

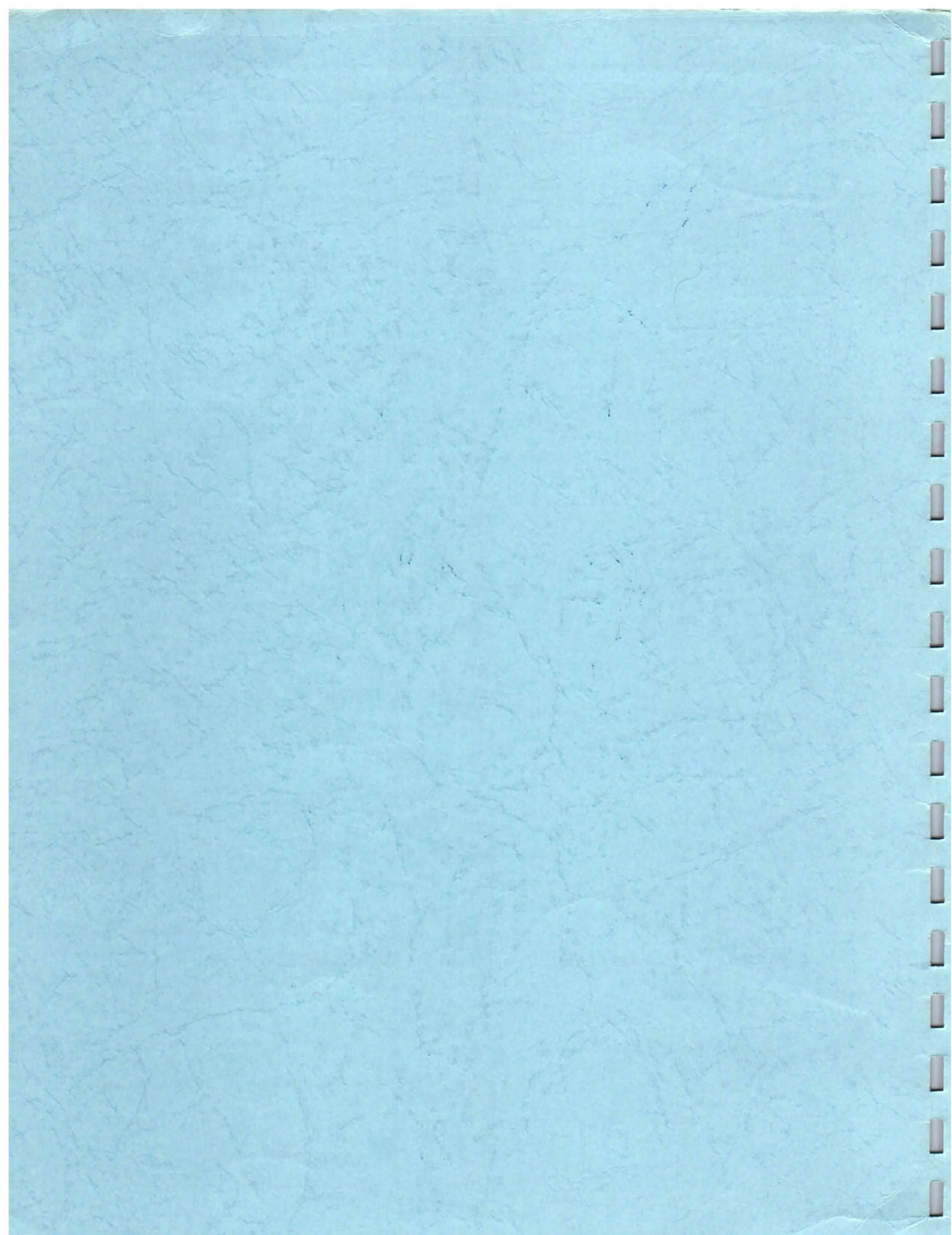
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E. C. WOLCOTT, .

Founder of

HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL

April 22, 1881 - Nov 6, 1975

FORWARD

"An institution is the lengthened shadow of one man." Ralph Waldo Emerson. High Twelve International's One Man was E.C. Wolcott - always called "Wallie". Yet "Wallie" himself would agree that he couldn't have done it by himself. Many of these "helpers" are listed in this book of nearly a quarter million words.

Every International President gave a bit of his life to the cause of High Twelve. All of these dedicated men deserve being listed here in the forward. Each contributed in his own way not only his time and effort, but his knowledge. Some, due to factors beyond his control (depression, war, misunderstandings) were precluded from making the contribution of the particular expertise for which he was best qualified to the extent to which he had planned. With a few, health was a problem. To all, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS BY YEAR

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1925-26 Goodwin Creason | 1942-43 W.A. Anderson | 1958-59 Hicks G. Griffiths |
| 1926-27 E.C. Wolcott | 1943-44 Dr. F.W. Starratt | 1959-60 William K. Fenton |
| 1927-28 Charles H. J. Truman | 1944-45 C. D. Royal | 1960-61 C. J. Hyde |
| 1928-29 Dr. James F. Hunter | 1945-46 Hugh G. Allerton | 1961-62 Wm. L. Worthen |
| 1929-30 James P. Fox | 1946-47 Holland F. Flahavhan | 1962-63 James N. Robertson |
| 1930-31 Summers Hardy | 1947-48 L.H. Engstrom | 1963-64 Wm. F. Tearman |
| 1931-32 A.W. Gearhart | 1948-49 Fred A. Hunt | 1964-65 Ch. F. Burkin, Jr. |
| 1932-33 James Hoffman | 1949-50 Owen C. Carr | 1965-66 Robert F. Clynch |
| 1934-35 Clark A. Beems | 1950-51 Dr. J. Wallace Forbes | 1966-67 Vinton S. Malcolm |
| 1935-36 A.F. Williams | 1951-52 Otto W. Cox | 1967-68 Dr. L.B. Voorhees |
| 1936-37 Harry L. Buckalew | 1952-53 Charles S. Johnson | 1968-69 E.P. White, Jr. |
| 1937-38 Roy Hooper | 1953-54 J. Nelson Truit | 1969-70 Howard M. Smith |
| 1938-39 Rodney Q. Selby | 1954-55 Harold J. Sivers | 1970-71 John L. Shaw |
| 1939-40 Earl K. Gullen | 1955-56 G.A. Royal | 1971-72 Wib L. Mager |
| 1940-41 J.E. Cuddeback | 1956-57 Milton W. Hardy | 1972-73 Howard H. Jennings |
| 1941-42 Dr. E.E. Hruska | 1957-58 W.L. Hopperstead | 1973-74 William K. Rose |
| 1974-75 Louis P. Elack | 1975-76 Leslie C. Whitney | |

Here are some of the forerunners of this great organization: The High Twelve Club, Sioux City, 8/17/20; International High Twelve Club, Sioux City, 5/17/21 (a sort of committee of the former); Oakland HTC 2/21/22; Kansas City HTC (Mo.) 2/23/23. Sometimes referred to as the International Association of High Twelve Clubs, International High Twelve Club(s); by pro forma 2/8/50 registered as International Association of High Twelve Clubs; and amended 5/5/50 to be HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL.

Early inter-club meetings and conventions: Sioux City, 1923; Kansas City, '24-25; Denver, 1926, Oakland, 1927, Topeka, 1928; Seattle, 1929; Dallas, 1930; Okmulgee, Okla., 1931. (How many do you recognize as now being in High Twelve International?)

Founder (of the expansion movement operating from the Sioux City HTC) E.C. Wolcott. First President or leader of the first group authorized to issue charters, E.C. Wolcott, 1922. First "Official" President, where at least three clubs represented by proxy (Sioux City, Oakland and Kansas City, Mo.) 1923-25 ... Goodwin Creason. 2nd President of the truly "International" movement - E.C. Wolcott, 1926-27.

Often, the same Brothers are listed as Secretary, Treasurer, General Counsel or Editor of the High Twelvian year after year... others as chairmen of the various committees for many years. These were often the unsung heroes. They gave of their time and money to attend conventions and conferences, often working until late at night without thought of reward or honors. May mention of their names in these pages be of some small recompense.

Barney L. Paddock

The early days District Governors and their successors, the State Association Presidents were the means whereby a group of far flung clubs were effectively tied into the family of High Twelve. Without them, the ideals, ideas and goals of International would never have been put into force and effect. From their ranks came the leaders of International. To those who did not aspire to International Office, acknowledgement is made of their great contributions.

Throughout this collection of articles are shown the varied activities of many clubs....as examples. Theirs was "Masonry in Action" and "In Service to Freemasonry." In a way, the club president, his officers and committee chairmen were the backbone of High Twelve, for if they failed, High Twelve failed. If they succeeded, and most did, High Twelve became a viable force in the community, a great help to Masonry in general and to Masonic oriented youth organizations and projects in particular. We salute you, Brothers.

This "book" is the result of over six months work on my part, about 1,000 hours; from the week of E.C."Wallie" Wolcott's death until May, 1976. After the St Louis services for Wallie, President Leslie C.Whitney turned to me and said, "Paddy, I want you to write the history of High Twelve. Have it ready for the International Convention, Philadelphia, June 19, 1976." As Third Vice President I had wanted more work.

I studied the files in the St Louis office, had many shipped to me in Glendale, California, and borrowed a complete set of High Twelvian Magazines from Louis P. Black, Secretary and PIP. It took over four months of research. Some of the Past International Presidents filled out my questionnaires, and most State Presidents gave me lists of their Past State Presidents. Hundreds of contributors to the High Twelvian and hundreds of correspondents whose letters are in the files unknowingly contributed to this effort.

Some brothers like Clark A.Beems, PIP 1934-35, early Historian; E.P.White, Jr. PIP 1968-69, Editor, Historian; Newell F.Guernsey, Iowa Historian; and E. P. Wolcott himself had already provided a pretty good account of the early days of High Twelve. Miss Susan Pretz, Office Manager dug up club statistics. Without all of these sources there would be no history....just guessing.

I don't call this a history, but a collection. I have made no attempt to editorialize, to draw conclusions. I have let the speakers, the writers, the records speak for themselves. I have endeavored to keep the events somewhat in date order. Some may wonder why I included certain things. More than likely it was because I have always felt that for most events there must have been a cause; and maybe that event led to another event, maybe years later. I've even included world events for orientation.

Most clubs were mentioned at least once. Maybe it was merely the Charter typing date. If there was an article about the Charter Party, I tried to at least give the date, name, city, incoming president and secretary and the Chartering official, and possibly the installing officer. Not much, but there have been well over 500 clubs. If a club did something which I thought newsworthy, I included that....once. No space for repeats. If I discovered when a club folded, I probably showed that, and with the reason if it was evident.

The reader will note that no numbers are shown with the clubs. Apparently the idea of furnishing numbers came later, after many of the early clubs had dropped out. Some were given their old number when they re-chartered, and others were not; and length of inactivity seemed to have little bearing on the result. Frankly, the assignment of club numbers seems to have been largely by whim. Nevertheless, there is no point in a reassignment of numbers at this late date. DLP.

CHAPTER 1
IN THE BEGINNING - 1920-1931

There is no doubt about it. E. C. "Wallie" Wolcott was not only the creator of High Twelve International, for many, many years, he was High Twelve. Like most great enterprises, the growth of High Twelve was not painless. There were times of great conflict. Some of this may have been abetted because some felt that he held his hand at the controls too long; but without him, where would we be today?

I let the words of the characters in this play speak for themselves as the issues arise and eventually a firm policy jells, maybe years later. Feelings are hurt. Sometimes the decisions of man or organization may seem harsh, unfair, even unnecessary; but from this cauldron a mould was poured. The die was cast. Here then is High Twelve from 1920 to 1976....including differences of recorded fact.

Edgar Cornelius Wolcott was born April 22, 1881, 35 years after Iowa became a state in Muscatine, Iowa. He was the son of Rev. William H. Wolcott. He was a direct descendent of Oliver Wolcott, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, according to Wallie. His mother's maiden name was Alice Lucinda Wilson.

Bro. Wallie matriculated at Penn College, University of Chicago, with an A.B. degree. In 1901 he was a Congregational Church pastor; ordained 1902, and married Myrtle Frances Burton of Van Meter, Iowa. She was the daughter of a preacher. He was a charter member and helped organized Rotary, which held its first meeting in a barbershop in a Chicago hotel. He also was a charter member of the Lions Club (probably Sioux City) and spoke to civic groups all over the country on boys' problems.

Wolcott worked with Horace L. Haughton in setting up the first juvenile court, and sat on the bench with Judge Porterfield in Kansas City, Missouri. As general manager of the Blue Valley Creamery Co., Chicago, in a sales campaign he had 1,000,000 youths playing soft ball, for which Blue Valley furnished caps and bats. Some say this was the origin of the Little League concept.

He was Sioux City's first Boy Scout Executive. He brought the Evansville, Ind. YMCA out of foreclosure. He went to Sioux City in 1907 and served as pastor of the Mayflower Congregational Church. Due to his success in lifting a \$100,000 mortgage from the local YMCA, he was made its secretary. As a pastor he said, "I believe the whole church problem lies in training of the young people. Altogether too much money has been spent in reforming wasted men and women and far too little in developing the young".

Houses of prostitution flourished on a grand scale in the city. He carried the fight to the State Legislature and finally won. The city was a challenge, and Wallie lost no time in the battle, prohibiting such licensing. His life was often threatened. In 1912 a young Greek shoshine boy, speaking little English, came evenings to the "Y" to learn English. Through Wallie's example, he became a big man, an Iowas District Judge and a 33°. He was but one of many whose lives were touched by E.C. Wolcott.

Bro. Wolcott helped organize Company H of the National Guard (later 56th U.S. Infantry. He retired, due to a previous knee injury; and became a Consultant for the Army YMCA and Red Cross in the Central Army Division. He supervised "Y" huts along the Texas Border. After WWI he returned to Sioux City to resume activities with youth.

In addition to his High Twelve activities, Bro. Wolcott had been Trustee of Tabor College, V.P. of Hamline University, General Secretary YMCA, Sioux City 1910-1922, General Secretary YMCA, Evansville, Ind. 1926-29; managed YMCA building fund campaigns. 1929-1940 General Sales Manager Blue Valley Creamery, Chicago; and at Evansville organized one of the first Knot Hole Gangs as a YMCA related venture.

50 of 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Master Masons, as were 20 of 29 Major Generals of Washington's army; 59 of 60 Brigadier Generals in his army; 50 of the 55 members of the Constitutional Convention were Masons; and all governors of the 13 original states were Masons. Is there any wonder that High Twelvians are steeped in patriotism?

"High Twelve is an international association which unites Masons socially, furthers Masonic ideals and principles, encourages and inspires worthy activities. In short, it is MASONRY IN ACTION." Arthur E. Schifferman.

According to Wallie, "Ancient Craft Masonry has been in existence for a long time.It is believed that a part of the ritual originated in Egypt, then grafted to the system of the Sidonian builders known as the Dionysian Artificers. It was then introduced into Judea; and the construction of King Solomon's Temple followed. After 1717, the Order laid aside its operative character and became entirely speculative. High Twelve complements the speculative character of Freemasonry."

"I studied the history of the existing service clubs and discovered...Rotary International was organized in 1905 in Chicago; Optimist International 1911; Sertoma International 1912; Kiwanis International 1915; Lions International 1917; and Civitan International 1920. It dawned upon me that, since the idea was sound and applicable, it could be rallied to the significant aid of ambitious Freemasonry and serve as a corollary to what Freemasonry stands for and is doing." (Note: Order of DeMolay formed by Bro. Frank S. Land, Kansas City, 1919. DLP)

On August 17, 1920, the forerunner of our present day High Twelve movement had its origins according to these minutes of that meeting: "High Twelve Club - Messrs Doctor Max Reinking, Carl Frederickson, Dr. Ralph C. Long, Edwin A. Fitzpatrick, Fred A. Hoag, Paul J. Osborne, Max S. Reynolds, Gilbert Wall, Siegfried T. Carlson, Edward J. Lynum(?), Herbert Luse, Allen F. Johnson, Norman Watson, L.E. Carroll, Charles Hutton, J.W. Howe, Laverne P. Sigmond, Edward Groskrueger, Rex H. Hatfield and D.C. Browning..... who were present at the first meeting which was held at the Martin Hotel, in Sioux City, on August 17, 1920 at 6:30PM. The evening's pleasure included a banquet, which was followed by an address by Mr. E.C. Wolcott, who presided as chairman and explained the purposes of the meeting and the reasons for the formation of the club. He was followed by Mr. David Stewart, who addressed the meeting on the subject, "A Young Man's World". (Note: Inasmuch as the minutes are in handwriting, I am not too sure of spelling.) DLP

The nominating committee, which was composed of E.C. Wolcott, Ralph P. Ross and Alfred Rugg then retired for the purpose of deliberating on the selection of the officers of the club. Mr. Ralph P. Ross as chairman of said committee reported that the committee nominated William M. Marheiser as Secretary and Alfred E. Rugg as Treasurer, and they desired to deliberate further with reference to the selection of a President, two Vice Presidents and five Trustees. The report of the committee was unanimously adopted and William M. Morheiser was elected Secretary and Alfred E. Rugg was elected Treasurer.

A committee on Constitution and By-Laws (names omitted) presented a proposed draft of the Constitution, which was adopted and ordered to be printed. Upon motion duly made and seconded and adopted it was determined that the club meet again on August 24th, 1920 at 12:15PM at the Martin Hotel ball room."

