32	12-17-70		Owen C. Carr
* 38	Abe Lincoln	Springfield	IL.	IL.	6- 7-44	69			Judge Harlington Woods
39	Alton	Alton	IL.	IL.	9- 8-44	33	12-12-52		W. A. Gray
40	Quincy	Quincy	IL.	IL.	11- 4-44	58			Fred J. Bexten
41	Karl L. King	Ft. Dodge	IA.	IA.	12- 8-44	86			Carl D. Deppe
42	Roseville	Roseville	MI.	MI.	12- -44				
43	Freeport	Freeport	IL.	IL.	-44				
44	Keokuk	Keokuk	IA.	IA.	11-17-44	40			Clyde I. Inman
45	Wichita	Wichita	KS.	KS.	10-16-44	39			Tracy Ansel
46	Waterloo	Waterloo	IA.	IA.	1- 9-45	62			W. A. Hendry
47	Davenport	Davenport	IA.	IA.	1-23-45	107			Fenn C. Horton, Sr.
* 48	Fort Madison	Fort Madison	IA.	IA.	1-24-45	54	12- -84		Forrest W. Johnston
49	St. Joseph	St. Joseph	MO.	MO.	4-30-45	115			Sam Wilcox
50	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	PA.	PA.	5-15-45	44			J. Wallace Forber
51	Springfield	Springfield	MO.	MO.	5-22-45	105			Eugene Bonham
52	Oak Park	Oak Park	IL.	IL.	6- 1-45	44			Fred A. Clark
53	Alhambra	Alhambra	CA.	CA.	6-29-45	73			James I. Condie
* 54	Maplewood	St. Louis	MO.	MO.	9-17-45	101	58		Frank L. Martini
55	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	IN.	IN.	6-28-45	105			Dr. Blain Deer
56	Rockford	Rockford	IL.	IL.	8-20-45	102			Walter H. Mackey
* 57	Vincennes	Vincennes	IN.	IN.	9-21-45	39	51		Dr. Wm. A. Anderson
58	Clayton	Clayton	MO.	MO.	-45				
59	Saints John	Overland	MO.	MO.	10-16-45	65			W. F. Hecht
* 59	Rock Island	Rock Island	IL.	IL.	10- -45		12- -87		
* 60	Van Buren	Van Buren	AR.	AR.	11- 1-45	35	50		Dr. H. C. Farmer
* 61	Fort Smith	Ft. Smith	AR.	AR.	2-26-45	163	49		Allen Anderson
* 61	Clayton	Clayton	MO.	MO.	-45				
* 62	Emporia	Emporia	KS.	KS.	-45				
* 63	Muskogee	Muskogee	OK.	OK.	2- 9-45	134	3-27-54		Judge O. W. Samuel
64	Plymouth	Plymouth	MI.	MI.	3-14-45	42			R. Willard Gunckel
* 65	Ottumwa	Ottumwa	IA.	IA.	4-25-45	54	5-12-61		C. W. Schuller
* 66	Terre Haute	Terre Haute	IN.	IN.	3-16-45	107			Francis B. Haw
* 67	Jefferson City	Jefferson City	MO.	MO.	11- 1-46	116	1-10-81		Earl O. Prater
* 68	Omaha	Omaha	NE.	NE.	12-12-46	77	9-29-73		Elmo E. Judd
69	Dayton	Dayton	OH.	OH.	5-24-46	86			Robert N. Schmitt
* 70	Decatur	Decatur	IL.	IL.	7- 1-46	110	7- 1-53		Albert W. Wyllie

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* 71	Mexico	Mexico	MO.	6-24-46	54	12- -84		Howard F. Kizer
* 72	Boone	Boone	IA.	7-25-46	30			G. F. Jolliff
* 73	Camden	Camden	NJ.	7- -46	59	Nelson W. Craig		Arthur E. Armitage, Jr.
* 74	Marshalltown	Iowa City	IA.	9-26-46	38			Harry N. Snow
* 75	Richmond	Richmond	IN.	9-27-46	28			Carl C. Boram
* 76	Gravois	St. Louis	MO.	10- -46		52		
* 77	Bartlesville	Bartlesville	OK.	2-28-46	54	9-55, 7-8-57	3-26-56	H. S. Durnell
* 78	Centralia	Centralia	IL.	-44		7- 1-63		
* 79	Ferguson	Ferguson	MO.	6-27-46	55	7- -57		John E. Adams
* 80	Springfield	Springfield	OH.	6-12-46	100			
* 81	Granville	Granville	NY.	-46		7- 2-56		
* 82	Hayward	Hayward	CA.	12- 6-46	61			Hans Ogaard
* 83	Kankakee	Kankakee	IL.	6-25-46	65			Dr. A. R. Pilcher
* 84	Wood River	Wood River	IL.	3- 1-46	63			Herman M. Wuestenfeld
* 85	Mason City	Mason City	IA.	1-24-47	37			C. E. Leffler
* 86	Boulder	Boulder	CO.	6-23-26	32			Criss C. Hedge
* 87	Rangely	Rangely	CO.	2-28-47		52		Kennedy McVittie
* 88	Pontiac	Pontiac	MI.	4-26-47	65			Horace E. Powelson
* 89	Moline	Moline	IL.	5-13-47	87			
* 90	Mattoon	Mattoon	IL.	4-29-47				
* 91	Pueblo	Pueblo	CO.	5- 9-47	61	52		W. R. Dunn
* 92	Gavlers	Sioux Falls	SD.	5-12-47	75			H. D. Tannehill
* 93	Shreveport	Shreveport	LA.	5-21-47	51			Frank Brown
* 94	Owensboro	Owensboro	KY.	5- 6-47	106			Dennis Dodson
* 95	Birmingham	Birmingham	AL.	8-12-47	56	1- -88		Edgar A. Stovall
* 96	Bakersfield	Bakersfield	CA.	9-20-47	42	4-26-51		B. Willis Weekes
* 97	Sterling	Rock Falls	IL.	9-20-47	33			O. C. Daggett
* 98	Mobile	Mobile	AL.	6-14-47	25	54		C. A. Roberts
* 99	Trenton	Trenton	NJ.	12- 2-47				
* 100	Effingham	Effingham	IL.	12-20-47	51	7- -55		Yates Ingram
* 101	Lafayette	Lafayette	IN.	1-23-48	85			Lloyd W. Utell
* 102	Clinton	Clinton	IA.	1-25-47	52			Jasper W. Morgan
* 103	Colorado Springs	Colorado Springs	CO.	5-10-47	39			James D. Hartman
* 104	Flint	Flint	MI.	-47	44	55		
* 105	Independence	Independence	MO.	2- -47				W. D. Harvey
* 106	Lincoln	Lincoln	IL.	3-28-47	51	1- 2-58		John T. Burns
* 107	DT Louisville	Louisville	KY.	-47	82			Charles S. Johnson



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* 106	Webster City	Webster City	IA.		6-18-47	38	6- -83		Earl Webb
* 107	(Glen E. Long 1959)								
* 108	Lemay	St. Louis	MO.		1-29-48	53	52		Anthony DeBasio
* 109	Manhattan	Manhattan	KS.		3-12-48	24			E. L. Alter
* 110	Joliet	Joliet	IL.		3-31-48	60			E. Charles Cohenour
* 111	Findlay	Findlay	OH.		3- 4-48	216	7- 6-54		C. H. Duttweiler
	Kansas City (College of O & S)								
* 112	Bowling Green	Kansas City	MO.		2- 3-48	17			Gordon Marcom
* 113	Bridgeton	Bowling Green	OH.		4- 9-48	92			Harry E. Morlin
* 114	Lawrence	Bridgeton	NJ.		4-16-48	61	6- -88		Francis F. Gaskill
* 115	Riverside	Lawrence	KS.		3-23-48	30			H. Herbert Tulleb
* 116	Aurora	Riverside	CA.		4-16-48	62			S. G. Billingsley
* 117	San Diego	Aurora	IL.		5- 5-48	177	9-27-61		Vaughn V. Moore
* 118	La Grange	San Diego	CA.		5-27-48	57			Hudh R. Morick
* 119	Dubuque	La Grange	IL.		5-19-48	44			Fred Lynn
* 120	Rolla	Dubuque	IA.		6- 2-48	65			Glenn L. Dewey
* 121	Port Huron	Rolla	MO.		6- 4-48	63			Clyde O. Reindehl
* 122	Crosstown	Port Huron	MI.		6-23-48	54			Earl Madill
* 123	Atlantic City	St. Louis	MO.		9-11-48	29	12- -60		John W. Mueller
* 124	Madisonville	Atlantic City	NJ.		9-18-48				
* 125	Manilla (Phil. Is.)	Madisonville	KY.		10-14-48				
* 126	Ferndale				5- -49	45			A. J. Brazee, Jr.
* 127	Newark	Ferndale	MI.		2-24-49	62	7- -57		Wilfred Rowe
* 128	Frankfort	Newark	NJ.		3- 7-49	47			Alfred Peer
* 129	Battle Creek	Frankfort	KY.		3-11-49	64	1- 2-58		Joseph T. Stocum
* 130	North Side	Battle Creek	MI.		1-26-49	53	1-10-61		C. W. Nelson
* 131	Rural Douglas County	St. Louis	MO.		3-21-49	36	1-27-65		Oliver J. Wehmüller
* 132	Marvelous Marin		NE.		4-22-49	81	10-21-74		Frank E. Tracy
* 133	Bay City	San Rafael	CA.		3-12-49	30			Joseph R. Filippo
* 134	Ypsilanti	Bay City	MI.		2-28-49	37	7- 2-56		Carlton L. Thompson
* 135	Purdue U.	Ypsilanti	MI.		4-28-49	177	3-23-52		Eugene F. Thomson
* 136	Lexington	W. Lafayette	IN.		3- 2-49	69	4-14-52		William M. Minor
* 137	East Orange	Lexington	KY.		5-20-49				
* 138	Cleveland	E. Orange	NJ.		5-23-49				
* 139	Jeffersonville	Cleveland	OH.		5-23-49				
* 140	New Albany	Jeffersonville	IN.		5-28-49	44			William C. McQuary
		New Albany	IN.		6- 2-49	34			Thomas R. McQuary

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* 141	Rochester	Rochester		NY.	6- -49		53		
* 142	Uptown Louisville	Louisville		KY.	6- 4-49	27	3-17-54		
143	White Plains	White Plains		NY.	9- 7-49			4- -83	E. E. Swanson
* 144	Cherokee	Cherokee		IA.	11-29-49	57	1- 3-55		
* 145	Huron	Huron		SD.	11-30-49				
* 146	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo		MI.	12-17-49		7- 1-51	9-23-53	
* 147	Vandalia	Vandalia		IL.	1-10-50		51		
* 148	Madison	Madison		IN.	1-18-50	41	9- -54		Maynard C. Hostetler
149	Mount Helix	Lemon Grove		CA.	1-27-50				
* 150	Council Bluffs	Council Bluffs		IA.	1-28-50		56		Charles A. Ertola
* 151	Golden Gate	San Francisco		CA.	1-13-50	54	1- 9-57		Carl Sugar
152	Lodi	Lodi		CA.	1-29-50	90			Robert A. Ellsworth
153	Palm Springs (Formerly Coachella Valley)	Palm Springs		CA.	3- 1-50	45			
* 154	Nebraska City	Nebraska City		NE.	3-31-50		1- 2-58		
* 155	Norfolk	Norfolk		NE.	4-14-50				
* 156	Tracy	Tracy		CA.	4-15-50	90	61		
* 157	Mill-Hi	Denver		CO.	4-27-50		2-16-67		Harold S. Capps
* 158	South Denver	Denver		CO.	4-18-50		1-14-65		
* 159	Charleston	Charleston		IL.	5- 4-50		52		
* 160	Lincoln	Lincoln		NE.	5- 8-50		8-18-58		
* 161	Paris	Paris		IL.	5-10-50				
162	Glendale (Glendale-Acacia 11-8-60)	Glendale		CA.	5-10-50	48			Robert S. Kreider
* 163	Fremont	Fremont		NE.	6-12-50				
* 164	Dixie	Shively		KY.	6-15-50				
165	West Toledo	Toledo		OH.	1-28-50				
* 166	Columbus	Columbus		NE.	6-16-50				
167	Algona	Algona		IA.	6-23-50				
* 168	Tijuana	Tijuana, Mexico			6-26-50				
* 169	Washington	Washington		MO.	7-21-50				
* 170	Coronado	Coronado		CA.	8- 3-50	30	1- 8-58		Clarence A. Dettloff
* 171	St. Clair County (Travelers)								
* 172	Bloomington	Bloomington		IL.	11- 9-50		7- 1-53		
173	Los Angeles (Downtown)	Los Angeles		CA.	11- 7-50	53	1-23-64		Arthur E. Schiffman
174	Sandusky	Sandusky		OH.	1-17-50				
* 175	Mansfield	Mansfield		OH.	1- 8-51	63	7- 1-53		Ralph H. Damos

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* 176	North East Detroit	Detroit		MI.	6- -51		7- 2-56		
* 177	Canton	Canton		OH.	3- 8-51		12-17-57		
* 178	Lakewood	Lakewood		OH.	4-21-51		11-22-65		
* 179	Albany	Albany		CA.	4-30-51	50	Combined		Milton D. Gordon
* 180	Brookside	Tulsa		OK.	4-30-51	49	1- 1-62		Richard T. Oliver
* 181	Mission	San Francisco		CA.	4-30-51	45	3-30-54		Gus R. Schepler
* 182	Atlantic	Atlantic		IA.	4-23-51	42	12- -52		Everett Rossman
* 183	Richmond	Richmond		CA.	4-30-51	54			Carl T. Granzow
* 184	Walnut Creek	Walnut Creek		CA.	5-22-51		1-15-83		George Hughes
* 185	Honolulu	Honolulu		HI.	6- 4-51	16	1-25-60		John P. McHugh
* 186	Downtown Dayton	Dayton		OH.	5- 7-60	45			A. E. Vaughn
* 187	DeSoto	DeSoto		MD.	6- 6-51	30			Clifford H. Stroh
* 188	Eaton	Eaton		OH.	6-14-51	25			Albert Krause
* 189	University City	University City		MO.	6-29-51	27	59		
* 190	Enid	Enid		OK.	1-25-52		1- 1-61		Robert (Smitty) Smith
* 191	Storm Lake	Storm Lake		IA.	10-23-51	23	3- -52		Kenneth E. Pool
* 192	Empire	Denver		CO.	10-27-51	55	56		
* 193	Passaic	Passaic		NJ.	12-13-51				
* 194	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma City		OK.	1-24-52	40			Gerald A. Antene
* 195	Acacia-Glendale	Acacia-Glendale		CA.	2- 9-52	40	11- 8-60	Merged w/#162	Dr. William H. Sherwood
* 196	College Hill	College Hill		IA.	2-27-52	34			Paul Kridler
* 197	Fremont	Fremont		OH.	2-15-52	52			H. S. Weaver
* 198	Cleveland (East)	Cleveland		OH.	3-29-52	176			A. Paul Brown
* 199	Downtown Cleveland	Cleveland		OH.	6-14-52	60	1-17-72	Merged w/Cleveland	Charles Sand
* 200	Camp Jackson	E. St. Louis		IL.	5-17-52	47			W. D. Hopkins
* 201	Burbank	Burbank		CA.	5- 3-52	47			Laurence H. Hall
* 202	So. Pasadena, San Marino	Marysville		CA.	5-16-52	54	12- -85		Melvin Williams
* 203	Yuba-Sutter	Aurora		CA.	6- 9-52	52			William Blietz
* 204	Gateway	Euclid		CO.	6- 4-52	97	10-18-62		Leonard B. Voorhees
* 205	Temple U.	Philadelphia		PA.	6-14-52	29			Dean Charles E. Krausz
* 206	East Pasadena	Pasadena		CA.	5-23-52	36	6- -65		Wm. A. Scribner, Jr.
* 207	Claremore	Claremore		OK.	7- -52	50	3- -56		John Musgrove
* 208	Fairborn	Fairborn		OH.	9-11-52	127			Edward L. Miller
* 209	North Park	San Diego		CA.	9-26-52	18			Bert W. Leitch
* 210					10-15-52	66			