Minutes of meeting of August 24, 1920 was called to order by Carl Frederickson as presiding officer. The report of the nominating committee was made by Carl Frederickson in the absence of Ralph Ross. The report was as follows: D.C. Browning for President, Dr. Max E. Reinking for 1st VP, W. Harry Cole for 2nd V.P., E.C. Wolcott for 3 year term for Trustee, Laverne Sigmond 2 year, Dr. Carl E. Bosley 2 year, Allen Johnson 1 year."

"Minutes of meeting August 31, 1920. Meeting was called to order by D.C.Browning, President. The speaker of the day was Miss Mary Kifer who spoke on her 'Experiences in Armenia and a trip through the Dardanelles'. The club enjoyed an excellent talk. The President appointed an entertainment committee consisting of E.C.Wolcott, Edwin Fitzpatrick, Dr.Long, Harold Rose and Dr. Max E. Reinking. The committee will act for a month, when another member will be appointed and the Chairman will retire. The succeeding member of the committee will then act as Chairman."

President Hugh Allerton of High Twelve International on International Day, years later said, "...But these men wanted to share their fellowship with other Masons, and on January 25, 1921, they took the first steps that led to the formation of High Twelve International. On May 17, 1921 High Twelve International was organized." (Note: the latter is not quite true, as the new organization was named 'International High Twelve Club.' DLP). According to Dr.J.Wallace Forbes March 4, 1951 in the High Twelveian, it was organized June 25, 1921. This may have been the installation date. DLP).

Wolcott later wrote that H.S.Towner was one of the founders of the Sioux City Club, and was an able Secretary of this club. There were later statements by historians "nine young men first met August 17, 1920 to talk over the idea." Regarding the May 17, 1921 date, later, Charles C. Howard, in writing of the Beginning of Founder's Club No. 1, wrote, "a Resolution was passed authorizing the formation of and International Association of High Twelve Clubs."

The Resolution read in part, "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 non political, non sectarian 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 ideals 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 limited to only 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." (Note: This expansion arm of the Sioux City club was referred to as "The International High Twelve Club" in a number of letters and documents.DLP).

The Second Wednesday in July, 1922 was set for the First Annual Meeting, Sioux City.

In the meantime, earlier in 1922 Brother Wolcott had moved to Kansas City, Mo. to work for an insurance company, and talked up the formation of High Twelve Clubs with all Master Masons with whom he came in contact.

The Sioux City club flourished for several years; but with its sparkplug gone, after 1926 the club ceased to function. Wallie returned in 1942 and helped to re-organize, with a brand new charter, dated June 24, 1942. However, it was given the name, Founder's Club No.1.

8 "The officers of the International Association of High Twelve Clubs shall be a President, five Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and as the organization develops, the appointment of District Governors over certain areas of the country. These officers shall constitute a Governing Board.

"Charter membership fee of a High Twelve Club shall be \$20.00, \$10.00 of which shall be paid to the International Treasurer for its maintenance and \$10.00 for the local club. An annual fee of \$3.00 per member shall be paid thereafter to the International Treasurer.

"The first Annual Meeting of the International High Twelve Club shall be held on the second Wednesday in July, 1922 at a place designated by the Governing Board, and all subsequent meeting shall be determined by majority action of the convention assembled at the Annual Meeting. The headquarters of the International High Twelve Club shall be at Sioux City, until such time as the Club in Annual Meeting may otherwise determine."

No list of officers of the International High Twelve Club is available. A letter from E.C.Wolcott in the Oakland #2 folder indicates Oakland was #3, but there is nothing to substantiate this; although there was apparently some activity in Iowa outside of Sioux City in 1921 and early 1922. There is no record of chartering. Sioux City seems to have been chartered by the new International High Twelve Club May 17, 1921 with 60 members, Dell C. Browning, President. This is like the child becoming father of the mother.

Early records indicate that in early 1922 "Mr. Wolcott came to Kansas City to live, and being enthusiastic over the acceptance of the Masonic Luncheon Club in Sioux City, he invited a few Masonic friends to have lunch with him; presented the project and very soon, organization of our High Twelve Club was under way.

NOTE: 10/30/22 MUSSOLINI MARCHED ON ROME IN HIS BID FOR POWER

"On February 23, 1923 with 112 Charter Members present at the Ivanhoe Temple, in this very room, the Kansas City High Twelve Club received its charter from the Sioux City Club. The first President was Dr. Frank Rose, a dynamic personality and a great leader of men. Six months after the club was organized it had a membership of 183, and within a year, more than 400. It is interesting to look over the High Twelve Dial dated March 4, 1924, official organ for the Kansas City Club."

Minutes of Meeting of the High Twelve Club on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1922 (Sioux City). Called to order by Pres. Ed. Brown. The Lions Club was thanked for holding off their regular Wednesday meeting so High Twelve might entertain the Grand Lodge Officials. "Motion made by Secretary and Seconded by T.M.Pral that a letter of congratulations be sent to E.C.Wolcott for his activities in the organization of the Kansas City High Twelve Club and that we express our desire to be of cooperative service to the High Twelve Club in Kansas City.....Bill, our Secretary will present the charter to Kansas City H.T.C....."

In Wallie's History of High Twelve he states he was living in Kansas City at the time and was vice-president of a life insurance company with instructions to develop an educational endowment policy payable at eighteen years of age. "I accepted the office of President of High Twelve during these formative years and served also as Secretary and Executive Director." In the May-June issue of the High Twelvian, 1950, Wallie claimed to be President 1921-1923.

"With the help of Goodwin Creason and Herb Towner, I organized the Kansas City, Mo. club. They got James Fox and Sandy Sandstrom to organize the Kansas City, Kansas Club. I organized the Topeka, Kansas Club. Charlie Haw organized the Leavenworth Club. I organized the Cedar Rapids and Des Moines, Iowa Club. Through correspondence I brought the Enid, Oklahoma Club into our circle of fellowship. I helped with the Tulsa, Okla. Club. I organized the Evansville, Ind. Club.

"Goodwin Creason, Herb Towner, James Fox and Jim Hoffman were helpers of the finest kind. I visited the Denver Club at its charter dinner. The Aberdeen, Wash.

club set the Northwest afire...Seattle and Portland clubs followed. A.W.Gearhart and Herbert Hood in California and a host of other royal fellows pushed High Twelvianism in California. A fine group of fellows led by Judge Hardy and the Enid fellows gave us the Oklahoma clubs. The Dallas Club came into fellowship. J.Henry Baker and Ray Hooper and their loyal helpers have given us the Detroit and other Michigan clubs. Every bit of work done without any pay in money; a delightful piece of unselfish work that stand without parallel in the history of luncheon clubs."

The researcher now becomes aware of the influence for many years of Goodwin Creason of Kansas City, Mo. Both Creason's supporters and Wolcott's claim their man was the first International President. Probably Wallie carried around under his hat a very informal international organization. Like Johnny Appleseed, he planted the seeds of High Twelve everywhere he went in the early, formative stage. Undoubtedly he was the moving force 1920-1923.

Some time in fall of 1923 Creason became affiliated with the Kansas City Club. "He attended a meeting in Sioux City for the purpose of adopting a constitution and to authorize the incorporation of the organization. Creason had obtained proxies by correspondence with the Oakland Club. He took with him to Sioux City a draft of his proposed new constitution. The only Sioux City Club members present were Roy G. Larson (President?) and the Secretary; others out of town. Creason presented his draft of the constitution, 'with fear and trembling', which was in all essential respects the same as at present (Fall, 1936), and providing for the changing the headquarters to Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Larson's favorable response caused the Secretary to respond in like manner with the result that the constitution as then written was adopted and the headquarters was fixed at Kansas City (Mo.)". Nothing to indicate Wolcott present.

"Wolcott not present when another convention of delegates of the three clubs was called to meet at Kansas City, Mo. for the purpose of electing International Officers. As a result of that Convention, the policy of the club as it now carries on was definitely established. Mr. Creason was elected International President and Mr. Wolcott International Secretary. Through Mr. Creason's efforts a corporate charter was procured and the club then began to expand. For 3 successive years Mr. Creason served the organization as its International President, and in that time some 20 or more clubs were organized and chartered.

"He (Creason) wrote four articles entitled 'The Origin of the High Twelve Club', 'Why the High Twelve Club', 'How to organize and High Twelve Club', and 'How to Keep a High Twelve Club thriving.' About 8,500 copies of the constitution and these articles were mailed to the Secretaries of Blue Lodges in every city in the United States with a population of 5,000 or more."

Excerpts from "Pioneer....Goodwin Creason" by Lloyd W. Taiser, Secretary of the Kansas City Club, December 1937 issue of the High Twelvian; "To Creason must go much of the credit for the incorporation of International, the drafting of the constitution and the definite statement of the aims and ideals of the organization, as well as the formation of many new clubs in the months that followed.

"At that time there were some members of the Sioux City Club who wished to go about over the country and organize new clubs, charging \$15.00 or \$20.00 initiation fee, and retain most of it as their compensation. Creason, Mr. Wolcott and others seriously objected to having paid organizers. 'High Twelve members should be carefully selected. The Grand Lodges in all jurisdictions jealously guard against any member of the order promoting clubs, organizations or business enterprises composed exclusively of Freemasons, where the element of pecuniary profit enures to the promoter.' (Note: 1923-24, he apparently was an "acting" president. DLP)

1924-25 at the first convention, Creason officially became President, with Wolcott as Secretary. 1926-27 Wolcott was President.

At the famous meeting of May 17, 1921, YMCA Building, according to the minutes, Mr. Wolcott moved that the club authorize the formation of an international organization of High Twelve Club, and the club authorized the formation of such an organization. The suggestions offered by Mr. Wolcott are incorporated in the minutes of this meeting and hereto attached." (Note: probably the resolution above referred to. DLP) "It was recommended by Mr. Wolcott that the committee for the purpose of forming an international organization be increased to include 10 members. Motion carried. The members appointed were as follows: E.C.Wolcott, Carl T.Prime, Wm. Morheiser, A.E.Rugg, S.Earl Gilliland, C.T.McClintock, Edwin Fitzpatrick, Rex Hatfield, Ray C.Larson and Fred R. Struve." (Note: Without evidence to the contrary, it appears this "committee" of the High Twelve Club (Sioux City) was the so-called International High Twelve Club, of which Wallie apparently was head, chairman or president; or at least he acted in this capacity as an organizer when he went to Kansas City to live. DLP)

Minutes of "Governing Board Meeting. High Twelve Club, August 31st, 1922. Meeting called to order by President Ed. Brown. Present: Ed Brown, Earl Sanem, A.H. Bolton, Ira Moore, Terry McClintock, William Morheiser. Motion made, seconded and carried that the Secretary of the Sioux City High Twelve Club be authorized to draw on High Twelve Treasury at the rate of \$3.00 per member for all members in good standing in Sioux City High Twelve Club as of June 30th, 1922 by and with the consent of the Governing Board of the Sioux City High Twelve Club in payment of dues due to the INTERNATIONAL HIGH TWELVE CLUB, and that a credit of \$52 be allowed to the Sioux City High Twelve Club on such payment for moneys advanced. Motion made, seconded, and carried that on and after October 1st initiation shall be increased to \$15.00...." (Note: CAPS are mine. DLP)

The Tuesday, July 1, 1924 issue of the High Twelve Gong, official organ of the Sioux City High Twelve Club indicated it met at the Martin Hotel. It is shown as Volume 5, No. 1, which might indicate that Volume 1 was printed in 1920. DLP.

Years later, Bro.Wolcott said, "In the Fall of 1920 a number of young business men approached him to organize a club, as they could not get into any of the existing service clubs. As practically all of the men were Master Masons, Wolcott conceived of a "High Twelve Club", "a lunch and civic club with Masonry as a base rather than business vocations." After much effort Bro. Wolcott got 12 of the 14 who assembled to form the nucleus of a going organization from which beginning of International High Twelve grew. Original Sioux City H.T.C. lasted four years" E.C.W.Sept.'36.

"About the fall of 1921, Avery Whitney of Oakland, Ca. visited the Sioux City Club and took the idea to California, and became the father of the great Oakland Club." E.C.W. September, 1936, Oakland charter issued 2/21/22.

An undated typwritten document, presumably summer of 1922 is headed International Association of High Twelve Clubs. It not only gives the purpose "to unite all members of Masonry in the happy bonds of a social hour and program, that they may thereby inform themselves of the truths of Masonry, to inspire, encourage and expand those virtues which will aid 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....it gave as slogan, "High Ideals, Home Builders, Education, Individual Development, Trustworthy Friendships, Loyalty to Country, Good Cheer, Work and Virtue".

Membership was to be limited to cities of 25,000 and upward. "Application for membership and charter member shall be made to the International office at Sioux City, Iowa.....fee of \$3.00 per member will be paid for the maintenance of the Intern.Assn." "Number of charter members required for the organization of the local High Twelve Club shall be determined by the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE HIGH TWELVE CLUB."

Excerpts from interview in 1971 with 90 year old "Wallie" Wolcott, Howard H. Jennings, then First Vice President, and William K. Rose, then Second Vice President (both International Presidents since then), Wallie's hotel room, Convention, Denver, Colorado. The beginning of High Twelve International, from transcript as edited by Jennings:

"Our beginning was very simple. I was very active in a Blue Lodge, and I noticed that the Brothers would gather after lodge and play cards and sometimes all they did was talk. I saw that the ritualistic hour wasn't satisfying that they wanted out of Masonry. In the meantime I had been the organizer and first President of the Rotary Club; And because they took only one doctor, one lawyer, one dentist, it limited the number of men they could serve. Then I organized the Lions Club, because it took two doctors, and two lawyers.

"Now you understand that as my position as General Secretary of the YMCA I was connected in many ways to the business life, professional life, and church and lodge life of Sioux City...I went there in 1910 and stayed until 1922. The YMCA was on 7th Street and 4th Street was the main corner, and I used to go down the street. Every time I did, some Mason stopped me and said, 'Can't you get me into the club?' 'I'm sorry, one doctor in Rotary....' 'So I said, 'What do you fellows (to fellows I knew that I had helped make Masons, 'What are you after'? 'We'd like to be with our business associates that are Masons'. I said, 'All right, come on up to the Y, and let's talk about building a club limiting it's membership to the men of Masonry. Not to deal in anything but fellowship, just to make friendly hours, and be all the help we can to the organization of DeMolay', and I said, 'The Masters of the Blue Lodges need our help and attendance.' 'Well, they came up and just right now the first High Twelve Club was started.'"

WKRose, "When did the term 'High Twelve' originate, Wallie?" Wallie, "Well, it originated about our second or third meeting, because I didn't want to use any ritualistic words as a name, and the high twelve is the time when we went from labor to refreshment. I realized that in the main this would be a noon meeting, so we decided there to call it High Twelve."

WKR, "And those men that met with you at the Y were all members of your Lodge, is that correct?" Wallie, "There were two lodges in Sioux City and they were members of those lodges; but gradually the little club found a lot of men in Sioux City, because it was quite a growing city then, that were from other cities, and had never been in any of the local lodges."

WKR, "When you finally organized, about how many members were actually at the first meeting?" Wallie, "I believe eleven."

HHJ, "Subsequently we set 15 as a minimum, but you started with 11?" Wallie, "Of course we didn't have any constitution or by-laws or anything, but we knew what we were trying to do for the Masons in Sioux City, and we knew it was going to grow."

WKR, "How long was it before you decided to develop this thought outside Sioux City? Did you do that right from the beginning, or was that a later thought?" Wallie, "Well, here's what actually happened. I left my position at the YMCA, and went with a very large insurance company because I wanted to establish a loan fund that parents could start when they had the baby, would help the boy through college. And so I went to Kansas (City?) with the organization. Then (1923) I immediately built a club in Kansas City."

HHJ, "Was that #2?" Wallie, "One of the men in the telephone company at Sioux City, Iowa that joined the Sioux City Club was from Oakland, Calif., and his father came to visit him, and came to High Twelve Club. He went home and built the club in Oakland at the same time I was building that wonderful club in Kansas City, Mo."

WKR, "So both of those clubs in California and Kansas City were going, starting about the same time?" Wallie, "So, which one would actually be #2 I don't know, but I think the club that was completed first was Oakland, that is #2 was really Oakland."

WKR, "And both of these took the name of High Twelve?" Wallie, "Oh yes. Well, they got their idea out of the original group, and the Kansas City group, of course, got it from me."

WKR, "Did you go to Oakland to help?" Wallie, "No, but we immediately tied him into fellowship of letters and bulletins."

HHJ, "How did this begin to grow into an organization known.....?" Wallie, "The Kansas City Club was a very active club. It had everybody....in Missouri was for it, Grand Master and everybody. And so Kansas City, they had to do quite a lot of driving to get over to where we were, so I went over, and with the help of a wonderful judge and this fine fellow, I built a club in Kansas City, Kan. And then somebody, a fellow who was a Shrine Secretary in the area, wanted a club in Leavenworth. So I drove and organized the club in Leavenworth. It was only a short time until other clubs that were original in Kansas City meeting, wanted clubs, and that's how we got every club. I built every club in Kansas."

HHJ, "When/^{could} you say that High Twelve actually began operating an office?" Wallie, "Well, my office was the center of all activities, and when we organized it at Kansas City with Goodwin Creason ...now there's a magazine there (a copy of an early edition of the High Twelvian laying on the table) I think it's....now this is the result of the first International Convention, and that man (Goodwin Creason) was the man that joined up with me in building the Kansas City, Mo. Club. He was a very prominent attorney. And from that we, I saw we were going to have to control this movement."