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211	Far Hills	Dayton	OH.	11-7-52	104			George Mann
* 212	Oildale	Bakersfield	CA.	1-24-53	45	6- -65		George W. Karrer
* 213	Martinez	Matinez	CA.	3-30-53	46	1- 2-58		Jime D. Ryan
* 214	Sixty-Six		MO.	2-26-53	33	1-25-65		Clark E. Moore
* 215	Bowling Green	Bowling Green	KY.	3- 4-53		1- 3-55		
216	Taft	Taft	CA.	4-11-53	47			John McCormick
217	Mound	Miamisburg	OH.	4-10-53	62			Robert F. Ballard
* 218	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	MN.	4-17-53	76	6- 1-55		Edward B. Rouzer
* 219	Neosho	Neosho	MO.	4-29-53	28	3-28-68		W. P. Stark
220	Temple City	Temple City	CA.	4-24-53	36			John L. Shaw
* 221	Piqua	Piqua	OH.	5-11-53	30	2-21-55		H. L. Lilley
* 222	Clay Center	Clay Center	KS.	5-27-53	26	2-16-67		A. D. Conrad
* 223	Covington	Covington	KY.	9-23-53	36			Edwin E. Freshney
224	Willoughby	Willoughby	OH.	5- -53	44			Nelson Houghland
* 225	Fourth Estate	Los Angeles	CA.	9- 1-53	76			Donald C. Hovey
* 226	Tippecanoe	Tipp City	OH.	9-25-53	34	2-18-56		Harold U. Scherer
227	Alameda	Alameda	CA.	12- 5-53	33			William E. Fitzgerald
* 228	Corvallis	Corvallis	MT.	12- 3-53		1- 3-57		
* 229	Mount Vernon	Mt. Vernon	MO.	12-17-53	35	11-20-56		W. Earl Burns
* 230	Norwalk	Norwalk	OH.	1-27-54	26	5-30-60		Eugene D. Shumer
* 231	Fruit Belt	Benton Harbor	MI.	1-16-54	77	2-15-61		Harold G. Beemer
* 232	Heart of Screenland	Culver City	CA.	2-15-54	37	12- -72-1-82-5-	-75	William Kenneth Shane
* 233	Honolulu	Honolulu	HI.	2-22-54	46	57		Mateo H. Reyes
* 234	North Park	Walden	CO.	3- 3-54	30	6- 4-57		Gerald Morgan
* 235	Crane	Crane	MO.	2-24-54	18	1- 4-56		Lee Delitt
236	Furniture City	Grand Rapids	MI.	5-11-54	46			Phil Osterhouse
* 237	Longmont (St. Vrain)		CO.	5-21-54	31	6- -59		Ralph Faith
238	Napa	Napa	CA.	3-29-54	107			Phil Harris
* 239	Fort Clinton	Fort Clinton	OH.	6-30-54	44	1- 2-58		Earl D. Wilson
240	Evansville	Evansville	IN.	1-10-55	24			Clarence Deeg
* 241	Lebanon	Lebanon	MO.	1-25-55	44	56		J. H. Easley
* 242	El Cerrito	El Cerrito	CA.	2-22-55	29	1-13-61		Joe Martyn Turner
* 243	Nevada County (Grass Valley)							
* 244	Oroville	Oroville	CA.	2-26-55	40	1- 7-57		J. Louis Hartman
* 245	Westminster	Westminster	CO.	2-25-55	47	61		C. Keith Lyde
				4- 9-55	33	12- 71		Willis R. Platt, Jr.



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* 246	Idaho Springs	Rocky Mtn.		CO.	5-27-55	27	11- 3-69		Henry F. Tiedeman
* 247	South St. Paul	St. Paul		MN.	6-23-55	40	6- -64		M. L. Ellsworth
* 248	Salisbury	Salisbury		MD.	11-22-55	29	12-31-60		Clyde C. Hill
* 249	Joplin	Joplin		MO.	11-29-55	37	10- 1-60		Ernie Jennings
* 250	Wentzville (Wagon Wheel)			MO.	11-28-55	17			Joseph M. Doyel
251	Chico	Chico		CA.	3-31-56	49			T. A. Zackney
* 252	Alexandria	Alexandria		LA.	4- 9-56	24	57		Frank A. O'Neal
* 253	Louis S. Daniel	Monroe		LA.	4-11-56	63			Leo M. Baer
* 254	West Shreveport	W. Shreveport		LA.	4-12-56	16	12- 7-60		Gordon M. Carr
* 255	Owensboro (Fellowship)	Owensboro		KY.	4-19-56	50	6-25-62		James Ballard
256	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo		CA.	5-26-56	60			O. B. Paulsen
* 257	Hap Arnold	March AFB		CA.	9-26-56	109			Capt. Wm. H. Ward
258	New Orleans	New Orleans		LA.	6- 7-56	98			Harold Bomboy
* 259	Baton Rouge (Evening)	Baton Rouge		LA.	6-11-56	36	1- 2-58		Flavy C. Barr
260	Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge		LA.	6- 8-56	38			James R. Kidwell
* 261	Englewood	Englewood		CO.	5-25-56	24	6- 1-59		Henry Gosch
262	Concord	Concord		CA.	6-16-56	33			Clyde D. Baird, Jr.
263	Happy Hiram	Covina		CA.	10-13-56	44			Dr. Robert E. Shrock
* 264	William Penn	Glenside		CA.	10-17-56	45	1- -82		M. Howard Orpen
* 265	Wilmington	Wilmington		DE.	11-20-56	30			Wm. Noble Kinnard
266	Carmel By The Sea	Carmel		CA.	11-24-56	58			Carl Patnude
* 267	Philadelphia (Kearn's Memorial)	Philadelphia		PA.	11- 2-56	24	6- -63		Carroll G. Stinson
* 268	Indianapolis (Irvington)	Indianapolis		IN.	1-11-57	26	6-28-62		Merrill Sheets
* 269	G. Dick Richardson	Castle AFB		CA.	2- 9-57	78			Edmund L. Wilson
270	St. Matthews	Louisville		KY.	3- 2-57	84			Theodore J. Heim
271	Oelwein	Oelwein		IA.	4-27-75	64			Roger R. Northrop
272	Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa		CA.	4-27-57	44			Wesley W. Daniels
* 273	Clearwater	Clearwater		FL.	4- 4-57	56	6- -88		Robert V. Eley
* 274	Topeka	Forbes AFB		KS.	5- 8-57	73	9-17-62		Thomas N. McLain
275	Paradise	Paradise		CA.	5-18-57	35			Gerald R. Knight
276	Delco	Lansdowne		PA.	5-22-57	37			Kimber E. Vought
* 277	Buttonwillow(Travelers)	Buttonwillow		CA.	5-24-57	29	3- -61		Hardy H. Hair
278	San Gabriel Valley	Rosemead		CA.	6-12-57	28			Allan Good
* 279	At Water (George Bloss)	At Water		CA.	6- 8-57	63	11-12-70		James N. Robertson
280	Media	Media		PA.	6-12-57	58			