(NOTE: The first written record of a High Twelve meeting in Sioux City is 6:30PM, August 17, 1920, Martin Hotel, a banquet, after which Bro. Wolcott gave the reasons for the formation of a club. Undoubtedly he had met with some of the Brothers at an earlier date to make arrangements for this dinner meeting; and it very well could have been held at the "Y". DLP)

Wallie owned and operated a 245 acre farm, where he raised fine Hereford and Angus cattle. He was a member of Hiram Lodge, Gilman, Iowa; Scottish Rite, Sioux City; Commandry, St Louis; and Ararat Shrine Temple, Kansas City, Mo.

Unfortunately, the study of old records has resulted in the dispelling of many myths and much misinformation. Sometimes when people become quite elderly, dates, facts and sequences become sadly mixed up. Some of these latter day recollections could not be utilized if in direct conflict with reports written at the time of their happening.

If Chapter 1 seems quite mixed up and often in conflict, it is because of conflicts of statement of fact as recorded at the time. Once beyond Chapter 1, date sequence was easier to maintain.

Perhaps some things that happened and words spoken could have been left out, and no one the wiser. Should I have let sleeping dogs lie? Or tell the truth as I found the truth? I chose the latter, for by our errors we learn - I hope. DLP

13 Writing for The History of High Twelve International, Harry W. Bundy, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Colorado wrote, "The High Twelve Club of any community is inarguably the answer to the question of why men recapture interest in Masonry."...."Freemasonry was originally started by an association of bon vivants, who wanted to meet, exchange ideas, tell stories, keep up with passing events, and promote the spirit of fraternalism and fellowship, which kills the loneliness of being on a pedestal in the eyes of the world, which does not understand exactly, or perhaps doesn't even care, what these men do or fail to do, which has set them apart as 'different'. Around the dinner table, men belonging to the Masonic Fraternity met, ate, drank, and received their new associates in what was soon to become known as a 'table lodge.'"

"This institution of 'table lodges' in Masonry developed into evening meetings where food and fellowship were incident to the closing of a lodge which had met, discussed business problems, perhaps conferring some ritualistic ceremonies, and then retired to the lodge hall for the real purpose of the meeting...." "Along came High Twelve about this time with the suggestion that, since the Brethren all had a noon hour from twelve until one-thirty P.M., that was an ideal time to get together and, as in the old days of 'table lodges', eat with those who had a similar fraternal tie-in other words, their Brother Masons. Such was the history of the beginning of High Twelve in Denver"

Oscar Brockman 33^o Past Grand Master, The Grand Consistory of Kentucky, Valley of Louisville and Past Deputy of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, writing in the History of High Twelve, said near the close, "No army can withstand the strength of an idea whose time has come. The evidence bearing out this statement is seen in the steady spread of High Twelve Clubs wherever they have been introduced."...."It may be said that since its membership is limited to those who are Blue Lodge Masons, that it is concerned mainly with Masonic welfare. While this is true, it is seeking through its adopted program to enlighten the world on what the welfare of Masonry is."

The July 1, 1924 issue of the Sioux City "High Twelve Gong" shows the emblem. According to the History of High Twelve, the original drawing was made in 1921 by Bro. L.W. Howe of the Sioux City Club. The first wall plaque was cast in Terre Haute, Ind. In the 1700s the Blue Lodges of London repeated the words found in the emblem...."To talk little, to hear much, to reflect upon truth".

The three steps and the midday sun have deep meaning. "The noonday is our time of labor, of refreshment and fellowship."....."Upon observing this emblem for the first time, the initial thought registers upon the mind of a Mason and High Twelvian, is a recollection of the three successive steps he took while becoming a Master Mason." "....our beautiful club emblem is 'on the square'. Its members, proportions and ornaments...have their symbolic and philosophical interpretations. The two sides of the triangular plinths, forming the three steps of our emblem; the second step recessed and superimposed on the first, and the third step similarly on the second, are each an angle of ninety degrees or the fourth part of a circle. These three steps may symbolically represent the 'Youth', 'Manhood' and 'Age', objective of High Twelve.

"The fact that our beautiful geometrically designed emblem stands plumb, level, square and upright on its point, like a spinning top, may symbolically represent that in order to assure High Twelvism remaining 'Just and Upright' in the promulgation of its zealously espoused principles, and endure the ravages of time, it must, like the spinning top, remain constantly active from its own inherent forces for good and against evil....."

"The circle of the clock face is also a geometrical figure"....."The radial point in the center may symbolically represent the individual High Twelvian; the circle, the boundry line of a High Twelvian's 'Duty' and 'Loyalty' to his club and its avowed objectives."....it"also recalls the lessons taught us about dividing our time; but we, as High Twelvians, are taught to make use of the 'High Twelve' house, while the sun is at meridian height, to go from labor to refreshment, during which time we cultivate social intercourse among our brethren and devise plans for putting into actual

practice, during our transitory existence on earth, the great philosophical principles of 'Duty' and 'Loyalty'.

"The 'reflected' or inverted blazing sun, mirrored on the capstone of our beautiful emblem may symbolically represent that Divine 'Love' and 'Service'. ".....He expects all devoted High Twelvians to 'reflect' upon the lesser informed and underprivileged portion of humanity while traveling through this vale of tears." The benign rays of the reflected sun, radiating from the capstone of our emblem, may also represent that 'Great Light' of all Masons, 'The volume of the Sacred Law,' by which we regulate our actions in our Divine relations to our God, our neighbor, our family, our country and ourselves. It may also represent that the principles of 'Faith', 'Hope' and 'Charity' should be as expansive in the breast of every High Twelvian as the benevolent rays of the 'High Twelve' meridian sun."

"...the first step is the largest because it represents 'Youth'....also... the first class of workmen employed at the building of King Solomon's Temple were Enterest Apprentices, or bearers of burdens, whos primary intellectual 'Knowledge' and training were gained through the injunction inscribed on the riser of the first step, 'To talk little' and 'To hear much', as they faithfully performed their humble, though essentially important, form of 'Duty' and 'Service'." "The first step may also symbolically represent the first 'Major Objective' of High Twelvism: 'The maintenance of adequate educational facilities.'"

"...The second step of our emblem may well symbolize the second stage of human life, the state of 'Manhood.' The advancing Entered Apprentice has now emerged from the 'Darkness of Ignorance' to the 'Light of Truth' as a Fellowcraft.".... "The second step may also symbolically represent the second 'Major Objective' of High Twelvism: 'The preservation of the fundamental principles of our government, which guarantees to every Mason that freedom of conscience and voluntary action which is the essence of Freemasonry.' We are for 'Fraternity, not Force.'"

"The third step...may symbolically represent the capstone of every Mason's varied and inclusive philosophical and symbolic teachings: 'To live to Serve' our neighbor by rendering him every kind of service that 'Brotherly love', 'Relief' and 'Truth' may require; and 'To Live to serve'..... "The capstone or third step may also symbolically represent the third 'Major objective' of High Twelvism, 'To give our support and personal attention to the Youth of America in fostering, encouraging and enthusiastically supporting the DeMolay movement...a Youth movement in Masonry."

The foregoing excerpts from the History of High Twelve presumably were written by Bro.E.C.Wolcott upon his retirement 1963. It is also interesting to note that following the above, he listed as Past International Presidents 1921-25 E.C.Wolcott, Kansas City, Mo., Convention City Kansas City, Mo., 1925-26 Goodwin Creason, Kansas City, Mo., Convention City, 1926 Denver, Colo.; and 1926-27, E.C.Wolcott, Evansville, Ind., 1927 Convention City, Oakland, Calif. These dates do not agree with the earlier written records. Remember, Wallie was about 82 years old at the time.

(about 1923) "25 years ago the founders of our beloved High Twelve International saw the need for and endorsed the adoption of programs by the subordinate clubs for 'the support and special attention to the youth of America in fostering, encouraging and enthusiastically supporting the DeMolay Movement". Oren P.Tresslar, Chairman of Youth, High Twelvian Nov., 1946.

Roy Hooper, President of HTI in June, 1938 said that a small group representing three clubs - Sioux City, Kansas City, Mo. and Oakland, Ca. gathered in Kansas City Mo. and organized High Twelve International." (Time would be June, 1924. Name of organization incorrect. DLP.) Officers present "Pres. Goodwin Creason, K.C., Sec. Wm. Morheiser, Oakland (Sioux City?), Treasurer Edmund E. Morris, K.C., Int. Trustee R.H. Hatfield, Sioux City, Trustee E.C. Wolcott, K.C., Trustee Edward H. Kundegraber, K.C. Dist Gov., Missouri Paul R. Byrum." Denver chartered 12/25/24. Leavenworth 1923(Fall).

"Next convention, Kansas City, Mo. June 10, 1925. President Goodwin Creason, K.C., Mo; 1st VP George S. Meredith, Oakland; Sec. V.P. R.H. Hatfield, Sioux City, Sec. & Editor E.C. Wolcott, K.C., Mo. Treasurer Edmund E. Morris, K.C., Mo. A resolution was adopted to hire a paid Secretary at \$10.00 a day to go out and organize clubs @ \$5.00 membership fee and \$1.00 dues to International. Constitution and By-Laws approved."

In 1925 these clubs were admitted: Berkeley, Sacramento, Kansas City, Kan., Aberdeen, Wash., Leavenworth, Kan. and Topeka, Kan. In 1926 these were chartered: Atchison, Kan.; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Des Moines, I.; Enid, Okla; Osawatomie, Kan., San Jose, Ca; Seattle, Wash; Stockton, Ca.; Tulsa, Okla; Santa Rosa, Ca. and Boulder, Colo,

Page 8, Feb. 1938, High Twelvian: "Up to June 11, 1924 Convention, Kansas City, Mo., High Twelve was just a group of clubs not acting as an International organization. The Treasurer's report shows there was a balance of \$588.30. R.H. Hatfield of Sioux City offered & moved adoption of following resolution:

"Resolved that the International High Twelve Club officers be authorized to take steps to form High Twelve Clubs throughout the United States and to employ such person or persons as they shall deem necessary to carry out such purpose, and to fix the compensation of such organizers on a per capita basis" The motion did not carry.

E.C. Wolcott, Wm. Morheiser and H. Avery Whitney were elected to life memberships.

June 20, 1923 - Articles of Agreement filed in Missouri, Jackson County; Goodwin Creason, President; William M. Morheiser, Secretary; and Edmund E. Morris, Treasurer of The International High Twelve Club, submitted to the Court the Articles of Agreement of said Association, together with a petition praying for a pro forma decree. "ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that the petitioners and their associates named in said Articles of Agreement be and are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by and under the corporate name of The International High Twelve Club....."

Highlights of the Agreement: Name - The International High Twelve Club; Location- Kansas City, County of Jackson, State of Missouri; Duration shall be fifty years. "Association is formed for the purpose of promoting a greater alliance among its members in social intercourse, intellectual development, in serving our fellowmen, in upholding the principles of good Government, in the advancement of education, and the upbuilding of its members in honorable and successful living, free from all political entanglements, commercial or pecuniary profit, or personal aggrandisements; and for the purpose of forming local High Twelve Clubs and issuing charters to them."

NOV. 8 & 9, 1923 - HITLER & LUDENDORF IN MUNICH BEER HALL PUTSCH. 11/12/23 HITLER IMPRISONED AND WRITES MEIN KAMPF.

The existing clubs had adopted the first constitution May, 1923 and authorized the application for pro forma. The so-called "first International High Twelve Convention was held at Kansas City, Mo. June 11, 1924, where they completed plans for International action; and it was here that the International foundation was laid, with three clubs present: Sioux City, Oakland and Kansas City. Goodwin Creason of Kansas City, Mo., who had been active in High Twelve affairs prior to this date was the presiding officer, and it was here that the first International President was elected." Creason was shown as President 1924 and 1926.

1/21/22 Oakland HTC formed; 2nd to be organized in U.S.A. that became part of International, by H.Avery Whitney. 94 Charter members. 1st Pres. Carlos G.White; growing to 100 members in 1st year.

6/11/24. Present at the Convention of International HTC, Kansas City, Mo. President, Goodwin Creason, K.C., Mo; Sec. Wm Morheiser, Oakland, Ca.; Tr. Edmund E. Morris, K.C., Mo.; Int. Trustee R.H. Hatfield, Sioux City, E.C. Wolcott, K.C., Mo.; Edward H. Kundegraber, K.C., Mo.; Dist. Gov., Missouri, Paul R. Byrum. There were proxies from other members. The Treasurer reported balance of \$588.30.

Late 1924 - Sacramento HTC organized by Dist Governor V.H. Chantler, with assistance of Arthur Ziegler, first President. (As of April, 1927 it claimed to be the largest H. in California and second largest of all HTCs. Charter may not have been issued until 1925. Chantler paid \$25 10/1/24 & \$25 11/13/24. DLP)

12/24/24 - Denver, Colorado chartered.

2/19/25 Berkeley, Calif. chartered. Edwin J. McCullagh Pres. V.H. Chantler, org'r.

4/18/25 Des Moines, Iowa chartered. Archie Read, President.

3/18/25 Topeka, Kan. Chartered with 50 members.

4/24/25 Kansas City, Kan. chartered. James P. Fox, Pres.

6/8/25 Stockton, Calif. Chartered. Ben C. Wallace, President

1925 Aberdeen, Wash.

1925 Sioux City HTC becomes inactive.

11/20/25 Tulsa, Okla. chartered. 135 members.

1925 - Budget for the 12 issues of the High Twelve "DIAL" \$300.00.

1/22/25 V.H. Chantler of Berkeley paid \$52 for organization work in Calif.

10/16/25 - GERMANY AGREES TO DEMILITARIZATION OF RHINELAND. TREATY OF LOCARNO.

6/10/25. Second Convention held in Kansas City. Recommended dues to Int. \$2.00 per per person with application and \$1.00 per year; also \$5.00 per member to club, Goodwin Creason, President, presided. Creason re-elected President, 1st VP George S. Meredith, Oakland, Calif; 2nd V.P.H.A. Wilson, Denver, Colo; 3rd V.P. Charles K. Haw, Leavenworth, Kan; Sec. E.C. Wolcott, K.C., Mo; Tr. Edmund E. Morris, K.C., Mo. (NOTE: Technically, the 1924 and 1925 meetings were "Conferences", and the first listed "Convention" was in 1926, Denver. DLP)

1/25 "Gerald Brown of Enid, Okla, belonged to a 'High Twelve' Club of Master Masons in Danville, Ill. in 1917; and brought the idea to Enid. In January, 1925 the Enid High Twelve Club was organized. Later the name was changed to the Enid Masonic Club. It joined the International High Twelve Clubs in 1926 and changed the name back to the High Twelve Club of Enid, Okla, with Enid's Postmaster, George Rainey as First President under the new charter". Robt. A. Hunt, Club Pres., 1927.

"We challenge any other High Twelve Club anywhere as to the longest continuous services in existence. The copyright was our idea long before International was ever thought of. The Enid High Twelve Club has been active since the founding of the Masonic Service Association following the World War. At that time the writer and a small group of Masons who usually ate lunch together invited Judge W.L. Eagleton of Norman, Okla. to come to Enid and address us at a luncheon planned by the Masonic Service Association. There were 200 present. At that time was the founding of the Enid High Twelve Club." W.P. Anderson, Sec. Enid HTC, Oct. 1936 High Twelvian.

As of the Fall of 1926 the first club in Wyoming was the Cheyenne HTC, organized by Colorado's District Governor J.B.W. Daugherty, with U.S. Dist. Atty. Albert D. Walton, President. The Topeka HTC was apparently chartered in 1925. By May of 1927 it had its limit of 125 members.

In June, 1926 The Santa Rosa, Calif. HTC was organized by H.Avery Whitney, who was Secretary of the Mother Club on the West Coast, Oakland; Charter presented 9/24/26, with 49 members. W.W. Sheehan, Pres. 1926-27.

1/26 - Cedar Rapids HTC, Frank Brookiser, Pres. 1926 Seattle HTC formed.

June 23-25, 1926. International Convention, Denver. Pres. Goodwin Creason presiding. This was a true "Convention" at last, with 29 clubs represented, with a total vote of 43. The proceedings cover 200 pages in an excellent and complete manner. The Treasurer reported \$1,233.65 on hand as of June 11, 1926. The Denver Club contributed \$369.00 to the meeting. It was resolved that 'International High Twelve' be the official emblem. There were many long speeches. Shirley-Savoy Hotel.

Elected for 1926-27: President E.C.Wolcott, Kansas City, Mo. HE WAS NOT PRESENT. 1st V.P. Charles K. Haw, Leavenworth, Kan; 2nd V.P. H.A. Whitney, Oakland, Calif; 3rd V.P. Dr. James E. Hunter, Seattle, Wash; Sec., H.A. Wilson, Denver; Treas. James P. Fox, Kansas City, Kan. (Note: Dr. Hunter may have been 1st Pres. of Seattle Club. DLP) Wolcott moved to Glen Ellyn, Ill. about this time.

Some time during 1926 the following clubs apparently were chartered: Atchison, Kansas; Osawatomie, Kansas; San Jose, Calif; Boulder, Colo. However, one record indicates San Jose was chartered 8/25/28, and assigned Club No. 15. Issuance of charter must have been delayed a year or so after considered a voting club. DLP

It is interesting to note that "District Governors" were appointed by International, and were responsible for development and expansion therein. He headed a District Council, all within a state or neighboring states. This system held for many years until California formed a State Association in 1931 and elected as President, the former governor, State of California, Friend Richardson.

The Fresno, Calif. HTC was chartered March 21, 1927, with 80 members. J.D. Stephens, President. They had organized January, 1927. By January, 1927 the San Jose HTC had 37 members; by Spring, an enrollment of 80.

Regarding the publishing of the High Twelvian Magazine before May, 1927, Vol. 1, No. 1, edited by Sandy Sandstrom... E.C. Wolcott later said, "I wrote the first issues of the High Twelvian, but Sandy Sandstrom of Kansas City, Kan. put it on its feet." Whether the un-numbered High Twelvian was called by that name or some other, like the Dial (Kansas City) is the big question.

May, 1927, International Treasurer James P. Fox, Kansas City, Kansas, in the High Twelvian, recommended a standard Charter Night program. In the same issue, the Seattle High Twelve Club listed many Grand Lodge Officers, including Walter F. Meier, Grand Master, as members. It's President was E.C. Oggel. James H. Hunter was District Governor. It met Monday noons at the Olympic Hotel. Prospective new clubs "practically complete" included Spokane and Bellingham, and a nucleus in Mount Vernon and Yakima.

The Santa Barbara (Calif.) HTC, "7th club organized in Calif. was chartered January 3, 1927 by H. Avery Whitney, 2nd Int. V.P. Dr. Harry R. Hancock, Pres." Wallie organized the Evansville, Ind. HTC 3/21/27. R.C. Alexander temporary Pres., and E.C. Wolcott, temp. Sec.

Vol. 1, No. 1, "The High Twelvian" issued May, 1927, "Official organ of High Twelve Club International", 910 N. 7th St., Kansas City, Kan. Published quarterly under the supervision of the Executive Committee Editorial Board. E.C. Wolcott, Int. Pres., Evansville, Ind; Goodwin Creason, P.P., Kansas City, Mo; C.K. Haw, 1st V.P., Leavenworth, Kans; H. Avery Whitney, 2nd V.P. Oakland, Calif; Dr. James Hunter, 3rd V.P., Seattle, Wash; H.A. Wilson, Int. Sec., Denver, Colo; James P. Fox, Tr., Kansas City, Kan; C.M. Sandstrom, Bs. Mgr. of High Twelvian. Shows E.C. Wolcott as Int. Pres. & Founder.

Wallie is quoted as saying growth wasn't due to paid organizers. Contained an article by Wolcott, Evansville, Ind. as Int. Pres. & Founder; and one by Goodwin Creason, Kansas City, Mo., Past Int. Pres. on "How to Organize a High Twelve Club." In 1927 Cheyenne is listed as the first club in Wyoming.

Stockton H.T.C. organized with 45 members. Charter presented at the International Convention, Oakland, June 1925 with 112 members. Dist. Gov. V.H. Chantler "chief instigator". Shortly thereafter limit was set at 150 members. Ben C. Wallace 1st Pres., W.H. Falconburg 2nd Pres.

Cedar Rapids HTC received charter 4/30/26 with 26 members. Frank A. Brookshire 1st Pres.

"Vice President Charles K. Haw, 33° of Leavenworth, Kansas organized the Leavenworth, Osawatomie and Atchison Clubs. He tried to get High Twelve Clubs started at Platte City, Mo., St Joseph, Mo. and Horton and Sabetha, Kansas. He was past District Governor of the High Twelve Clubs in Kansas. He got started by visiting the Kansas City HTC, and went home to Leavenworth and formed a High Twelve Club. Joe Voorhees was the 1st Pres. It met in the evening. Had 30 members. Bought X-Ray equipment for Cushing Hospital." He never became International President.

"The Kansas City, Kansas HTC was organized through the efforts of 8 Masonic business men January 8, 1925 meeting at the Elks Club at noon. A group from the Kansas City, Mo. HTC met with them, headed by Wolcott and Goodwin Creason, 4/24/25, with 72 charter members. Club closed 1925 with 112 members and had 142 on the roll the second year."

Vice President H. Avery Whitney, Oakland, Calif. was credited with having organized most of the early clubs in California. He never became President of Internat.

Boulder, Colo. HTC organized in the Spring of 1926 by Dist. Gov. J.B.W. Daugherty, who "wrote about six letters to every active Mason in Boulder, and called upon many personally before receiving any encouragement whatsoever. A short story was put in two evening papers, explaining the purpose and aims of the High Twelve Club and inviting all Master Masons interested to attend." 17 men were present at the first meeting; 65 the second - of which 40 signed the roll and paid the fee to become charter members. Daugherty had the help of the Denver Club.

As of June, 1926, the following were listed as active clubs: Aberdeen, Wash; Atchison, Kan; Berkeley, Calif; Boulder, Colo; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Denver, Col; Des Moines, Iowa; Enid, Okla; Kansas City, Kan; Kansas City, Mo; Leavenworth, Kansas; Oakland, Calif; Osawatomie, Kan; Sacramento, Calif; San Francisco, Calif; San Jose, Calif; Seattle, Wash; Sioux City, Iowa; Stockton, Calif; Topeka, Kan; Tulsa, Okla.

There are numerous discrepancies in starting or chartering dates of clubs. One report will show 1926, another 1925 and another 1927. I have shown that with greatest probability. DLP Sioux City no longer active.

At the International Convention, Oakland, 1st V.P. Charles K. Haw of Leavenworth, Kan. and 2nd V.P. H.W. Whitney, Oakland, would seem to have been in line to move up. Dr. James E. Hunter of Seattle, Wash. was 3rd V.P. However, Charles H. J. Truman of Oakland, Calif. was elected President and Dr. James Hunter of Seattle, Wash. 1st VP. Summers Hardy of Tulsa, Okla. was elected 2nd V.P., and Wm. Arthur of Boulder, Colo. was elected 3rd V.P. E.C. Wolcott of Evansville, Ind., was elected Secretary and James P. Fox, Kansas City, Kan. re-elected Treasurer.

3/5/27 - 1,000 MARINES LAND IN CHINA TO PROTECT U.S. PROPERTY
5/20/27 - BRO. CHARLES A. LINDBERGH SOLOS ATLANTIC

The Santa Cruz (Calif.) HTC supports Public School Week (no reference to org. date)
Sapulpa HTC (Okla.) organized.

District Governors (appointive): Kansas, C.M. Sandstrom; Colo. J.B.W. Daugherty; Okla. Marvin T. Johnson; Missouri, Herbert Towner; Washington, Dr. James Hunter; Calif, Otis D. Babcock; Indiana, James E. Campbell.

"The Des Moines HTC pioneered in the encouragement of DeMolay; and the efforts put forth by the club have brought splendid results. Bro.B.F.Nowack and C.D. Royal have carried on this work since its inception" (about 1927) High Telvn 2/39) Aberdeen,Wash.claimed also to be the earliest.Dlp

1,400 High Twelvians in California according to Int.VP H.Avery Whitney.

The supposedly first issue of the High Twelvian, May 1927, Vol.1, No.1 displayed the emblem, basically the same as used in 1976, except it reads International High Twelve, instead of High Twelve International. Magazine printed by Meseraull Printing Co., Kansas City, Kan.

By April, 1927, the active clubs listed were: Aberdeen, Wash; Atchison,Kan; Berkeley,Ca; Boulder, Colo; Cedar Rapids,Iowa; Cheyene, Wyo; Denver,Colo; Des Moines,Iowa; Enid, Okla; Evansville,Ind; Fresno, Calif; Kansas City, Kan; Kansas City, Mo; Leavenworth, Kan; Oakland,Ca; Osawatomie,Kan; Sacramento,Calif; San Jose, Calif; Santa Barbara, Calif; Santa Cruz, Calif; Santa Rosa, Calif; Sapulpa, Okla; Seattle, Wash; Sioux City,Iowa; Stockton, Calif; Topeka, Kan; Tulsa, Okla;

Oakland,Calif. was the site of the 1927 Convention. A "big deal" was made of this convention and the attendance. To help, the Convention managers worked closely with the Rock Island, D&RG and Western Pacific Railroads, with special Pullman from Kansas City to Oakland. Connections were made at Sioux City, Cedar Rapids, and Des Moines to connect with trains from Belleville, Evansville, Tulsa, Leavenworth, Atchison, Sapulpa and Osawatomie at Kansas City. Topeka was on the main line and Enid connected at McFarland. Denver, Boulder and Cheyenne were to make up a car out of Denver. The Transportation Committee was headed by C.M.Sandstrom. Imagine the informal conferences and "politickin" along the route as the wives watched the scenery!

The 1927 International Convention, Oakland,"resolved to set aside \$1.00 of charter fees of each new club to be used by the (appointed) District Governor and the District Council for the development of new clubs in their respective states." The District Council to be composed of the International Trustee from each club in the District (State). Presumably he was the forerunner of the International Representative, now ('76) known as Masonic Representative. The Council was to meet in May of every year. Travel expense of District Governors to be prorated to each club in his District.

C.M.Sandstrom, Editor and Business Manager of the High Twelvian was to publish four issues a year, cost to be borne solely by paid advertising. Subscript.rates \$1.00. During Truman's year clubs were started in Eugene, Oregon and Okmulgee, Okla. Up to this time California had provided 25% of all clubs. Truman was a very busy and important man in California...President of the Board of Directors of Pacific College, President of the Board of Directors of the California Association of YMCA, and Pres. of the National Association of Undertakers.

The "Twelvette" idea seemed to have it's beginnings in Kansas City,Mo. Wolcott wrote in the February, 1928 High Twelvian, "The wives of members of the High Twelve Clubs have been a very helpful factor in the program of High Twelvians in Kansas City, Mo. Under the leadership of Mrs. Goodwin Creason, a club of wives of High Twelve Club members, THE NOON HOUR CLUB was organized. It has been such a happy organization for the women and such a help to the local club that a special committee should be appointed to confer with this club to assist in spreading the club to other cities."

10/6/27 PART TALKING PICTURES INTRODUCED BY AL JOLSON'S 'JAZZ SINGER.'

Muskogee, Okla. added in the spring of 1928. By December,1928 Borger, Texas had been added, as had Detroit, Michigan. The District Governors were now: Kansas, C.M.Sandstrom; Colo., Geo.Jump; Okla.,C.W.Tedrow; Missouri, Herbert Towner; Washington, E.C.Oggel; Calif., Hubert E.Hood; Indiana, R.C.Alexander & Oregon,J.A.Bush.

20 The Eugene, Ore. HTC idea was fostered by former Leavenworth, Kansas member Jewett A. Bush, Dist. Gov. for Washington. Its Charter was presented December 16, 1927. 50 members. Ray O. Bushong Pres.

The Charter night for the Santa Cruz (Calif.) H. was Nov. 26, 1927; presented by Pres. Chas. Truman of International. Ben Eisner, who acknowledged the the idea was Dr. R. A. Schwarzmans's, was first President.

February, 1928 Wallie wrote in the High Twelvian, stressing the importance of High Twelve Clubs supporting youth projects, saying that of Civic Clubs (Rotary, Lions, etc.) 75% of their work was for youth projects. He mentioned the Boys Hotel fostered by Judge E. E. Porterfield of the Kansas City, Mo. Club as an example. He thought small Boy's Hotels could be started in other High Twelve cities by Twelvians.

In the same issue he wrote, "We are near 30 clubs strong and membership past 400. Kiwanis had 52 clubs and 5200 members in 1910, and in 1927 they went into Convention with a membership of 100,000 and had \$200,000 surplus funds, all in 10 years. If together we do our work well, 1937 will find us with a membership of 100,000." (Note: Membership about 21,500 in 1976). DLP

"The High Twelve idea is now seven years old. Movement has grown without the aid of paid organizers" reads the column headline by Carl Prime, listed as "First High Twelve President". He gave logical reasons for not having paid organizers; and there seems to have been considerable debate on the subject. Reason: Masonic Officials and Masons believe in avoiding even the semblance of commercialism. He asked, "Should the club hitch its wagon to some star of philanthropic or civic endeavor, sponsor some charitable or educational plan? I still feel that desirability of having some broad unselfish activity sponsored by each club". However, "...it is true that the splendid fellowship afforded by High Twelve is alone well worth the time and expense involved."

Pres. Charles H. J. Truman, writing in the February, 1928 issue of the High Twelvian acknowledged Wallie as Founder of the High Twelve Movement. He reported that the first club in Oregon had been formed. "...It was decided by your International Officers to send Hugh Towner, one of the Pioneers, for a month into some of the promising cities where High Twelve could be organized.... St. Louis, Louisville, Indianapolis, Gary and Muncie, Ind. From the time he (Towner) left Kansas City until he returned, he was in the midst of torrential rains, floods and a general depression, which made organizing next to impossible. However, he did some wonderful foundation work, and with a little cultivation, this year should see some fine clubs in these cities. (Wolcott) found time to see a fine club come to life in his home city, Evansville, Ind., and to lay basis for more clubs in Henderson, Ky., Vincennes and Terre Haute, Ind.".... "Our objective; what is it?".... "We are not a Masonic Club. Never can be." (NOTE: See 3rd Col., High Twelvian, Pg 4, 2/28. DLP)

Also in same issue: "We cannot grow the mercenary or hireling route".... "Therefore, it is certain we must have every club accept definite responsibility for planting clubs in definite cities and every district conference definite responsibility for State Areas."

Bro. Wolcott, Evansville, Ind. wrote in May, 1927, "Sometimes I look back over the past five years since we began to think in terms of High Twelve from the small beginnings of the Sioux City Club of fifty members to our present membership, spreading over the great west, I can feel as if we were moving slowly, in spite of the long hours of work given by the fine group of men who have given such unselfish service - Prime, Brown, Larson, Moreheiser, Creason, Whiteny, Fox, Sandstrom, Towner, Rose, Olson, Hunter, Wise, Henderson, Chantler, Haw and others of the gleam who faced selfishness, defeated it and pressed on. Our method of growth has come out of personal experience and actual efforts. Paid organizers could have given us a membership of many hundred thousands had we chosen that route, but when once you have had the joy

of helping organize a club in a neighboring city, of making new friends, of finding new powers in your own life, of helping a lot of fine folks find the joy which comes in High Twelvism, you are glad this very fine task was left where you could have a share in it." Wallie seems here to have named his pioneers in the International movement, and their modus operandi. DLP

Dallas, Texas HTC early in 1929 switched over from being the Dallas Masonic Club, Pres. John De Grazier. The Kansas clubs held a convention in Kansas City, Kansas, with Clyde Farris as Convention Chairman.

The program or agenda for Seattle, Washington, June 26, 27 & 28, 1929 looks much the same as later day convention activities. This included reports by District Governors of California, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Indiana, Iowa, Colorado-Wyoming, Oregon, Nebraska and Washington. There was a boat trip on Lake Washington, sightseeing, and talks by various Brothers. This was called the International High Twelve Club Convention. There seemed to be no great consistency in what the organization was called.

Because we are now approaching the days of the great Depression, I'm showing the state of the market with the Dow-Jones Industrial Averages as a barometer of confidence: 3/30/29 = \$308.85; 6/29/29 = \$333.79; 9/30/29 = \$343.45. (The sky is the limit, and we were all going to get rich.) The stock market crashed October 29, '29; and the losses '29-'30 were \$50 billion.

The moral tone of the age was set by the conviction of former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall in the Teapot Dome Scandal Nov. 1., 1929. The Dow-Jones was \$248.48 12/31/29. The '29 dividends were \$12.75 (avgs). I'll skip ahead a bit here so the reader can bring the events of High Twelve into focus with the economy. By Dec. 31, 1930 the D-J was \$164.58 and dividends \$11.13. Not too bad so far; but by 12/31/31 the D-J was down to \$77.90, and dividends \$8.40. June 30, 1932 it hit the low of \$42.84. Many men, including good, heretofore financially sound Masons were wiped out. This included prospective High Twelvians. By 12/31/32 it was back up a bit...\$59.93, but dividends had dropped to \$4.62. 12/30/33 the market was back up to \$99.90, but dividends had dropped to \$3.40.

Meantime, back to High Twelve, The High Twelve Club of Amarillo, Texas was organized with Dr. A. J. Caldwell Pres. Int. Pres. James P. Fox, Int. Treas. James S. Hoffman and Dist. Gov. Phil A. Spidy were present. Initial membership 16. By 4/30 there were 50 members, charter expected at Convention, Dallas, in June. On 4/30/30 Dr. W. M. Curl was elected President.

The Fresno wives formed the Ladies High Twelve Club in December of '29, by-laws adopted; and Mrs. H. L. Buckalew elected President. Previously, in October, a State Conference was held at Fresno. In the summer of 1930 H. L. Buckalew, Fresno President said, "High Twelve in its whole set up is too loosely organized. We need more contact with other clubs and help with their problems."

The early June, 1928 International Convention was held in Topeka, Kansas. G.J.Swan was General Chairman, with Topeka HTC hosting, Wm.A.Tinker President. During the meeting (June 7) the convention adjourned temporarily to attend the Hiram Club International Convention at Lincoln, Nebraska to discuss a merger.

Pres.Charles H.J.Truman did not attend the Topeka Convention as two of his children were graduating from Pacific College. Vice President presided in his absence. Life membership was voted to Past Vice President H.A.Whitney of Oakland, now Historian; also to H.S.Towner of Kansas City,Mo; Jas.P.Fox, former Treasurer, Kansas City,Kan; to Chas.D.Haw, Leavenworth,Kan...all pioneers.