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* 281	Sunland (Tijuana Valley)	Montrose		CA.	5-22-57	25			Charles R. Calhoun
* 282	Crescenta-Canada	Los Angeles		CA.	6-29-57	30	9- -75		William W. Rorick
* 283	Southeast	Ft. Ord		CA.	1-29-57	41	3-31-60		J. Lloyd Barker
* 284	Army Memorial	Travis AFB		CA.	9- 7-57	58	2-28-73		Don A. Carlisle
* 285	Kirk R. Mitchell	Cincinnati		CA.	9-28-57	44	10- 7-59		Henry C. Deavers
* 286	Cincinnati	Birmingham		OH.	9-11-57	25	4-21-64		Allen H. Metzger
* 287	Vulcan	Louisville		AL.	9-21-57	26	12- -84		Claud Miller
288	Audubon	Louisville		KY.	10- 3-57	69			Imond R. Ball
* 289	Al E. Orton	Louisville		KY.	10-10-57	49	1- -88		William S. Roser
* 290	Gen. Curtis E. LeMay	Anderson AFB		Guam	11-22-57	53	3-22-76		Roy C. Nomack
* 291	Paso Robles	Paso Robles		CA.	2- 1-58	50	6- -86		Carl W. Shomo
* 292	Dearborn	Dearborn		MI.	12- 3-57	34	5- -67		
* 293	New Buffalo	New Buffalo		MI.	12- 9-57	28	10- 1-64		Joseph P. Campbell
294	El Cajon	El Cajon		CA.	4-19-58	109			Eugene O. Muth
295	Ashlar	Rapid City		SD.	3-15-58	51			Jerry K. Thomas
296	Salinas	Salinas		CA.	3-29-58	35			
* 297	St. Petersburg	St. Petersburg		FL.	5- 7-58	58	12-31-76		Frank A. Bobel
298	Arnold Page	Lakenheath		England	5-23-58	30			William H. Ward
* 299	Claremont (Meridian)	Walker AFB		CA.	5- 9-58	29	2- 5-64		George D. Lober
* 300	Roswell (earl Jordan-)	Long Beach		NM.	5-12-58	43	7- 7-64		
* 301	Long Beach	Hollywood		CA.	5-10-58	18			Sandy N. Freberg
* 302	Hollywood	Agana		CA.	6-14-58	25	1-15-83		Rev. W. E. R. O'Gorman
* 303	Char Marv	Norristown		Guam	6- 7-58	65			Harrison F. Thrapp
* 304	Northern Light, Stephenville	Fenton		PA.	11- 8-58	80	5-14-64		Raymond Hunsberger
305	Valley Forge	Sturgis		MO.	10- 7-58	100	7- 7-64		Clarence A. Pitman
* 306	Meramec Valley	Pomona		FL.	7-25-58	61			Leslie H. Cutler
307	Skycrest	Bossner City		MI.	11-12-58	96	10- -65		Raymond B. Crawford
* 308	Sturgis	Chester		CA.	1-17-59	66			Don K. Mooney
309	Pomona	Rockville (Parke County)		LA.	1-16-59	135			Gilbert Kenmonth
310	Overton Brooks	DT St. Petersburg		PA.	2-16-59	105	6-28-62		Leslie E. Crabbs
311	Chester	Largo		IN.	2-25-59	15			Paul F. Hanebutt
* 312	Rockville (Parke County)	Lebanon		FL.	3- 2-59	77			N. Alfred Winn
313	DT St. Petersburg			FL.	3- 2-59	72	12- -87		William C. Buck
* 314	Largo			OH.	3-19-59	29	12-11-73		Marion Snyder
* 315	Lebanon								

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316	Lake Worth	Lake Worth		FL.	3-17-59	91			Earl K. Gullen
* 317	Eustis	Eustis		FL.	3-21-59	40	9-19-60		Rev. C. Ralph Strobel
318	Howell	Howell		MI.	3-7-59	20	9- -81		Ralph A. Seelye
* 319	Bloomfield Hills	Bloomfield Hills		MI.	5-20-59	24			Arno L. Hulet
* 320	Louisville (West End)	Louisville		KY.	5-8-59	30			Charles V. Morris
321	Pottsgrove	Pottstown		PA.	6-22-59	120			John J. Kessler
* 322	Arlington	Arlington		CA.	6-6-59	38	1-14-84		Albert Beckwith
* 323	Logansport (Cass Co.)			IN.	9-10-59	35	68		Charles D. Hume
324	East Toledo	Toledo		OH.	9-15-59	50			Konrad C. Erdmann
* 325	Carmel Valley	Carmel		CA.	9-1-59	26	7- 1-64		Adrian W. Stevens
* 326	Covington	Covington		KY.	9-23-59	36			Edwin E. Freshney
* 327	Chula Vista (South Bay)	Chula Vista		CA.	1-16-60	35	6- -70		Walter C. Coe
328	Baldwin Park	Baldwin Park		CA.	1-23-60	42			Don Eckhart
* 329	Shawnee Mission	Shawnee Mission		KS.	12- 3-59	31			William E. Cook
330	Arcadia	Arcadia		CA.	6-23-60	77			H. H. Goddard
331	Downtown Dayton	Dayton		OH.	6-12-51	39			Dr. Jack E. Miller
					5- 7-60	46			John P. McHugh
* 332	High Point		St. Petersburg	FL.	4-18-60	41	12- -84		Robert E. Crone
* 333	Vanderberg AFB			CA.	5-27-60	47	12-31-61		James C. Tipton
* 334	Bowling Green	Bowling Green		KY.	6-18-60	27	4- 6-64		Chester I. Bays
335	Sacramento	Sacramento		CA.	6-23-60	235			Leroy Wigginton, Jr.
* 336	Moron A. B. San Pablo	(H.C. Godman)	Spain		8-30-60	38			
337	Columbus	Columbus	IN.		9-17-60	27	6- -64		
* 338	Torreyon AFB		Spain		9-13-60	41			
* 339	Downey (Signal Square & Compass)	Madrid	CA.		11- 5-60	19	9-19-63		Lloyd Dunn
* 340	Ingrandes (Le Premier)		France		10- 3-60	35	3-31-65		E. C. Sorenson
* 341	Far West		CA.		1-16-61	75	10-16-73		Paul R. Mitchell
* 342	Huron	Beale AFB	Kansas City	KS.	2-11-61	24	6- -86		
343	West Chester	West Chester	PA.		2-10-61	21			Leo T. Lester
* 344	Cheyenne (Ft. Warren-)	Frontier	WY.		3- 8-61	26			
* 345	Fort Knox (Radcliffe)	Ft. Knox	KY.		4- 6-61	53	6- -64		
* 346	Cadiz (Trigg County)	Cadiz	KY.		4-11-61	37			
347	San Leandro	San Leandro	CA.		5-19-61	57	Combined		
* 348	Redford	Detroit	MI.		5-19-61	36	6- -64		
* 349	Bradenburg	Bradenburg	KY.		6-12-61		12- -86		J. K. "Slim" Westerterp
* 350	Petaluma	Petaluma	CA.		7-15-61	82			



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* 351	Hamilton AFB			CA.	8-15-61	46			Robert E. Nelson
* 352	Zaragoza	Zaragoza		Spain	9- 8-61	46	5- -64		
* 353	Seymour (Jackson Co.)	Seymour		IN.	9-30-61	42			
* 354	Livonia	Livonia		MI.	12-15-61		2-16-67		
* 355	Shelbyville	Shelbyville		IN.	5- 5-62	27			
* 356	Larson AFB			WA.	5-26-62	79	12-21-66		
357	Anna Maria Island	Anna Maria Isl.		FL.	5-14-62				
358	Twain Harte	Twain Harte		CA.	6- 9-62	44		Mother Lodge in 4-86	
* 359	Healsburg	Healsburg		CA.	6-2-62	27	11-22-66		L. I. Lindstrom
* 360	Brentwood	Brentwood		MO.	5-23-62	25	1- -83		
* 361	Pease AFB			NH.	7-11-62	73	1-10-66		
* 362	Fairchild AFB			WA.	8-18-62	104			
363	Middletown	Middletown		OH.	11- 7-62	122			
364	Princeton	Princeton		NJ.	4-13-63	50			
* 365	Travis AFB			CA.	2-16-63	38	4- 8-65		Herbert C. Norstrom
* 366	Monterey Park	Monterey Park		CA.	2- 9-63	22	8-13-70		A. J. Andrews
367	West Side Evansville	Evansville		IN.	3-13-63	52			Don E. Wilson
* 368	Estero	Morro Bay		CA.	4- 6-63	40	3- -76		
* 369	Palestine	Detroit		MI.	2-28-63	25	1-24-65		
* 370	Jeff W. Caldwell	W. Monroe		LA.	2-15-63	25			
371	L. S. U.	Baton Rouge		LA.	3-11-63	46			
372	College Town	Monroe		LA.	5-11-63	22	Harry M. Lemert in 1965		
373	Suncoast	Palm Harbor		FL.	5- 1-63	22			
* 374	Elizabeth	Elizabeth		NJ.	5- 7-63	25	1-27-65		
* 375	Lindberg	St. Louis		MO.	5-31-63	23	7- 7-64		
376	Keystone	Wichita		KS.	6-17-63	60			
* 377	Sun City	Sun City		CA.	9- 7-63		Became Masonic Club	3-31-65	
378	Idylwild	Idylwild		CA.	10- 5-63				L. A. Morwood Clark
* 379	Tijuana	Tijuana		Mexico	9-21-63	28			
* 380	Natchez	Natchez		MS.	10- 2-63	54	8-15-67		
* 381	Southfield	Southfield		MI.	4- 6-64	26	1-10-81		
* 382	Tambry	Tampa		FL.	3- 2-64	18			
* 383	Union	Union		NJ.	4- 4-64	34	6-20-73		
* 384	Fremont	Fremont		CA.	4-25-64	47	1- 5-70		Philip N. McCallum
385	Hemaciento	Hemet		CA.	5- 9-64	82			Gordon T. Collins



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386	Bradenton	Bradenton		FL.	5-16-64	46			
* 387	Bastrop	Bastrop		LA.	6-15-64	31	2- -73		
* 388	Yreks	Yreks		CA.	10- 3-64	36	9-29-71		William L. Harris
389	Hueneme Bay	Port Hueneme		CA.	10-31-64	64			William N. Jones
390	Deltona	Deltona		FL.	1-14-65	45			
391	Rossmoor	Walnut Creek		CA.	1-29-65	165			
* 392	Gateway	St. Louis		MO.	2-12-65	60	11-30-71		
393	Westgate	St. Petersburg		FL.	3-26-65	94			
394	Pinellas Park	Pinellas Park		FL.	2-15-65	41			
* 395	Livermore	Livermore		CA.	3- 6-65	47	66		George Sharp
* 396	Woodland	Woodland		CA.	5-22-65	31			
397	Sun City Center	Sun City Center		FL.	7- 3-65				Blaine Walker
* 398	Oceanside	Oceanside		CA.	9-22-65	61	9-20-68		
* 399	Dixie West End	Louisville		KY.	3- 1-66				
400	Cherryland	Traverse City		MI.	1- 8-66	58			
401	Sarasota	Sarasota		FL.	3- 1-66	61			
402	Seminole	Seminole		FL.	5-23-66	35			
403	Oroville	Oroville		CA.	5-28-66	32			Richard L. Mark
404	Northeast	St. Petersburg		FL.	5- 8-66	26			Gary Lee Miller
405	Yucaipa Valley	Yucaipa		CA.	9-16-66				
406	West Orange	West Orange		NJ.	9-30-66				
* 407	Peshawar Air Station	Peshawar		Pakistan	10-15-66	27			
408	Mansfield	Mansfield		OH.	10-28-66				
409	West Pasco	Holiday		FL.	1- 3-67	88			
410	Dunedin	Dunedin		FL.	1- 5-67	81			
411	New Port Richey	New Port Richey		FL.	1-28-67	116	1-15-83		Harrington S. Brooks
412	Central Plaza	St. Petersburg		FL.	2- 8-67				
413	Peninsula	San Carlos		CA.	6- 3-67	30			
414	Hamilton	Hamilton		OH.	5-20-67	44			
415	Webster Groves	Webster Groves		MO.	6-19-67				
416	Kirkwood	Kirkwood		MO.	7- 7-67				
* 417	Torrejohn AFB			Spain	10-24-67		3-30-71	4- 9-73	
418	Holiday	Holiday		FL.	12- 4-67				
* 419	Honestead AFB			FL.	1- 6-68				Oren R. White
* 420	Goleta Valley	Goleta		CA.	12-28-67	29	10- -70		

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421	Jacksonville	Jacksonville		FL.	1-24-68				
422	Montebello	Montebello		CA.	2-10-68	35			E. L. Carpenter
423	Fort Myers	Fort Myers		FL.	2-13-68				
424	Leesburg	Leesburg		FL.	1-25-68				
425	Venice	Venice		FL.	2- 1-68				
* 426	Mascoutah	Mascoutah		IL.	3- 5-68	26	3-12-75		Walter Hassebrock
* 427	Tyndall AFB			FL.	3- 9-68		1-10-81		
* 428	Evergreen			WA.	1- 1-68		11- 3-74		
429	Springfield			OH.	5-22-68				
430	San Bernardino			CA.	5-24-68				
* 431	Painesville			OH.	7- 6-68				
* 432	West Jacksonville			FL.	9-20-68		12- -84		
433	Palmetto			FL.	11-20-68				
434	Davis			CA.	11-15-68	29			Philip H. Curtis
435	Orlando			FL.	11-25-68				
436	Naples			FL.	11-21-68				
437	Boaz			CA.	5- 2-69	61			Archie W. Bergman
438	Laguna Hills			CA.	5- 8-69	26			T. Archer Brown
439	Tucson			AZ.	6-21-69	45			Lavern P. (Buck) Graham
440	Tuckerton			NJ.	6-24-69		3- -89		
441	Bay Area			OR.	8- 9-69				
442	The Villages			CA.	9-13-69				
* 443	Lake Cumberland			KY.	9-17-69	19	2-25-72		John A. Daulton
444	Signal Hill			CA.	11- 8-69				
* 445	Kona			HI.	1-17-70		12- -84		
* 446	Tehama County			CA.	2- 7-70	55	4-26-86		George E. Messinger
447	Sun City			AZ.	2-14-70	50			Donald A. Flenniken
448	Akron			OH.	2- 9-70				
449	Sunset Point			FL.	1-20-70				
450	Hillsborough			FL.	3- 3-70				
* 451	Fort Lauderdale			FL.	3-10-70		6- -83		
452	Bayshore			FL.	3-20-70				
453	Downtown Columbus			OH.	4-10-70				
454	Vista			CA.	4-10-70				
* 455	Mainlands			FL.	4- 3-70		12- -87		