James E.Hunter,M.D.,Seattle,Wash. was elected International President; 1st VP Jas P. Fox,Atty, Kansas City; 2nd VP Judge Summers Hardy, Tulsa; 3rd VP A.W.Gearheart a businessman of Fresno; E.C.Wolcott, Sec.,Evanston, Ill; (leaving Evansville); Treas., Jas.R.Hoffman, Atty., Denver,Colo. Because of some difugalty about funds, all monies were to be handled through the Treasurer. The slogan adopted was "Service to your community and the organization of more clubs in other communities." Goodwin Creason was Chairman of the Committee on merger.

Wolcott had left Sioux City about 1922. He returned in the Fall of 1928 and had lunch with the "old guard". "The first club furnished the money for the first International Movement", High Twelvian, December, 1928. (Note: club was re-established June 24, 1942.DLP) In the meantime the club had withered & died. (DLP)

The Topeka Convention was held in the Hotel Jayhawk. Welcome by Kansas Governor Ben S. Paulen and Mayor W.O.Rigby and Topeka HTC Pres.W.A.Tinker. Reports given by Oklahoma, Washington & the Northwest, California, Colorado; and the midwest - Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, Michigan. Speech by U.S.Dist.Atty.Al F.Williams. Members and wives had tea at the Governor's Mansion.

The first club in Illinois, Dearborn, was evidently founded in 1928.

President Charles H.J.Truman of High Twelve International died in June, 1928.

Form No.1, "How to Organize a High Twelve Club" shows the emblem (3 steps, inverted sun, clock, and words "International High Twelve" and "To reflect upon the truth....To talk little....to hear much." It is interesting to note that on the front of the brochure it reads, "The High Twelve Club - International Incorporated." It lists the ways in which High Twelve differs from Service Clubs.

"There is, rightfully, a general prejudice against organizations which make Freemasonry a pre-requisite to membership. Too many of such organizations have been formed for the sole purpose of a few taking advantage of their fraternal relations to exploit their brethren."....."Get it over right at the outset that this club is free from commercialism. In fact that its constitution forbids the practice of commercialism in the club; that there are no salaried officers, except a negligible stipend to the International Secretary; that there is no salary to the organizer; but that he is poorer in money, though richer in association for the time he gives to this work; that the International dues are a mere pittance to cover necessary and actual expenses; that most of the admittance fee and dues paid by the individual remain in his local club to provide for the entertainment of its members; that so long as it does not violate the principles of the club as laid down in the International Constitution, the local club is supreme and carries on just as the members see fit.

The brochure cautions against political entanglement, religious controversies, etc. Then follows details in setting up meetings, phoning, personal contact, lists, etc. The first meeting, followups, establishment of a charter night, much as we do in '76.

Past Master Builder Barnett E. Marks of the Hiram International Club, Phoenix, Ariz. explained their organization and ideals, which seem to be similar to High Twelve's. The suggested merger seemed to be okay with him...if even. The Hiram Clubs were formed in Phoenix, Arizona in 1924. By the summer of 1928 there were 10 clubs in 4 Grand Jurisdictions....1 Nebraska; 1 New Mexico; 1 Texas; and the remainder in Arizona. Contacts with them were made in 1926, 27 and 28. President Dr. James E. Hunter said, "Both clubs are jealous of their names."

The December, 1928 issue of the High Twelvian devoted a full page to the so-called 7/13/28 Cedar Rapids Resolution. "Re. the Union of High Twelve International and The Hiram Clubs International, the Resolution and arguments were ably written by J. Hugotatsch, PM, Cedar Rapids. While appreciating the Fraternal Spirit, they urged use of High Twelve International for the combined clubs.

"We must avoid anything which might impress Masons or Non-Masons as direct or implied action in the name of Masonic Institution."....."We must be careful not to adopt any phraseology or titles which have a Masonic flavor. We feel that allusions to Masonic characters such as 'Hiram' 'Master Builder', etc. violates the principle". "True, High Twelve has a Masonic significance, but it does not involve any definite character familiar to Masons. Masons are not the only individuals who cease work at noon for refreshment. Thus, 'High Twelve' to mid-day is particularly adaptable to a luncheon club." "Avoid anything which savors of thought or action in the name of Freemasonry other than an exemplification of Masonic principles in our individual lives. High Twelvism is a return to fundamentals. Freemasonry is an answer to Man's need for Social Fellowship. The Mason does not (always) get this in the Lodge which functions only as a degree mill. Representatives gather for a social hour for lunch and a talk on some interesting topic. It is in this fashion that High Twelve clubs function."



GOODWIN CREASON



CHAS. F. I. TRUMAN



JAMES P. FOX

INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENTS
1925-33

(Wolcott
shown on
page 2.)



A. W. GEARHEART



JAMES HOFFMAN



JAMES HUNTER



JUDGE SUMNER
HARDY

Dr. Hunter was the 7th member of International to receive the Life Membership Certificate. In the Oct. 1938 High Twelvian it states that during Hunter's administration California was the acknowledged and recognized leader in the High Twelve movement, with 10 of the 30 clubs in existence. They held their first State Convention during this period; and at that time there were in round numbers 1,000 members in California. The Sacramento Club, as far as I know, had the largest membership. (Note: This might have been because the California Association's First President was Governor of the State about this time...Friend Richardson of Berkeley. Sacramento is the State Capitol. Richardson was elected State High Twelve President in 1931.) DLP Sacramento HFC had 236 members.

Among the visitors at the Topeka Convention were the leaders of Hiram International, who were recognized and spoke to the convention. Their "President" was Arthur L. Miller, "Master Builder" Barnett E. Marks, "Past Master Builder" and "Grand Lecturer", Judge O.J. Baughn, "Past Master Builder" for Arizona; W.C. Lane, "Master of the Records and Keeper of the International Seal"; and Dr. E.S. Miller of the Flagstaff, Ariz. Hiram Club.

The desire to merge High Twelve with Hiram International seemed to bog down around the issue of name as much as anything else. C.A. Beems, PIP and Historian in the Dec. 1938 High Twelvian said, "In my comments regarding this episode in High Twelve History wherein Hiram International and High Twelve International failed to agree, I made the statement that the High Twelve convention, in my judgement had fumbled the ball." "the introduction of principles in a question for decision is more important in the suggested objective than is the detail which follows in after the principles have been accepted by both parties."

Hiram International Barnett E. Marks, PMB and Grand Lecturer said in part, "I will admit that I have had some pride in the name, the appellation of our club; but we are reasonable, we will acquiesce, throw aside our prideful ways, which are not in keeping with the good of all..." "...there will be no question of offices; no question of name; no petty jealousies will stand in the way if we go at this honestly and in the right brotherly spirit; with the purpose, held ever before us as a torch, of making Masonry, its beauties, its teachings, available to all the world."

The Hiram Clubs at that time were a little more than half as large as the High Twelve Clubs in membership. There was an admitted duplication of good work. Two years prior, at the Denver convention, the matter of the existence of another club which stood for the same ideals and had the same prerogatives for membership was brought to the attention of the convention. Bro. Creason suggested that Brother Paulin of the Oakland Club make it a point to get in touch with Hiram International and sound them out with the possibility of merger. The matter was finally taken up by Bro. Creason by correspondence, and merger seemed desirable.

Whitney suggested that we have five out of seven offices; "The first office would go to High Twelve, the second to Hiram, the third to High Twelve, the fourth to Hiram and the next three to High Twelve." "Now, High Twelve is unique in its conception in that it is not in itself a Masonic organization, yet nobody but Masons belong to it. The name of the club and the names of its officers in no way conflict with the name of officers in the Masonic bodies; while the Hiram Club has official titles, some analogous to the cognomens bestowed on officers in Masonry. It was unanimously agreed that a very good name for the merged clubs might be Hiram-High Twelve International."

"....In reading the record it seems that there was a stronger desire on the part of the Hiram brothers to consolidate than there was on the part of High Twelve Bro., because the High Twelve brothers immediately began to argue on a question of procedure under the Constitution of High Twelve. The Hiram brothers seemed to take the attitude that they were ready and competent and authorized to enter into a consolidation in any way they saw fit. They were evidently a committee appointed with power

to act, while High Twelve was concerned about the constitutional way of doing it. So this controversy ended in failure on the constitutional question of whether or not the High Twelve Clubs in convention assembled had the authority to enter into an agreement of this kind without first submitting it to the clubs for approval." The writer of the above article was "that the convention assembled had the authority to enter into an agreement with Hiram International..."

8/27/28 62 NATIONS SIGN KELLOG-BRIAN PEACE PACT.

The preamble of the Constitution of HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL proposed in 1928 reads in part: "Believing that there is a great international need and opportunity for organizing throughout - civilized world many luncheon clubs, composed of representative select Free-Masons for the purpose of promoting a greater alliance of our brethren in social intercourse, intellectual development, in honoring the Great Creator, in serving our fellowmen, in upholding the principles of good government, in the advancement of education and upbuilding of its members in honorable and successful living, free from all political entanglements, personal aggrandizements and religious controversies, and believing that in order to realize these purposes, an international head must be organized with power to issue charters to local clubs which comply with our Constitution and By-Laws; Therefore, we, the duly and legally chartered clubs of High Twelve International, do adopt and establish this Constitution." Evidently written by Goodwin Creason, PIP.

Creason wrote Wolcott 11/8/28 in part re. proposed merger and constitution. He hadn't heard from any officers except Hunter re. proposed merger. "I sent all of them copies of the proposed new constitution. It looks as if they were going to treat the whole matter with silence, and that means that they are apparently opposed to the merger, which in my opinion, is a very great mistake. We are not making the growth that is absolutely essential if we are going to keep on our course. That is the one thing that must take place now if we shall survive. I doubt if we will have a half dozen new clubs during this year; and from all I can see, there is not much effort being put forth to organize new clubs. Yet they all sit back and refuse to even comment when the proposed new constitution and merger is taken up..."

California had its first District Conference in San Jose at the Hotel Sainte Claire 10/12/28. President Dr. James E. Hunter of International made an official visit, also E.C. Wolcott. There are 9 HTC clubs in Calif. now. California Dist. Gov. Hubert E. Hood presided. 150 attended the noon day luncheon. Stockton HTC won the silver District Governor's cup for best average attendance. Muskogee, Okla. was added in 1928. In December, Wallie said, "We are not a Masonic Club, but a luncheon club composed of Masons."

At the International Convention, Seattle, Wash. in June, 1929, a report was made by the Nebraska District, so may have a club or working on one there. It was reported that the Denver HTC, as patron, offers a real home for boys at #9 Pearl St., ages 14-18, a "Boy's Hotel". Big brothers; run by R.C. Flanders and wife. Capacity 19 boys at a time. (NOTE: There must have been a lot of homeless or runaways then).

The Dallas Masonic Club early in 1929 joined International. Met originally as a Knights Templars Luncheon Club; then membership widened. Name changed to Dallas HTC. Summers Hardy of Tulsa visited them and invited affiliation with International in June, 1929. H.L. Goerner, Supt. of Schools, Pres. They studied the material available, being extremely careful not to jeopardize the club by violating rules or traditions of the Grand Lodge of Texas. No reason found. On 4/17/29, Judge Summers Hardy presented the Charter as International Vice President.

2/14/29 - ST. VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE - CHICAGO GANG WAR
6/7/29 - VATICAN CITY - FIRST PAPAL STATE SINCE 1870 REVIVED.

Goodwin Creason, FIP, on June 11, 1929 wrote Pres. Hunter and the Board that it would be impossible for him to attend the International High Twelve Convention at Seattle. It appeared to him that it would be impossible to effect a merger. The proposed constitution for the merger would not fit into "the workings because of the need of making a number of changes. It has been felt by the leaders of the movement for some time, that owing to our past experiences, growth and changing conditions, the first constitution which served very well to meet the then needs, is not adequate to the needs of the present time. Furthermore, there have been amendments added on special matters which give rise to conflicts between one paragraph and another; and it has been felt that the constitution needed to be rewritten throughout, with a view of eliminating some inconsistencies...."

The June, 1929 issue of the High Twelvian International was in 8 column newspaper format because Secretary Wolcott and Editor Sandstrom thought the magazine form too expensive. It shows the name of the organization as High Twelve Clubs International. Sub. 1.00 year, 10¢ copy.

June, 1929

The International Convention was held at the Olympic Hotel, Seattle, Washington. Wallie reported that the National objective was the care and assistance of worthy boys "between 10 and 15 years...not to be on court probation or from reformative groups, mental defectives or crippled. Just normal boys, orphans or of broken homes. Clubs were to offer work opportunities, help with room and board and comradeship. When 5 to 10 cases were found, a house could be secured, with a House Mother." He pointed out the Kansas City, Mo. Boys Hotel & Club under Judge E.E. Porterfield of the Kansas City, Mo. HTC and one being started by the Denver Club.

Past International President had mailed the Convention the constitution which the International organization operates under, and to submit a new constitution for consideration.

District Governors (still all appointed) were: Kansas, C.M. Sandstrom, K.C., Kan; Colorado, Geo. Jump, Boulder; Okla., C.W. Tedrow, Enid; Missouri, Herbert Towner, K.C., Mo; Washington, E.C. Oggel, Seattle; Calif., Hood, San Jose ('34-25 to serve as 4th elected State President); Indiana, R.C. Alexander, Evansville; and Oregon, J.A. Bush, Eugene.

Clubs pending complete organization: Detroit, Mich. (Northwestern); Blackwell, Okla; Pueblo, Colo; Fort Morgan, Colo; Cleveland, Ohio; Okla., Omaha City, Okla; Colorado Spring, Colo; and Fort Collins, Colo.

Life members were now Creason, Wolcott, Haw, Towner, Whitney, Truman and Sandstrom. Reports were heard from Calif., Texas, Okla., Missouri, Kan., Indiana, Iowa, Colorado-Wyoming, Oregon, Nebraska and Washington.

Judge James P. Fox, Kansas City, Kan. President; 1st VP Judge Summers Hardy, Tulsa; 2nd V.P.A.W. Gearheart, Fresno (businessman); no 3rd VP; Sec. E.C. Wolcott, Villa Park, Ill. (Chicago area); Treas. James R. Hoffman, Denver; and Editor-Business Mgr. of High Twelvian, C.W. Sandstrom, KC, Kan. The organization is still growing rapidly. '29-30.

Wolcott met with a group of prospective members in the Northwestern Section of Detroit to explain the purpose of the High Twelve movement 2/13/30. On April 1, '30 Roy Hooper was elected President. Charter presentation 5/6/30 with approximately 60 members present. This is the Northwest (Detroit) HTC.

Enid HTC had a minstrel show 4/28/30, with Judge James P. Fox in his 5th public appearance as interlocutor (full cork & regalia). Proceeds to assist crippled and unfortunate children through clinical and surgery at Bethany Hospital, Enid.

Evansville HTC, "Wonderful spirit of fellowship, but we are poor organizers. We sold ourselves, but seems hard to sell the other fellows. Give us a tip! We are the only club in Indiana, and first club organized east of the Mississippi." Sec. R.E. Prewitt.

The Kansas City, Kansas HTC sponsored a crippled child fund from earnings of a Minstrel Show. Half of the yearly dues also transferred to the High Twelve Hospital Fund (for physically handicapped children).

4/22/30 U.S.A. & OTHERS SIGN LONDON NAVAL REDUCTION TREATY

Henry Watson of Dallas, Texas is preparing for the Dallas Convention. Clubs listed for late Spring, 1930: CALIFORNIA: Berkeley, Fresno, Oakland, Sacramento, Salinas, San Jose, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa and Stockton. COLORADO: Boulder, Denver. INDIANA: Evansville. IOWA: Cedar Rapids, Des Moines; KANSAS: Atchison, Kansas City, Osawatomie, Topeka and Leavenworth. MICHIGAN: Detroit, Northwestern (Detroit); MISSOURI: Kansas City. OKLAHOMA: Enid, Okmulgee & Tulsa. OREGON: Eugene; TEXAS: Amarillo, Borger, Dallas, Panhandle. WASHINGTON: Aberdeen and Seattle; WYOMING: Cheyenne.

(NOTE: Except for a club in Indiana and two in Michigan, all clubs are west of the Mississippi River, with Kansas about the center of gravity. California still had ten Washington 2, Wyoming 1, Oregon 1... They counted 35 clubs, but I count only 24. Recall that the Hiram Clubs were west of the Mississippi. This might indicate that the westerners were willing to experiment or that, many having moved from the east, had no close ties with Blue Lodges in the west; and therefore were more willing to join an organization which apparently even then catered to the sojourner.)DLP

Panhandle (Tex.) HTC came in some time in Spring of 1930, with J.H. Line President. So did Okmulgee, Okla, with J.N. Crown, Pres.; and Salinas, Calif. with Frank Tuttle. By summer Amarillo was listed.

By the summer of 1930, the District Governors of "High Twelve International" were: KANSAS - L.C. Clark, Leavenworth; COLORADO-WYOMING, Chas. Hotchkiss, Denver; OKLAHOMA, L.E. McKnight, Enid; MISSOURI, H.S. Towner, Kansas City; CALIFORNIA, Lawrence F. Moore, Oakland; INDIANA, Charles Atkin, Evansville; OREGON R.O. Bushong, Eugene; MICHIGAN, J. Henry Baker, Detroit; TEXAS, Philip A. Spidy, Borger; WASHINGTON, Carl H.L. Quigley, Jr., Seattle; IOWA, ~~E.E. Lane?~~ Cedar Rapids. Following clubs pending complete organization: Detroit, Mich; Elackwell, Okla; Oklahoma City, Okla; Borger, Texas; Cleveland, Ohio; Pueblo, Colo; Colorado Springs, Colo; Fort Morgan, Colo., Fort Collins, Colo.