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456	South Jacksonville	So. Jacksonville	FL.		5- 5-70				
* 457	Yuma	Yuma	AZ.		6-13-70	36	9-21-72		Harry A. Moxon
* 458	North Peninsula	No. Peninsula	CA.		7-25-70	45			W. Neial Andrus
459	Tennessee	Knoxville	TN.		8-14-70				
460	Vallejo	Vallejo	CA.		11- 7-70				
* 461	St. Charles	St. Charles	MO.		2- 6-71		12-31-85		
462	Brandon	Brandon	FL.		1- 9-71				
* 463	Salem	Salem	OR.		3-22-71				
* 464	Hui Awakea	Honolulu	HI.		5-30-71				
* 465	Mayflower Gardens	Lancaster	CA.		7-21-71	18	6- -87		Robert L. St. Clair
466	Deerfield Beach	Deerfield Beach	FL.		9- 3-71				
467	Lake Tarpon	Palm Harbor	FL.		11-11-71				
* 468	Interbay	Tampa	FL.		10-28-71		12- -84		
* 469	Miami	Miami	FL.		10-31-71		1-10-81		
470	Maumee Valley	Toledo	OH.		1-22-72				
471	Atchison	Atchison	KS.		1-19-72				
472	Main Line	Ardmore	PA.		3-10-72				
473	North Penn	Lansdale	PA.		5-19-72				
* 474	Sturgis	Sturgis	MI.		5-27-72		1- -82		
* 475	St. John	Clearwater	FL.		6-15-72		12- -84		
* 476	Spokane	Spokane	WA.		9-13-72		11- -73		
477	Northmont	Englewood	OH.		8-19-72				
478	Roadrunner	Tucson	AZ.		9-24-72	23			Joseph R. Skelton
* 479	Lavender Pit	Bisbee	AZ.		11-19-72	16	10-28-76		Gene A. Prow
* 480	Naval Air Station	Jacksonville	FL.		11-25-72		5-28-74		
481	Mount Soledad	San Diego	CA.		1-13-73	24			Daniel T. Blankenship
482	Sidney Gateway	Sidney	OH.		11- 1-72	32			Ray Erwin
483	Ohio Masonic Home	Springfield	OH.		12- 5-72	43			Grover A. Berry
484	Lookout Mountain	Chattanooga	TN.		6- 9-73	22			Robert A. MacRae
485	Englewood	Englewood	CO.		8-22-73	26			Charles W. Urmy
486	Sun Dial	Sun City	AZ.		10- 6-73	53			Arthur I. Finstrom
* 487	Cave Land	Bowling Green	KY.		10-13-73	29			John W. Sagabiel
488	Sequoia of Visalia	Visalia	CA.		5-17-74	34			John E. Fraser
* 489	Longboat Key	Longboat Key	FL.		3-20-74	50	5- -89		Earl P. Cady
* 490	Majestic Towers	St. Petersburg	FL.		5- 1-74	21	12-31-85		Fay E. Nichols

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		CITY	STATE					
* 491	Sussex County	Sparta	NJ.	6-12-74	17	12- -88		James E. Abel
* 492	Wood County	Bowling Green	KY.	6- 6-74	60	6- -82		Robert S. Johnson
493	Lehigh Valley	Allentown	PA.	4-26-74	54			Joseph J. Brown
494	Osceola	Kissimmee	FL.	6- 1-74	22			Rev. Harold H. Barnard
495	Tri-Lakes	Branson	MO.	8- 9-74	23			Virgil C. Six
496	Acacia	Seminole	FL.	10-30-74	41			Otto Mann
497	Westminster	Westminster	CO.	11-16-74	16			Irwin D. Grant
498	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor - Ypsilanti	MI.	1-15-75	67			Walter Greig
499	High Desert	Victorville	CA.	2-22-75	32			Dr. Robert E. Schrock
500	Capistrano	San Juan	CA.					
501	Honeymoon	Capistrano	CA.	3-21-75	50			Leslie K. Campbell
502	Chula Vista	Dunedin	FL.	7- 1-75	43			Robert S. Hughes
503	Saddleback	Chula Vista	CA.	5-17-75	57			Joel E. Poukkula
* 504	Marina	Laguna Hills	CA.	5-29-75	65			Cyril H. Johnson
505	Acacia	Marina	CA.	6-13-75	34	4-26-86		George Guthrie
506	Sonoma Valley	Green Valley	AZ.	6-23-75	56			Harold C. Craig
* 507	Sabetha	Sonoma	CA.	8-30-75	28			Paul Marquez
508	Centerville	Sabetha	KS.	8-12-75	26	12- -84		Conrad F. Johnson
509	San Diego	Centerville	OH.	9-29-75	41			Richard A. Funk
510	Garden Grove	San Diego	CA.	9-27-75	32			Neal E. Macurda
511	Bayonet Point	Garden Grove	CA.	1-30-76	41			Earle R. Vaughn
* 512	Royal Oak	Bayonet Point	FL.	2-21-76	101			Leslie J. Langlois
513	Pikes Peak	Royal Oak	MI.	5-22-76	25	1-10-81		Harold C. Gibson
514	Fairview Heights	Pikes Peak	CO.	5-25-76	47			David L. Ballard
515	Marinette	Fairview Heights	IL.	6-11-76	60			Benjamin J. Ahring
516	Miami	Marinette	AZ.	5-11-76	76			J. George Bender
517	Cape Coral	Troy	OH.	7-28-76	34			M. Max Martin
* 518	Downey	Cape Coral	FL.	8-27-76	77			W. Clyde Green
* 519	Friendship Village	Downey	CA.	9-29-76	44	6- -82		Raymond Frazier
520	Martin County	Dayton	OH.	8-25-76	30			Harold S. Hill
* 521	Mineral Area	Martin County	FL.	12-11-76	33			Louis E. Timson
522	Mid Florida Lakes	Bonne Terre	MO.	1- 8-77	59	1-10-81		John D. Brewer
523	Sahuaro	Leesburg	FL.	1- 8-77	50			James L. Ferris
* 524	Rohnert Park	Sahuaro	AZ.	1-29-77	29			Jerry C. Harris
* 525	Battle Creek	Rohnert Park	CA.	6- 3-77	28	12- -87		Clifford E. Telzrow
		Battle Creek	MI.	3-21-77	31	1-10-81		Lorraine F. LaBare



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526	Dixon	Dixon	MO.	4- 2-77	32			Joseph E. Beydler
* 527	James Lloyd Petty	Panama City	FL.	5-13-77	33	1-10-81		Roy H. Bobo
528	H. Santa Clara County	North Santa Clara County	CA.	4-22-77	80			Leland W. Krikaua
529	Suban East-Louisville	Louisville	KY.	6-13-77	31			Russell H. Dalbey, Sr.
530	First Canadian	Montreal, Qu.	Canada	9-22-77	64			M. R. Burley
* 531	Paradise Pines	Flagalia	CA.	9-17-77	81	12- -87		Frank H. Scott
532	Zollie Wade Young	Prescott	FL.	8-24-77	27			Henry C. Kelley, Jr.
533	Prescott	Prescott	AZ.	7-15-77	20			Edward W. Zingler
* 534	Okinawa	Kadena AFB	Japan	8-12-77	19	12- -84		James L. Johnston
535	North West	Bryan	OH.	10-27-77	30			George W. Robinett
* 536	Enterprise	Fontana Rialto	CA.	11-19-77	35	12- -87		Merlin C. Talbert
537	K. W. Seales	Green Valley	AZ.	1-19-78	47			Ralph E. Kemuir
538	Cortez	Cortez	FL.	1-20-78	42			William W. Pritchard
* 539	George Washington	Granite City	IL.	4- 7-78	52	6- -88		Rev. Wayne R. Hiller
540	Clover Leaf	Brooksville	FL.	3- 9-78	42			John Henrich
541	Apopka	Apopka	FL.	5-10-78	40			Herbert A. Henley
542	Freelhold	Freelhold	NJ.	4-22-78	20			Charles W. Glade
543	Leisure World	Seal Beach	CA.	6- 3-78	94			Laurence Westerman
544	Lake Region	Haines City	FL.	4- 3-78	34			Dan P. Hains
545	Indiana Masonic Home	Franklin	IN.	4-22-78	50			Harvin L. Isley
546	Southern Colorado	Pueblo	CO.	6-19-78	49			Royal W. Trivett
547	Lake Harris	Leesburg	FL.	10-21-78	94			Claude B. Hagen
548	Southeast Area	Cape Girardeau	MO.	8-12-78	31			Neilson Elwood Martin
549	Leisure Village	Camarillo	CA.	9-25-78	63			Kenneth Barrette
* 550	Acacia	Monteal, Qu.	Canada	12- 2-78	26	6-84 ?		J. Lionel Robert
551	DeSoto	Riverview	FL.	1-20-79	30			Bernard Pasco
* 552	Imperial	Lakeland	FL.	2-10-79	29	12- -84		Donald W. Ross
553	St. Cloud	St. Cloud	FL.	3-24-79	33			Paul E. Fisher
* 554	Redlands	Redlands	CA.	4-14-79	29	1- -82		Chester Harlley
* 555	Sedalia	Sedalia	MO.	7- 7-79	26	12- -87		H. E. Landon
556	West Valley	Los Gatos	CA.	9-22-79	36			Dr. Melford B. Jorgensen
557	Tavares Imperial	Tavares	FL.	11-15-79	67			Kenneth C. Holst
558	Halifax Area	Ormond Beach	FL.	12- 7-79	35			Harold J. Benson
559	Mount Vernon	Mt. Vernon	IL.	1-31-80	42			Lehman D. Krause
560	Cedar Crest	Whiting	NJ.	3-16-80	21			Joseph Leuser

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561	St. Augustine		St. Augustine	FL.	2-22-80	36			Gary E. Croyle
562	Santa Rita		Green Valley	AZ.	7-1-80	22			Dean A. Holdiman
563	Morongo Basin		Yucca Valley	CA.	10-18-80	32			Lloyd M. Coulter
564	North Fort Myers		N. Ft. Myers	FL.	10-16-80	57			Albert R. Trehane
565	Alta		Dinuba	CA.	2-18-81	80			Guy L. Munson
566	Highland Lakes		Palm Harbor	FL.	5-5-81	74			Paul R. Tanner
567	Sun City West		Sun City West	AZ.	5-28-81	60			Rev. S. H. Hensen
568	Fort Myers Beach		Ft. Myers	FL.	4-29-81	54			Roland W. Bunting
569	Aptos		Aptos	CA.	6-22-81	35			Ludger Jean Bisailon
570	Frank A. Hess		Vandalia	OH.	7-1-81	18			Nelson B. Moseley
571	Twelve		Hutchinson	KS.	6-12-81	36			Robert E. Lee
572	Capitol City		Topeka	KS.	7-23-81	53			Merle D. Bradley
573	Canon City		Canon City	CO.	7-27-81	19	6--	-85	Albert V. Young
574	Martinez		Martinez	CA.	10-5-81	38			Ray S. Taylor
575	Avon Park		Avon Park	FL.	11-21-81	34			Guy A. Adams
576	District of Columbia		Washington	DC.	1-20-82	121			Elmer F. Stein
577	Blue Spring		Orange City	FL.	1-5-82	42			Lorin F. Ashbaucher
578	East County		Alpine	CA.	1-18-82	30			Paul R. Nipple
579	Black Swamp		Van Wert	OH.	3-27-82	51			William H. Wise
580	Riley		Greenfield	IN.	4-7-82	57	6--	-87	Jess K. Willard
581	Cntrl. Santa Clara County		San Jose	CA.	5-5-82	67			John W. Runcie
582	Roseville		Roseville	CA.	5-28-82	37			Earl H. Bell
583	Gulf		Hudson (Pt. R.) FL.	FL.	5-26-82	37			Jack J. King
584	Pocono		Stroudsburg	PA.	6-1-82	21			Robert Smith
585	Tokyo		Tokyo	JAPAN	7-10-82	26			James L. Johnston
586	Redding		Redding	CA.	7-31-82	63			Frank B. Plummer
587	Santa Maria Valley		Santa Maria	CA.	8-27-82	52			Wallace Peters
588	Downey		Downey	CA.	8-16-82	38			Wallace Arntzen
589	Santa Ana		Santa Ana	CA.	9-18-82	42			Herbert McElvaine
590	The Masters		Lima	OH.	8-28-82	63			Walter H. Boedicker
591	Forks of the Delaware		Easton	PA.	10-2-82	50			James S. Garofalo
592	Sebring		Sebring	FL.	11-4-82	52			Hiram W. Brewer
593	Delaware Valley		Trenton	NJ.	11-23-82	59			Edward C. Packer
594	Estero		Morro Bay	CA.	12-17-82	39			Eugene H. Poe
595	East Lake Woodlands		Lake Placid	FL.	2-25-83	43	6--	-88	L. Landon
596	East Lake Woodlands		E.L.W., Oldsmar	FL.	4-21-83	19			Grant N. Reinhold
597	Okeechobee		Okeechobee	FL.	4-18-83	26			Bud Manchester
598	Quad City		The Quad Cities	CA.	5-7-83	17			Thomas J. Baker
599	Tampa Bay		Safety Harbor	FL.	5-2-83	45	12--	-87	Raymond Whitman Bayley
600	Arcadia		Arcadia	FL.	5-12-83	24			Bert C. McGuire