NOTE: Unfortunately, the various records of the time are not in agreement. Some counted inactive clubs; others counted those in process; with some there was considerable lapse of time between organizing and charter issuance and charter presentation. The peak of enthusiasm & growth for many years was at this time.

The 1930 International Convention was held in Dallas, Texas June 25-27, 1930 in the Adolphus Hotel. W. Henry Watson was General Chairman of the Convention Comm. The Welcoming address was by Sam P. Cochran 33rd, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Texas. The sponsoring club was Dallas HTC, John L. DeGrazier, Pres.

President Fox recommended there be four issues of the High Twelvian Magazine. However, the Resolutions Comm. reported adversely and recommended that there be one issue and that the one issue contain all the proceedings of the National Convention. After much debate, the delegates voted in favor of the recommendation of Pres. Fox: Jan., March, June and October, and that expenses of the publican be paid by Internat'l. The four issues were "saved" by Bro. Philip A. Spidy of Borger, Texas in a spirited debate.

A resolution was presented to allow only those votes represented by at least one delegate from the club offering such vote and having paid the registration fee. It was defeated. The development of an auto emblem was debated, and lost. A resolution providing for a third vice president carried.

IT WAS AT THIS CONVENTION THAT HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL WAS INCORPORATED. It was brought out that the Denver HTC was incorporated. Finances were ... in good shape.

28 The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma of February 12, 1930 holding Annual Session at Enid. Set aside evening of the 12th for banquet held by Enid HTC, Tulsa and Okmulgee HTCs in honor of International President James P. Fox.

H.S.Towner, District Governor of Missouri, reported that conditions had been very bad in Kansas City the past year, and that all luncheon clubs have had a struggle.4/30. L.C.Clark, District Governor of Kansas on April 28, 1930 advised that the Leavenworth HTC raised \$1,000 for a room in the new Cushing Memorial Hospital.

Vice President Summers Hardy, "It is not unreasonable to say that in the course of time the High Twelve movement will result in the largest organization of noon-day clubs in the world." The 28 page High Twelvian for June, 1930 had no ads; and none for some time afterward.

The June 25, 26 & 27 Convention Issue, 1930 of the High Twelvian was shown as the official publication of High Twelve International, which now seems to be the official name of the organization. Sandstrom still Editor; yet inside and article reads, "Mail your requests for hotel reservations for International Convention of High Twelve Clubs," to be held at Adolphus Hotel, Dallas. They couldn't seem to be able to get together on what to call the organization.

The list of District Governors showed Washington as "vacant". Amarillo, Texas had been added, with Dr.Curl as President; Okmulgee, Oklahoma with J.N.Croom, President; Panhandle, Texas with J.H.Line, President; and Salinas, Calif, with Frank Tuttle, Pres.

At the Dallas Convention, International President James P.Fox of "High Twelve International" said, "Great progress is made in Oklahoma and Texas. Great problems confront us. There are obstacles to surmount." Little did he guess the magnitude of the problems to be aggravated by a great depression.

Secretary Wolcott suggested these service programs in the June, 1930 issue of the High Twelvian: Discovery of and fellowshipping with aged and infirm Masons who are strangers in the city; The discovery of Blue Lodge Masons who have never interested themselves in local lodges,"...as...(then) the Blue Lodge would be one of the most active bodies in the world; A service program for discovery and interesting World War soldiers who were made Masons in Army Camps and who never identified with local Blue Lodges.

The Kansas City (Kan.) TRIO had been warbling its way from HT Conventions and meetings for several years. (NOTE: The Sioux City HTC, the first club which was later to be associated with the International High Twelve Club, which evolved eventually into High Twelve International no longer carried on the rolls.)

Outgoing President James P.Fox commented on the slow growth during the year. "Some of the clubs have not been in close touch with International; some of the members did not know what it was all about; they did not realize the importance of cooperation between the clubs and International; that one could not survive without the other. This year I have endeavored to spend more of my energy in a campaign of education; to show the clubs that International did not exist for selfish motives, but for the lasting benefit and unification of the subordinate clubs."

"Although the officers are widely separated, yet our financial obligations and other duties were carried on promptly and harmony prevails in our official family. Credit must be given our International Secretary, E.C.Wolcott for his untiring service and valuable counsel during the year."

"Shall we continue as at present, slowly adding to our number of clubs by efforts of members purely unselfish, or would be inspired to greater endeavor by a more rapid growth brought about by paid field men"....to be..."considered by the convention. Personally, I like to think of our growth, though slow, being propagated by those who have a sincere desire to do something for the organization without recompense; but we

are all busy men and most of us possessing only ordinary means." At the Seattle Convention last year..."we framed and adopted, subject to the approval of the clubs, a new constitution.it has been adopted by the clubs, and is hereby proclaimed to be the constitution of the "International High Twelve Club." Only one issue of the High Twelvian was issued this year. I am of the opinion we should have at least four"....."...we cannot keep in touch with each other otherwise."

President Fox advised of exchange of correspondence with Hiram International; and that he had extended them best wishes for their continued success. The tenor of the letters from the Hiram was that they were willing to continue negotiating; but High Twelve apparently was dropping the idea of a merger for the time being.

Brother Fox said, "There are those who feel that the clubs (High Twelve) are organized and existing for the sole purpose of sociability, to meet around the table and enjoy each other's society and companionship. That they should have no thought or concern about anything outside the immediate surroundings of the club; that acts of charity and benevolence have no place there; that there are ample avenues for such philanthropy through Community Chests, YMCA," etc....."....but I have always considered the duties and obligations of our organization from a different standpoint. No one enjoys and appreciates the social features more than I, but I have always felt that we, as individuals and as organizations, to survive, must do something for others." "However, the success of the clubs is paramount. If a club, to prosper must adhere strictly to the dinner club idea, then doubtless that is the course for it to pursue. If a club believes it should perform some constructive beneficial service, then that course should be pursued.".....but..."we greatly desire for all clubs to adopt the idea of service of some kind through the clubs...."

The International Officers for 1930-31 were: President, Summers Hardy, Tulsa; 1st VP, A.W.Gearheart, Fresno, Calif; 2nd VP, W.J.Schoenfield, Kansas City, Kan; 3rd VP, John L.DeGrazier, Dallas, Texas; Sec., E.C.Wolcott, Villa Park, Ill; Treasurer, James R.Hoffman, Denver, Colo; Editor High Twelvian, P.A.Spidy, Borger, Texas.

The Life Members were now: Goodwin Creason, E.C.Wolcott, Charles Haw, H.S.Towner, H.Avery Whitney, Chas.H.J.Truman, C.M.Sandstrom, James E.Hunter, M.D., James P.Fox. Iowa added A.E.Kannewurf of Cedar Rapids as District Governor; and Washington's new District Governor was Philip G.Knox of Seattle.

No officials listed or meeting place for Osawatomie, Kan; and Cheyenne, Wyo. no longer listed. The International Treasurer, James R.Hoffman, Denver, advised that the Denver HTC had incorporated; and advocated other clubs in International incorporating for protection of officers and directors. V.P.A.W.Gearheart of Fresno, Calif. quoted President Summers Hardy, "This is only the 6th Annual Convention." (We are).. "Still in swaddling clothes."..."International High Twelve Club will in time become the greatest civic organization of its kind in America."

District Governor J.Henry Baker of Michigan resigned, recommending that a younger, able organizer, W.L.Hooper, the first President of the Northwestern HTC of Detroit be substituted, 1/16/31. W.D.Bushong wrote on 1/8/31, "The time is not opportune with the depression on to try to organize new clubs." 1/16/31 - The Fresno HTC had a membership campaign, composed of 6 teams with a captain; 3 losing teams to stand treats.

The Denver High Twelve Club hosted the National Sojourners, an organization of Army, Navy and Marine officers who are Masons 11/26/30. Judge Summers Hardy of Tulsa and Dist.Governor James H.Patterson on Jan.2, 1930 advised the Okmulgee HTC that they were attempting to organize clubs in Oklahoma City, Shawnee and probably Muskogee. Hardy said the Okmulgee HTC was the only luncheon club in the city not losing members rapidly. The club was praised for its participation in Masonic funerals, whereas prior to the organization of this club it was difficult to get pallbearers.

The following list of clubs was typed sometime during the 1930-31 term:

CALIF: Berkeley, Fresno, Oakland; Sacramento, Salinas, San Jose, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, Stockton (NOTE: none south of Santa Rosa); COLORADO: Boulder, Denver; KANSAS: Atchison, Kansas City, Leavenworth, Osawatomie, and Topeka; IOWA: Cedar Rapids, Des Moines; INDIANA: Evansville; MICHIGAN: Detroit (Downtown?) and Northwestern (Detroit); OKLAHOMA: Enid, Okmulgee and Tulsa; OREGON: Eugene; MISSOURI: Kansas City; TEXAS: Amarillo, Borger, Dallas, Panhandle; WASHINGTON: Aberdeen and Seattle. (NOTE: There are still 10 clubs in California. Kansas is 2nd with 5 clubs; and Texas is 3rd with 4 clubs.

P.A.Spidy, Editor of the High Twelvian, in the Spring, 1931 issue plugs the Detroit Convention for June, 1931. (NOTE: Dropped later due to depression). The subject of use of Proxies was brought up again by Louie E. McKnight. On the back page, the object of the "High Twelve Club" as non-political, non-sectarian, composed of representative business and professional men who feel a keen interest in the welfare and progress of their community, their city and affairs of the world and who desire to strive to live the ideals taught in Masonry in their relation to mankind.

"Its object is to unite Masons 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; to encourage and participate in such constructive activities as shall tend to the betterment of this community." (NOTE: Does that sound familiar?)

Portland, Oregon. - April, 1931 a group of Masons had been meeting weekly ever since Past International President Jimmy Hunter of Seattle visited with a group about organizing. Remarkable spirit of good fellowship has developed between members of different lodges. "Service to each other and to our fellow man seems to be what our club has in mind." Wm.J.Pienbrink, Sec. in the Spring High Twelvian.

District Governor James H. Patterson of Oklahoma, Dec. 1931, "Average attendance at funerals before our club was organized was 9, and since organization, 55. High Twelve got behind District Masonic meetings, and has been successful in doubling attendance. Some say, 'High Twelve is not a Masonic Club.' If our members had not understood Okmulgee to be a Masonic Club it would not have existed 12 months."

During the Fall or Winter of 1931, C.D. Royal of Des Moines elected President of the "Iowa State Organization" at the first annual Iowa High Twelve Convention at the Roosevelt Hotel. The California records indicate Friend Richardson to be President of the California Association of High Twelve Clubs, probably in the Fall of 1931. District Governor Earl B. Delzell still listed, supposedly representing Int'l. Probably the Governor functioned much as the International Zone Officer in 1976.DLP

9/18/31 - JAPAN ATTACKS MUCKDEN & OVERRUNS MANCHURIA THEREAFTER.

High Twelvian of Dec., 1931 - From Secretary of the Topeka HTC, "An active HTC can be of great assistance to the Blue Lodge in getting the brethren together for fellowship. If we can get these many (Blue Lodge) members together who do not attend Blue Lodge we are helping Masonry."

The Secretary of the Aberdeen, Washington HTC, "Our High Twelve Club is officially sponsoring the local Order of DeMolay, Masons in embryo." The Secretary of the Stockton Club, "Our main object is to promote good fellowship...". Secretary of the Des Moines HTC, "...after all, the principal thing accomplished is the uniting of Masons in the happy bonds of a social hour." Iowas District Governor Earl Delzell in assessing letters from Club Secretaries throughout International, summarized these as 5 outstanding contributions Masonry may receive from a High Twelve Club:

1, Sociability; 2, Contact with non (local) affiliates; 3, Direct aid to Masonry, 4, Contacting non-Masons at luncheon (prospects); 5, Central charity body if more than one lodge is in the city.

The depression was worsening now. Unemployment was heavy. There was a dark and somber mood hanging over the nation and the world. Clubs for the most part were having a hard time maintaining membership. International was hard pressed to stay alive, let alone expand. The word was, "Hold that line!" In spite of the depression, however, both Modesto, California and Portland, Oregon were added. E.C.Wolcott, who lived now close to Chicago was working on five prospective clubs, (In November the Fort Dearborn HTC of Chicago was to be added.)

The depression had hit Detroit hard, so the site of the Convention was changed to Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Judge Hardy felt it was as close to the center of International as possible, and cost of travel was a big factor.

The High Twelvian of October, 1940 contained an article, presumably by Clark A. Beems (PIP '34-35) on "The Reign of A.W.Gearhart, the Seventh Official President of High Twelve International." (NOTE: Use of word 'Official', alluding to the later statements of Bro.Wallie Wolcott that he was the first president of International.DLP)

"A changing world...All Masons agree that the perpetuity of the Masonic Principles in the midst of a Godless political philosophy is the challenge of the hour. There has developed in our world social structure a greed for power and a human brutality that makes the beasts of the field and the forest angelic protectors of their offspring by comparison of those national and international relations, which is proving mankind to be the mostly beastly of all beasts. Dictatorships and Masonry do not mix any more than oil and water - one is a repellent of the other - one can survive but the other must perish. Force and freedom are opposites in the world today.

"The ritual trains us in the way of true progress - in ideologies of brotherhood - but its force is minimized, diluted and weakened in the worldly activities. High Twelve resists the impact of the worldly unmoral and immoral theories and philosophies of the profane and seeks to hold steady and to consolidate the Masonic spirit and influence as a factual brotherhood of constructive interests the world over.

"When Brother Gearhart opened the High Twelve International convention at Yosemite Valley, California, on June 22, 1932, the content of the above paragraph was not up for consideration, and perhaps the thought expressed in it was never even dreamed of, but in the short space of eight years new situations and ideologies have forced themselves into the world picture with such rapidity and with such devastation that the peace and tranquility of the Masonic organizations and philosophies throughout the world were, in many instances, completely disrupted and a new world was suddenly bivouacked on the battle fields of force, fighting for world supremacy or control of the destinies of man. However, Masonry itself has not changed, although the world has, and its purposes and missions for the development of fraternalism and freedom are just as strong and forceful today as they have always been...."

CHAPTER 2

HARD TIMES - 1931-1937

Judge Summers Hardy of Tulsa, Oklahoma, President of International had been compelled to switch the International Convention from Detroit to Okmulgee, Okla., June, 1931. The Life Members now were Creason, Wolcott, Haw, Towner, Truman, Sandstrom, Hunter, Fox and Hardy. For the first time in the High Twelvian E.C. Wolcott is listed in the number one spot, ahead of Goodwin Creason Truman, Hunter, Fox and Hardy in that order.

A.W.Gearheart of Fresno, Calif. was elected President; 1st V.P. John L. DeGrazier of Dallas; 2nd V.P. James R. Hoffman of Denver; 3rd V.P. Clark A. Beems of Cedar Rapids, Secretary E.C.Wolcott, Glen Ellyn, Ill; Treas. W.J.Schoenfeld, Kansas City, Kan., Editor P.A.Spidy, Borger, Texas.



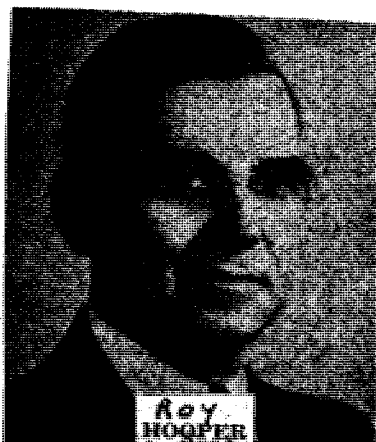
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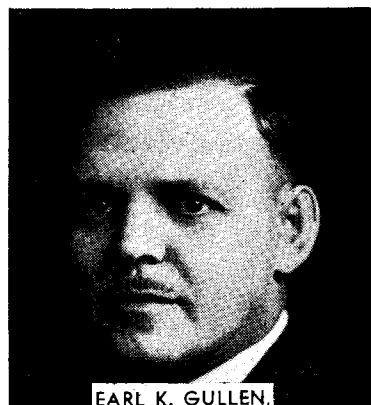
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C. D. ROYAL, Lawyer



HUGH ALLERTON, Lawyer



LEONARD ENGSTROM

As of December, 1931 the following no longer reported as active clubs: Amarillo, Texas; Osawatomie, Kan. and Evansville, Ind. Portland HTC (Oregon) with James E. Davidson as Pres. now listed, as is Modesto (Calif.) HTC, with Leroy M. Morris, Pres. Windsor, Ontario (Can.) was now in the organizing station, and soon to make International truly "International" at last.

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, according to Editor P.I. Spidy, may join International. Bro. Geo. B. Sanford of Rio had been trying to organize a HTC. Spidy, in writing to Sanford, reminded him that High Twelve was not a mercenary proposition, not a fertile field for the professional organizer as with some other club organizations. "....High Twelvianism has given us the vehicle whereby we may take the great lessons as taught us in the Great Fraternity and transform them to actions and contacts, animate with life, love and service to our fellow man.....and High Twelvism will do the same for you in Rio de Janeiro."

The San Jose Secretary wrote, "....We in San Jose believe we give to many Masons their only (current) Masonic affiliations. This refers to men holding memberships outside of San Jose and who do not care to demit. If we succeed in building a real fellowship among these men, we have served our purpose....We have been raising \$15.00-\$20.00 per week.....to feed some of the poorer children at public school cafeterias."