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601	William L. Lear	St. Mary's		OH.	6-1-83	38			Russell H. Young
602	Mid-Michigan	Ortonville		MI.	5-19-83	24			James N. McCartney
603	Corona	Corona		CA.	6-22-83	40			John A. Palmer
* 604	Smith-Jefferson	Smithtown		NY.	8-14-84	20			Jacques H. Landau
605	West Valley	Phoenix		AZ.	10-8-83	42	6-	-88	Neville R. Jantz
606	California Masonic Home	Union City		CA.	9-28-83	33			Frank Ferrara
607	Interlachen	Interlachen		FL.	11-16-83	39			Franklin C. Smith
608	Snow Bird	Niland		CA.	12-5-83	32			Clifford C. Lawrence
609	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills		FL.	2-2-84	38			Wilbur L. Anderson
610	Century	SanferandoVal.		CA.	2-25-84	83			Allen Price
611	St. Lucie	Port St. Lucie		FL.	3-12-84	44			C. Wesley Powell
612	Kingman	Kingman		AZ.	4-9-84	44			Barclay F. Kipp
613	Lakeland	Lakeland		FL.	2-22-84	41			Robert R. McConnell
614	Coeur d'Alene-N. Idaho	Coeur d'Alene		ID.	3-26-84	38			Lester Jones
615	Mountain	Crestline		CA.	5-26-84	38			M. Wayne Jones
616	Triple Lodge	Shell Knob		MO.	5-5-84	25			Dallas Lamar Ivy
617	Marshalltown	Marshalltown		IA.	4-27-84	24			Norman R. Rank
618	Bonita	Bonita Springs		FL.	4-18-84	65			Gordon J. Media
619	Rochester	Rochester		NY	9-30-85	100			U. A. Friedrich (Fritz)
620	Fairways	Orlando		FL.	4-23-84	30			Frederick William Newell
* 621	Tri Valley	Pleasanton		CA.	7-27-84	30		12-88 merged w/347	Roger D. Underwood
* 622	Sagami	NAF Atsugi		JAP.	7-7-84	15		12- -88	Joseph A. Anderson, Jr.
623	Christmas City	Bethlehem		PA.	10-26-84	45			Samuel G. Glasmore
* 624	Nen-Val	MenifeeValley		CA.	2-9-85	36		6-88 merged w/385	Ludger J. Bisailon
625	Redwood Coast	Ft. Bragg		CA.	2-23-85	22			Rodney Charles Tell
626	MA-Bay of Boston	Boston		MA.	9-10-85	67			Salvatore P. Russo
627	Colusa County	Colusa		CA.	12-20-84	37			Daryl R. Brown
* 628	Pompano Beach	Pompano Beach		FL.	2-6-85	28		6-88 merged w/466	Thomas H. Chapman, III
629	PA-Masonic Homes	Elizabethtown		PA.	3-22-85	61			Joseph E. Murphy
630	Gold Country	El Dorado Cnty.		CA.	6-1-85	32			Don A. Scott
* 631	Coral Springs	Coral Springs		FL.	6-16-85	16			William I. Ross
632	Palm Desert	Palm Desert		CA.	11-1-85	54			Glen E. Hitchcock
* 633	Ritram	St. Petersburg		FL.	9-21-85	25			William J. McCullough
634	Conejo Valley	Thousand Oaks		CA.	10-17-85	37			Earl McKinley
635	Frazier Mountain	Frazier Park		CA.	10-11-85	30			Wilfred A. Brown
* 636	Lock City	SaultSte. Marie		MI.	10-16-85	19			George Rohrer
637	Golden Crescent	Vermilion		OH.	5-1-86	26			Floyd A. Heys
638	Big Bear	Big Bear		CA.	4-19-86	22			Richard A. Garver
639	Schuylkill	Schuylkill		PA.	4-12-86	26			Duane A. Derricott
640	New Jersey Masonic Home	Purrlington		WJ.	5-17-86	86			Howard E. Skow



NO.	CLUB NAME	LOCATION		CHARTER DATE	NUMBER MEMBERS CHARTERED	INACTIVE DATE	RE-ACTIVE DATE	1st PRESIDENT OTHER INFORMATION
		CITY	STATE					
641	Camarillo	Camarillo	CA	5-17-86	22			Paul J. Stern
642	Hollywood	Hollywood	FL	5-25-86	17	1-89		Irving Hoffman
643	Woodhaven	Woodhaven	MI	6-21-86	18			Stuart E. Cole
644	Sierra Gold	Rancho Cordova	CA	7-8-86	23			George W. Young, Sr.
645	Whittier Area	Whittier	CA	8-7-86	39			Joseph W. Cowart, Jr.
646	Madera	Madera	CA	11-18-86	41			Gail F. McDonald
647	Elk Grove	Elk Grove	CA	11-13-86	30			James L. Franklin
648	Auburn	Auburn	CA	2-7-87	57			Russell E. Harris
649	Merrimack Valley	Lawrence	MA	1-22-87	63			William B. Kent, Jr.
650	Massachusetts Masonic Home	Charlton	MA	1-25-87	50			Samuel Frink
651	First Western Canada	Calgary	Alberta	2-18-87	23			William H. Pollard
652	Spring-Ford	Royersford	PA	3-20-87	23			Kenneth M. Weigel
653	South Shore	South Shore of	MA	3-16-87	41			William Harding Potter
654	Cape Cod	Cape Cod	MA	4-16-87	31			Robert Ellis Howes
655	Vero Beach	Vero Beach	FL	5-25-87	27			Lawrence E. Fulmer
656	San Antonio	San Antonio	TX	6-11-87	28			Reese L. Harrison, Jr.
657	Porterville	Porterville	CA	9-29-87	57			Dallas Page
658	Muscataine	Muscataine	IA	10-15-87	23			Philip G. Cook
659	Moonlight	Wichita	KS	11-16-87	28			Edwin F. Dirks
660	Delta	Antioch	CA	5-10-88	29			William A. Brasel
661	West-Michigan	Shelby	MI	3-8-88	24			Leo M. Evans
662	Mid-State	Alma	MI	3-28-88	40			William E. Price
663	East Penn Valley	East PA Valley	PA	5-13-88	52			Charles H. Lightcap
664	Clearlake	Clearlake	CA	6-1-88	40			Carroll M. Jensen
665	Pine Run	Ocala	FL	6-8-88	28			Oluf S. Nielson
666	VACANT							
667	North San Antonio	San Antonio	TX	6-11-88	32			Raymond A. Fuller
668	First Capital	York	PA	7-25-88	132			Terry D. Bentzel
669	Fellowship	Reading	PA	11-30-88	60			Thurman F. Sallade
670	Perkionem Valley	Collegeville	PA	1-11-89	41			Marvin A. Cunningham
671	Chestnut Hill	Philadelphia	PA	5-11-89	41			William E. Riley, PDDGM
672	Center of the Nation	Belle Fourche	SD	4-22-89	42			G. Wayne Shuck
673	Vehicle City	Flint	MI	4-28-89	52			Robert W. Sanborn
674	Tri-County	Lady Lake	FL	5-23-89	31			George H. Townsend
675	San Geronio Pass	Banning	CA	4-24-89	38			Irving C. Mills



**Appendix III.**  
**High Twelvian Of The Year**  
**&**  
**International Founder's Award**

## High Twelvian Of The Year Award Recipients

1973	Tallman H. Trask, Sr.
1974	Hector M. Chabut
1975	Charles F. Burkin, Jr.
1976	J. Carl Menke
1977	Emil M. Jecmen, Sr.
1978	Dr. Phillip D. Grub
1979	Howard M. Smith
1980	Wib L. Mager
1981	Philip E. Cartwright
1982	Walter C. Fisher
1983	Max F. King
1984	Forrest L. Grim
1985	Dr. Clarence J. Bradbury
1986	A. Everett U. Iander
1987	Neal G. Guse
1988	Darven L. Paddock
1989	Charles Rupert Wetzel

## **International Founder's Award Recipients**

1973	J.W. "Jack" Nutt
1974	C. Max Farrington
1975	Gerald R. Ford
1976	George A. Newbury
1977	Richard E. Harkins
1978	Frank V. Mayo
1979	Marvin E. Fowler
1980	Senator Barry M. Goldwater
1981	Thomas W. Moberly
1982	Robert W. Miller
1983	Lloyd H. Elliot
1984	Clarence M. Kelley
1985	Edward L. Natal
1986	J. Philip Berquist
1987	William C. Chasey, Sr.
1988	Stanley F. Maxwell
1989	C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33rd Degree



**Appendix IV.**  
**High Twelve International Song**

# HI, HIGH TWELVIAN!

Words and Music By Frank McWhortor

Hi Hi Hi High twel-vi---an,

Hi there Broth-er Hel-----lo, Now we're here let's delve right in,

keep that spir-it a ----- glow, Try, try, try Hi---

Twel- vi--an, Be a good old stand by our

Com-rade-ship and so-cial tie, Our aim is soar-ing up sky high,

Hi, High Twel--vi-----an Hi. Hi.

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