As of December, 1931 the District Governors were: CALIFORNIA, Hubert E. Hood of San Jose; COLORADO, Charles J. Hotchkiss of Denver; INDIANA, Charles Atkin of Evansville; IOWA, Earl Delzell; KANSAS, Rev. M.O. Kellison, Atchison; MICH, Roy C. Hooper, Detroit; MISSOURI, Raymond V. Frye, Kansas City; OKLA., J.H. Patterson, Okmulgee; OREGON, J.O. Bashong, Eugene; TEXAS, P.A. Spidy, Borger; and WASHINGTON, Phillip G. Know, Seattle.

In the December, 1931 issue of the High Twelvian, Fred Starratt of Berkeley, host for the California Association of High Twelve Clubs said that Former Governor of the State of California, Friend Richardson would push High Twelve. "We are holding our own, although the delinquent list is larger than usual."

The Eugene, (Oregon) HTC apparently was running into difficulties, so the Editor suggested evening get-togethers, no eats, and "then when things pick up a bit you can return to the regular style meetings."

CAPSULE HUMOR: "THERE CERTAINLY IS A DEPRESSION. TO DATE AL CAPONE HASN'T KILLED HALF AS MANY PEOPLE AS HE DID LAST YEAR."

1/27/32 - JAPAN INVADED CHINA.
5/29/32 - BONUS MARCH ON WASHINGTON BY VETERANS.

The March, 1932 High Twelvian is still published in Borger, Texas, Spidy, Editor. International Convention to be held in Yosemite June 22-24, 1932. Rates for redwood cabins with sleeping porch 2 in a room @ \$4.00. Without sleeping porch, one person to room \$5.50, 2 @ \$3.50.

The Santa Barbara HTC 2/16/32, "Our membership has dwindled during the unpleasant economic situation to 42." R.A. Elliott, Sec. Berkeley HTC, "Our membership has suffered some from the depression, but no more than other organizations in Berkeley." F.A. Starratt. Stockton HTC lost 22 members last year due to depression and gained 18, net loss 4, currently 112 members. San Jose HTC on the other hand gained 16 members. Leavenworth, Kan. reported small slump in membership. "Have paid to date \$1,300 to Chushing Memorial Hospital for building and equipment."

March, 1932, Kansas City (Kan.) HTC purchased a large quantity of small transparent emblems (blue, gold and black) window stickers. Available to other clubs.

The Denver HTC apparently had some hard times, but District Governor Charles J. Hotchkiss 2/1/32 reported it has been rejuvenated. They had to remove all dues and fees. Atchison HTC was still holding its own.

In March, 1932 E.C. Wolcott, Secretary asked, "....How many fine little services like this for every member of your club....NOT MONEY....Service, a call on the sick, a telephone message of cheer, a purchase of fruit or flowers to some aged one, a friendly visit to some friend? Let's try such a day in your town."

Fresno HTC 4/13/32. The Ladies' organization, High Noon Club, still going strong and entertained High Twelve at a banquet. High Twelve described the successful "buddy" system. Every member is given a buddy. If they fail to check on attending next meeting they are fined, money going into educational fund. Last year loaned an Eastern Star enough to finish nursing course. (NOTE: one of the forerunners of an Educational Fund.)DLP

Enid (Okla.) HTC, R.L. Williams writes 5/1/32, "Despite the depression, we are having an interesting year. Dues only \$5.00. We have given away 20 pairs of shoes and donated \$45.00 to Junior Welfare League for food for unemployed during the winter."

V.P. John L. DeGrazier wrote Sec. E.C. Wolcott June 15, 1932 saying that he had not only lost his wife, and other pressing problems, he would have to decline advancing to International President. "You, being the father of this great and good organization ... I know will get in behind and push on and on to the successful organization of High Twelve Clubs in every state in the Union."

"....All that is needed is a definite plan - and you, Brother Wolcott, should be empowered to carry on with the plan; and with the help of your International Board, it can be done."....."High Twelve International is literally a clearing house for Blue Lodge Masons, to join together in the civic and social activities....and with the teachings and tenets of Masonry deeply engraven in the hearts of every Mason, much good can be done for humanity in general and for Masons in particular....."

Prophetic words. Days later V.P. John L. DeGrazier passed away. It was many years before his advice was heeded and Wolcott given the reins to expand...a plan.DLP

President A.W. Gearheart, "....We are facing the world's greatest period of depression of wide spread disillusionment, skepticism and cynicism. The world is seething in unrest."...."It is time to call upon the people of America to hold fast and not to let our faith in our government waver."...."Our plight is superficial and can be remedied."..."Owners of houses, farms, bonds(when trying to convert them to cash). are offered only a small part of the sum they invested in them. Our homes and industries have not disappeared. Then, why are 40 million victims of unemployment? We lack faith in America and its future."...."It is time for concerted cooperation to bring about the solution of our economic problems."...."Our only hope is a gradual deepening of communal interest and responsibility, until at last private interests and group interest learn to serve the common interest."

Many delegates were unable to attend the convention. "During the past year we made advances and suffered losses. We have lost one of California's largest clubs, and we feel through no fault of our own, but rather the fault of those in it failing to grasp the great ideals of High Twelve. An organization of men may become so self-centered and selfish, and so blind to the purposes for which we strive that our vision is limited by their horizons which did not extend beyond the limits of their own city, Sacramento." (NOTE: Apparently dropped early '32.)DLP

The club in Santa Barbara is suffering from an inferiority complex...and has decided to surrender its charter."..."Some clubs so weak they cannot pay \$1.00 per cap. He recommended a moratorium of one year upon petition of club officers.

35 The International Convention, Yosemite, June 22-24, 1932 had only 32 registered to vote. They okayed the Charters for Portland, Ore., and Watsonville, Calif. The dues to International were dropped to 50¢ per member twice a year. E.C. Wolcott was voted "President Emeritus". It was voted to hold the Convention bi-annually until after the depression was over. Uniform By-Laws were presented by Wallie and adopted. Former California Governor Friend Richardson gave the welcoming address.

The organization became officially "High Twelve International" instead of The International High Twelve Club, according to the Constitution and the By-Laws printed in the December, 1932 issue of the High Twelvian. The names were used interchangeably a year or so before this and for several years after.

Fernando Muller of Rio De Janeiro advised on July 29, 1932 that a High Twelve Club was formed there. It was progressing slowly, but surely. Most of the members seemed to belong to the Lodge of Silence, working in the English language, but composed at time of up to 19 nationalities.

The following clubs were no longer reporting (and presumed to be out) as of 7/32: Amarillo, Tex; Evansville, Ind; Osawatomie, Kan; leaving apparently only 30 active dues paying clubs in good standing.

Officers elected June 24, 1932 for a two year term: Pres. James R. Hoffman, Denver; 1st VP John L. Grazier, Dallas (died before taking office); 2nd V.P. Clark A. Beems, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; 3rd V.P. Al F. Williams, Topeka; Secretary & Treasurer Hubert E. Hood, San Jose, Editor High Twelvian Phillip A. Spidy, Borger, Texas. Pre. Emeritus E.C. Wolcott. (NOTE: Apparently Wallie relatively inactive now for awhile.) Nevertheless, President James R. Hoffman wrote to Wolcott July 6, 1932, asking for advice, especially on appointment of a District Governor for California.

The July, 1932 High Twelvian refers to "officers of High Twelve International." The Convention at Yosemite officially approved the creation of State Associations where there were 5 or more clubs. When Bro. Wolcott accepted the title of President Emeritus, "...the decision of Bro. Wolcott to retire from office came as a distinct shock"....."but he was justified in giving the necessary time to his personal business."

The other new office created was that of International Governor, "who is to be appointed at a future date by the President." Unclear what his duties were to be. Conventions hereafter to be on even years. Approval was given for 9 issues of the High Twelvian instead of the previous 5.

Incoming President Hoffman, comparing High Twelve with the giant trees near the Convention site, "...these needles (the clubs) drink in God's sunshine (the light of Masonry) and transmuting it into life-giving powers of service, keep this tree (High Twelve) ever green and growing in strength and stature and beauty."..."One man or ten men cannot make or break High Twelve Its roots are firmly imbedded in the solid ground of a wonderful ideal."

Watsonville's Charter was presented by A.W. Gearhart and Dist. Gov. Hood. 27 members. (Roy H. Davis, President, Watsonville HTC)

Undaunted by the depression, the Borger (Texas) HTC instituted a big membership drive to net 50 new members. Entertainment centered around the Masonic Lodges and Star Brothers and Sisters. Club dues and luncheon prices were cut considerably. The Topeka HTC voted to reduce the price of luncheon to 40¢, and to continue to meet at the YMCA. The Seattle HTC attendance began to improve "wonderfully" with interesting speakers.

Kansas City, "In 1932 and 33 our club was very sick, and Dr. Glander, Judge Creason, Raye Frye...without their help it would have died. Wm. L. Stidger, High Twelvian, Jan-Feb., 1952. A.W. Lindgren, KC HT apparently wrote the above history. Unclear whether Kansas City, Kansas or Kansas City, Mo.

36 Market review: 9/30/29= \$343.45; 6/30/32= \$42.84 (low point); 12/31/32=\$59.93.

In the January, 1933 issue of the High Twelvian the Editor wonders "what has happened to clubs like Kansas City, Kansas, Kansas City, Missouri. While in Seattle on January 9, 1933 P GM Walter F. Meier was installed as President. In his speech he said, "The restoration (of the economy) lies in the re-birth, the nourishment and development anew of the true American spirit"....."There is no nostrum that can be imported from any foreign shore.

Life member H.S. Towner of Kansas City, Mo. in January, 1933, "Cities, States and Nations are what they are because of leadership. High Twelve is developing the kind of leadership the world sadly needs."....(High Twelve).. "has a service, a duty to perform as long as there are things in my city that are not right in this nation." He quoted from an article of seven years ago, "....I would not give much for your Masonry unless it can be seen. Lamps do not talk, but they shine. A lighthouse sounds no drum; it beats no gong; and yet, far over the water its friendly spark is seen by the mariner. So let your actions shine out your Masonry. Let the main sermon of your life be illustrated by your conduct, and it shall not fail to be illustrious." (NOTE: High Twelve in Action for Freemasonry.) DLP

The Rio De Janeiro HTC members' group picture appeared in the March, 1933 High Twelvian...on the cover. George B. Sanford, President; and George Fernando Muller, first Secretary. Membership: 6 Americans, 1 Swiss, 2 Brazillians, 1 Portuguese, 1 Hungarian, 2 Brazillians of German descent, 4 Germans, 1 Italian of Austrian descent, 1 American of Italian descent and 1 American of Morroccian descent.

The Dallas HTC claimed in March 1933 to be the liveliest HTC in America. It is composed of judges, lawyers, doctors, bankers, businessmen, etc. They "tie in" with Masonic Lodges, Shrine, etc. They present a monthly program for aged in Arlington, Texas, and Crippled Childrens' Hospital.

The Denver HTC debated whether to close because of poor attendance. They decided to cut dues, outside speakers and entertainment and devote themselves to unselfish service to others. They held a "shower" of old clothes for the Citizens' Mission, ...and furnish free luncheons for 15 girls in the Opportunity School.

In the meantime, the Borger (Texas) HTC attendance was down to 11 and 12, and programs non-existent. The club was divided into two teams for attendance. Now they report 25 to 30 coming out to live programs, and new men coming in, according to Spidy.

Pres. Harry L. Buckalew of the California Assn HTCs wrote, "....Now comes depression and financial panic, and membership falls off and funds diminish, yet the real opportunities for real service increase by leaps and bounds. 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 doubly when condition improve."

The Des Moines HTC just concluded one of its most successful winter seasons; with 20 new members. 3/13/33. They had "get acquainted" bridge tournaments, rotating; excellent speakers. The Modesto (Calif.) Club President B.E. Hurst appealed to the wives of High Twelvians to urge husbands to attend so they could qualify for a prize. The Santa Cruz HTC membership held up, with a good feeling of fellowship.

District Governors in the Constitution and By-Laws "shall perform the duties required by High Twelve International and officially represent HTI in this state".... no clarification of possible overlap of authority of the President of the State Assn.

The budget for '32-33 was \$900 for new clubs, \$500 for traveling expenses, \$1,700 for the High Twelvian, \$800 for the Secretary & Treasurer, and \$100 for Misc. "These were for the biennial period, understand. The total amount of money collected during the biennial period of \$1,861.24; and when International opened its convention at Detroit 6/15/34 there was only \$540.86 to carry on the convention, pay expenses, etc.

1/30/33 - HITLER NOW CHANCELLOR OF GERMANY.
2/27/33 - GERMAN REICHSTAG BURNED; AN EXCUSE FOR HITLER TO TAKE OVER.
3/6/33 - PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT CLOSED THE BANKS.

May, 1933 Indiana now given an International District Governor...Rev. Paul Preston.
District Governor CALIF: Dr. W.C. Wilcox, Modesto of Indianapolis.
COLORADO: Chas. J. Hotchkiss, Denver; IOWA: Earl Dulzell, Cedar Rapids; KANSAS:
H.W. McKean; MICHIGAN: Roy C. Hooper, Detroit; MISSOURI: Raymond V. Frye, Kansas City;
OKLAHOMA: J.H. Patterson, Okmulgee; OREGON: Geo. D. Dryer, Portland; TEXAS: P.A. Spidy,
Borger; WASHINGTON: Phillip G. Knox, Seattle.
The President of the California Association was Harry Buckalew. By now 11 of the 30
High Twelve Clubs of International were in California. Watsonville was the site of
the October 14 State Convention.

W. Vance McCune, leader of the former Kansas City, Kansas HTC TRIO, which sang at
many High Twelve Clubs and conventions was by now on CBS as Willie Botts. In addition
to McCune, the original trio included C. Wright and W.J. Schoenfeld (Kansas City,
Kan. Pres.), who later became Secretary of HTI.

Dr. Elmer A. Weyant, President of the Fresno Masonic (?) High Twelve Club said,
"We have a definite program of service and work. Doing something for the other
fellow and getting pleasure out of it is the real thing in life.".... "We have a
Students' Loan Fund and a shoe fund (for poor children who otherwise couldn't attend
school). We have a committee of Welfare and Goodwill."

The Leavenworth HTC reported, "We are proud to (still) be a club, considering
the fate of so many luncheon clubs that have had to quit all together." Tulsa HTC
4/22/33 had a coming luncheon for members and former members, with 140 showing
up. Editor, October '33 High Twelvian: "While High Twelvism is more than holding
its own in these strenuous times, a note of optimism rings."

Aberdeen, Wash: "About 12 or 15 of the old faithful meet. Members who have
severed connections with other organization say that if they can only afford to
keep one, it will be High Twelve," P.H. Pike, Sec.

Clark A. Beems, 2nd V.P. HTI wrote in the High Twelvian May 1933, "An organization
is the art of getting men to act like thoroughbreds. When you cluck to a jackass,
he kicks or brays".... "A thoroughbred gives you all the speed, strength of heart
and sinew in him. The High Twelve Club of Cedar Rapids is a club of thoroughbreds.
Art is skill. The beginning of all art or skill is in the interest. Next in the
acquisition of an art is discipline. The purpose of discipline is mastery. The
final result of this discipline originating from interest is freedom. One who has
not mastered an art has no freedom in its use.

"Fellowship is a golden unbreakable cable that ties all human kind together into
a harmonious, buoyant, enthusiastic appreciation of life."... "...three thermometers
record (a club's) health...membership, attendance and programs. All three go up
or down together. The master thermometer is none of these three, but the registered
heat of human fellowship."

High Twelve mourned the death September 9, 1933 of President George B. Sanford,
of the Rio De Janeiro HTC, who passed away in his 50th year.

The only two year President in the history of High Twelve, James R. Hoffman of
Denver, wrote on October 3, 1933, "...Masonry's house was in order when the crash
came, and through the stalwart leadership of its men, it has carried on." (Re. High
Twelve).... "The club president and secretary have the responsibility of forceful
leadership, courageous action, diplomacy, consideration for the counsel of others,
and above all the mobilized support of every member of the club. In these unsettled

days, the club cannot afford dissension within itself. A united front, a smoothly working interior mechanism, a square jawed leader of action will overcome present day hardships within every club."

The California Association of H.T.Clubs elected L.M.Morris President, January, 1934 - According to Atchison, Kansas Secretary W.J.Stroyer, President Frank Pittman called all 10 remaining members to his home to decide whether to go on or fold. They decided to retain the charter and keep on going.

An editorial in the June, 1934 High Twelvian notes that in order to help clubs support a delegate to the International Convention at Detroit, June 21-24, 1934, every club should set aside the evening of June 8 for entertainment, proceeds from which to be used to help defray expenses of their delegate(s).

The DeMoines HTC reported maintenance of membership at 100, with a waiting list. Rio De Janeiro reported luncheon attendance of 14 to 21. The Kansas City (Mo.) (Ladies) Noon Hour Club was still going strong. The Denver Club went dark in the summer. Upon reopening, only 6 members had paid up. They put on a drive to regain some of the past 400 High Twelvians in Denver, hoping to find 50 who could pay dues. Success! Now 56 members!

Detroit HTC - High Twelvism reported as making a comeback in both clubs. Portland HTC. Past International President A.W.Gearhart spoke on improved business conditions as he found them in his travels. The Seattle HTC Sec., Ernest Melotz reported that 12 to 15 were still trying to keep things going. The Oakland HTC reported a "...marked quickening of interest, with an increase in attendance." The 1933-34 President of the Calif.Association was LeRoy M.Morris of Modesto.

10/14/33 - GERMANY LEFT THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.
12/5/33 - THE 18th AMENDMENT (PROHIBITION) REPEALED.

By early June, 1934, only eleven clubs had paid their International per capita (4 from California).

The Enid HTC in 1926 began sponsoring oratorical constests in two Junior High Schools. By 1934 they had given \$500.00. This year the Enid participant, Jack Wilson, won the National Contest held in Topeka, Kan., with his, "Lone Voice of Democracy." He competed with 50 winners from 28 states.

The Berger HTC of Texas had a revival. President C.R.Berrin called the Board together. "We were just a bunch of good fellows, haw-hawing, rawhiding each other and priding ourselves on how well we could take it. We now consider if first of all we are Masons, part of a well-organized International Association of clubs. (Now) at every meeting something of Masonic interest is read or discussed. We still have good times, however."

The Cedar Rapids HTC had a "New Deal" Contest to hit the 100 mark; and we now have a waiting list. 180 were present at Ladies Night." The Stockton HTC attendance reported as being a little better and programs a little better this year."

Soon-to-be International President C.A.Beems told the story of the old man accompanied by a small girl. He turned to the child and said, "Which way shall we go?" The little girl quickly replied, "Where do you want to go?" This is the question confronting the High Twelve movement at the present time. Where do we want to go?" "We are challenged very definitely to prove ourselves worthy of being 'my brother's brother,' not 'my brother's keeper.' In many European countries Masonry is repressed. We have now passed through the travail incident to birth and wonderful things have been accomplished.....Let's to the task. June, 1934.

President James Hoffman inherited the depression years of 1932-33 and 1933-34. There was a great loss of membership and there was suspension of some clubs. International held some members and clubs for years without dues. As of July 6, 1932 Wolcott, now listed as Secretary again, lived in St. Paul, Minn.

The 1934 International "convention" was held in Detroit. Officers present: Pres. Hoffman, 2nd V.P. Clark Beems, Int. Sec & Tr. Hubert E. Hood; Editor, High Twelvian P.A. Spidy. (3rd V. Al Williams and Pres. Emer. Wolcott absent.). There was discussion regarding employment of a paid organizer. Voted to give Rio De Janeiro a charter.

The global wage scale in 1933 was shown as: USA= \$26.30, Engl= \$11.37, Sweden= \$10.20; German= \$9.02; France= \$7.25, Belg= \$6.21, Japan= \$5.37, Hung= \$5.08, China \$1.31. Figures are shown to give some perspective.

The International Convention June 21 to 24, 1934 was held in Detroit, Mich., Book-Cadillac Hotel. It resulted in many changes in operation besides changing the name to High Twelve International (finalized). Among the Constitution and By-Laws changes were the appointment of the International Secretary by the Governing Board instead of by election as heretofore.

Charter fees now \$75.00 for a new club, regardless of membership numbers. Provision was made for the expense of promotion of new clubs. The office of International Representative was created (many years later to evolve into Masonic Representative), elected by the club itself. High Twelve International was divided into three zones, East, West and Central, with an International Vice President presiding over each. Conventions were to go back to an annual basis. Forms and supplies were to be standardized under the supervision of the International Secretary.

A Traveling Membership Card was ordered created to be issued by the International Secretary upon payment of the International Dues to serve as a sort of demit until the brother could associate himself with a club entitling him to all of its privileges.

The office of President of a State Association was abolished, as the District Governor was to perform the same duties.

Michigan felt so confident that they challenged the long time supremacy (in number of clubs and members) of California, vowing they would equal California in number of clubs within the year. They also took upon themselves to develop clubs throughout the east.

The High Twelvian is hereafter to be distributed by the Regional Directors. It was hoped to have a High Twelve Song Book printed. A Club Code of Ethics was approved. Roy Hooper of Detroit was to head a Membership Contest Committee. It was decided that clubs using the name of High Twelve would be permitted to associate themselves with HTI without paying a charter fee. An installation ceremonial was to be prepared. Nation divided into 3 Zones... West of Rockies, Midwest, East.

Hubert E. Hood, San Jose, at his own request, was relieved of his position of International Secretary, and Dr. Edwin E. Hruska of Cedar Rapids was appointed to replace him.

Clark A. Beems elected President (Cedar Rapids); 1st V.P. Al F. Williams, Topeka; 2nd VP Harry Buckalew, Fresno; 3rd VP Roy Hooper, Detroit; Treas. Ed. N. Smith, Detroit; Editor, P.A. Spidy, Borger, Texas.

The printing of the High Twelvian Magazine was handled by the Metropolitan Supply Co. of Cedar Rapids hereafter for many years.

As of July 18, 1934 were only 24 clubs. 2nd V.P. Harry Buckalew wrote, "There are unmistakable signs of economic improvement. The paralysis of fear will gradually recede."...."It is time for us as an organization to assume the offensive, and get an aggressive policy of expansion."

In the fall of 1934 Amarillo, Texas is no longer listed. Nor is Boulder, Colo.; Enid, Okla; Eugene, Ore; Salinas, Calif. & Santa Barbara.

President Clark A. Beems, a stationer and printer in the November 1934 High Twelvian wrote, "The tide has turned and the wreckage and debris of the depression is slowly but surely disappearing."....."the future of High Twelve is also the future of Masonry. We inherit the past; we create the future; we are for fraternity, not force. We must not be content to learn only the truths of the dead past; we must also master the knowledge of the living present. We must prove ourselves to be 'Sons of Light,' High Twelvians everywhere are rallying to the cause of freedom of conscience and action which are the fundamentals of Masonic principles."

In a November, 1934 editorial by P.A. Spidy, he wrote, "It has come to your Scribe's attention that the International Body has under consideration DeMolay as worthy of concentrated efforts of our various clubs. What are your thoughts along this line? It may be that there are clubs in communities in which there are no DeMolay Chapters." Several clubs offered to help Dad Land.

The California State Association President Hubert Hood of San Jose reported in December, 1934 that there were 10 active and 3 inactive clubs in California. (NOTE: Apparently California is ignoring the ruling that there be no State Presidents.) The automobile business must have picked up, for Michigan expected 3 new clubs soon.

Dr. Edwin E. Hruska, Cedar Rapids, Secretary of HTI listed December 26, 1934 the following as among the things High Twelve stands for: 1, Uphold the Constitution of the United States; 2, Support of Public Schools; 3, Sponsor Order of DeMolay; 4, Sponsor attendance at Blue Lodges; 5, Sponsor a degree team made up of High Twelve members; 6, Sponsor programs at Masonic Homes for Aged and Masonic Orphans' Homes; Get Masonic Brethren who have moved into your town to attend your meetings and get acquainted with their brethren. 8, Get these new Brethren to affiliate with your Lodge. Among his suggestions: Don't forget High Twelve is not a Civic Club; it is a Masonic Service Club. Have a Sick Committee that functions, and send out sick cards. Have a radio and electric fan to be used by your Masonic Brethren in hospitals; attendance prizes at each meeting; one Masonic talk a month.

The Kansas City, Mo. HTC was dropped in the winter of 1934-35. This club used to have over 400 members; and early in 1935 as a non-affiliate, had gone down to 27 members.

The largest clubs as of January, 1935 were Stockton, Ca.; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Des Moines, Iowa; Tulsa, Okla; and Topeka, Kan. International started issuing Traveling Membership cards. In the big nation-wide membership contest, the leaders at the end of the first month in points were: Northwest Detroit 56; Fresno 46; Topeka 44½; Berkeley 43; Tulsa 41½; Borger, Tex. 41; Cedar Rapids 41; Des Moines 40; San Jose 40; Downtown Detroit 37; Santa Cruz 36; Stockton 35; Aberdeen 35; Oakland 32; Seattle 30; Kansas City, Kan. 26; Okmulgee 15; Atchison 10; Portland 5, Modesto 5. (Northwest Detroit's points = 15 new members.)

All clubs in International were to set aside the first meeting in February, 1935 as Pioneers Day, and to make every effort to bring out charter and former members; Ladies could be included. They were now planning on a real convention for the first time in several years. "Whether you walk, ride or drive, get to Des Moines in '35."

Southwest Detroit HTC charter presented by International 3rd V.P. Roy Hooper February 18, 1935. Ed Neuman Pres. and Harry Engle Sec. The Lansing, Mich. HTC had converted from a club in existence for a number of years, and came into HTI some time during the winter of '34-'35, with C.A. Aldich as Pres. and C.P. Robinson as Sec. Now meant there were 5 clubs in Michigan = Highland Park, Lansing, Southeast Detroit, Detroit Downtown and Northwest Detroit. Apparently Highland Park had come in during the fall, with Geo. Less Pres. and Harry Engle Sec-Treas. Charters issued 2/22/35 for Highland Park and 5/19/35 for Lansing. Jackson, MI????

3/18/35 - NAZIS SWOOPED DOWN ON MASONIC LODGE OF THE 3 GLOBES IN HEART OF BERLIN RECENTLY AND ARRESTED THE GRAND MASTER, SUBSEQUENTLY TAKING THE GRAND MASTER'S WIFE INTO CUSTODY. WHEN LODGE MEMBERS MET TO CONSIDER WHAT ACTION TO TAKE, POLICE RAIDED THE SESSION AND ARRESTED THE MEMBERS ON CHARGES OF HOLDING A SECRET MEETING. POLICE POSSESSED VALUABLE LODGE PROPERTY. Associated Press

"Why an International High Twelve?" asked President Beems April, 1935. "Need one ask the question"? E.C. Wolcott still lived in Glen Ellyn, Ill. The Denver HTC had now gone through a reorganization; 34 active members. Goal set for 50. The Seattle club experienced a revival of interest. Felt that for this club the period of recession had now passed. The Cedar Rapids HTC reported that not long ago it had skated close to seceding from International. However, it was decided "it is better to help the whole a little than the part much."

President Beems had estimated in the Fall of 1934 that they then had about 500 active members left in good standing and entitled to receive the High Twelvian. The "depression had influenced the concrete and psychological ability to pay of so many of our clubs that but little attention was paid to International at all. International dues were not collected; memberships were uncertain; finances were at a low ebb, and things were in a chaotic condition....because of the same conditions which affected every individual whether a club member or not."..."We had about 12 clubs in good standing."

"....question....was whether this new Governing Board should follow the procedure of operating on an exclusively 1934 basis and collect dues for 1934 only, forgetting the losses of the past and trying to give new clubs a service which would change their attitude of mind toward International, or should we put on the pressure, collect back dues or revoke the charter where the International dues were not forthcoming.

"It was the unanimous judgement of the nine members of the Governing Board that we should forget the past and give the delinquent ones an opportunity to come in under the \$10.00 payment plan...." Zones were created for better control, with a vice president in charge of each of the three. "Quota assignments were made to each vice president."...."There were no available funds to carry out the program."...."So what we had hoped to accomplish by this allocation of area and interests has only just been established for a starting point."

1st Int. V.P. Al Williams of Topeka; 2nd VP Harry Buckalew of Fresno; and 3rd VP Roy Hooper of Detroit, in charge of their respective Zones "successfully identified themselves as representatives of International, offered a service, performed some concrete, helpful acts which, in my judgement, proves that the zoning plan is a correct method of procedure in administering the affairs of High Twelve Internat'l."

Brochures were revived and/or created; and "a direct-by-mail advertising plan created; but was not enthusiastically utilized. Whereas by the Fall of 1934, the fortunes of High Twelve International may have fallen to their lowest ebb, Beems and the Governing Board had set in motion forces which would eventual cause a slow turn for the better.

Michigan, which may have been hit first and hardest by the depression seemed to rebound first. On May 10, 1935 at a meeting held in the Masonic Temple in Lansing, the Michigan Association of High Twelve Clubs was organized. It was composed of Detroit Downtown #13, Detroit Northwest #14, Highland Park #19, Lansing #20 and Detroit Southeast #21, each sending representatives to the meeting. Earl K. Gullen of the Detroit Northwest HTC was elected President.

2/10/35 HITLER RENOUNCED VERSAILLES TREATY.

THE DOW-JONES AVERAGES 9/29/34 WERE BACK DOWN TO \$92.63. 12/31/34 up to \$104.04, HETH DIVIDENDS \$3.66 (\$11.13 as of 12/31/30)1. D-J 3/30/35 \$100.81. 12/31/35 \$144.13.
(the foregoing may give a hint of the way the tide was now running)

International Convention held in Des Moines, Iowa in June. Unfortunately, dates are not available; neither are actions of the convention. It had been hoped that 75 would attend. President Clark A. Beems did preside, June, 1935, 20, 21 & 22.

President 1935-36 term, Al F. Williams of Topeka; 1st V.P. Harry Buckalew, Fresno, Ca; 2nd V.P. Roy Hooper, Detroit, Mich; 3rd V.P. P.A. Spidy, Borger, Texas; Sec. W.A. Benson, Topeka, Kan; Treas. Ed. N. Smith, Detroit; Editor, High Twelvian, P.A. Spidy; Imm. P.P. Clark A. Beems, Cedar Rapids; Pres. Emeritus, E.C. Wolcott, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

The September, 1935 issue of the High Twelvian listed 26 clubs, all presumably by now active: Aberdeen, Wash; Berkeley, Calif; Borger, Tex; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Des Moines, Iowa; Denver, Colo; Detroit Downtown; Detroit Northwest; Detroit Southeast; Fresno, Calif; Highland Park, Mich; Kansas City, Kan; Kansas City, Mo; Lansing, Mich; Leavenworth, Kan; Modesto, Calif; Oakland, Calif; Okmulgee, Okla; Portland, Ore; Rio De Janeiro, Brazil; Santa Cruz, Calif; San Jose, Calif; Seattle, Washington; Stockton, Calif; Topeka, Kan; Tulsa, Okla.

The Constitution and By-Laws as amended in Des Moines show, "High Twelve Intern'l" Still had "Travelling" memberships...price of High Twelvian plus 1.00. Had discussed employment of a "Field Secretary" on a commission basis, possibly to get \$4.00 per member on Charter Roll of club he would start. 4 issues of High Twelvian '35-36.

James R. Hoffman, PIP, Denver, wrote 7/30/35, "To my mind High Twelve made a tremendous step forward when it adopted the two-fold objective of help for the underprivileged boy and the stand against all things subversive to established government."

President Al F. Williams on September 16, 1935 in an endeavor to interest the Grand Masters of the nearby states to give their individual approval to work of HTI, attended an important Masonic meeting at Joplin, Mo. with 1,000 Master Masons from Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas in attendance. He appeared before this group and outlined the High Twelve Plan. Most had never heard of High Twelve. Most Worshipful Grand Master Jos. Dmouot of Oklahoma (a member of the Tulsa HTC) was especially courteous.

An article in the High Twelvian at the time read, "The old club that has been abandoned for a long time at Olathe, Kan., I am informed, will soon be back with us." (NOTE: No reference in old records of a club at Olathe, Kan. unless used some other name, like Osawatimie.) DLP

W.A. Benson, International Secretary listed the following pamphlets as now being available without charge. 1. How to Organize a High Twelve Club; 2. How to Keep a High Twelve Club Thriving; 3. What is the High Twelve Club International? (old form); 4. International, State & Club Administration. Also following for sale: Song Books, 5¢ each; auto emblem stickers 5¢ each.

The High Twelvian for December, 1935 had a long article by Governor Alf M. Landon of Kansas, ".....we who are Masons and have taken upon ourselves the obligations of that greatest of all fraternities are conscious that in these times the appeal to the individual believing in Free Masonry is greater than ever before. No man can be a true Blue Lodge Mason without first being a stalwart and patriotic believer in constitutional government..."

Aberdeen (Wash.) HTC celebrated its 10th birthday, 11/8/35, the charter having been issued 5/20/25. They were still sponsoring the DeMolay Chapter...they claim, the first in High Twelve.

The slogan, "Back to the Birthplace of International" was pushed at the International Convention, Des Moines by President Beems, in his bid for the 1936 International Convention in Kansas City. (Technically, the truly International organization did start in Kansas City, not Sioux City; and has always been a source of dispute. DLP) Kansas City, Kansas had a big membership contest going on. 12/31/34 they had 54 members; new goal 100.

President Al F. Williams wrote, ".....I do not subscribe to some of the thoughts expressed by some members of our High Twelve when they voice the sentiments that we are exclusively engaged in a practical, serious and maybe semi-religious work. It is my firm belief that the mission of High Twelve International is to provide for Masons an hour a week in which they may entirely relax from their Masonic endeavors from the serious standpoint. 'All Work and no play' is just as true in Masonry as in any other endeavor."

"I....believe that mirth and entertainment in a decent way prelongs life..."
"....if this group brought together under the title of High Twelve International is to grow and flourish it must provide a place where Masons relax from the daily grind."

First V.P. Harry Buckalew wrote in this same issue, "...the immediate task is the extension of High Twelve into a cause which shall be truly nation-wide and international. The slogan of our convention epitomizes the spirit of High Twelve, "Masonry in Action,"...."We need new clubs. We have no paid officials. The work is volunteer. Let each club be responsible for one club."

The Southeastern High Twelve Club of Detroit on July 18, 1935 listened to an inspirational talk by Roy Hooper, International 2nd V.P. One of the recommendations of the International Convention was a major objective of looking after the underprivileged boys, which was hailed with enthusiasm. Downtown Detroit HTC had a committee looking into the manner of helping some of the local young boys to get a start in life. New enthusiasms was instilled in the members of the Northwest Detroit HTC because of the successful convention in Des Moines.

Rio De Janeiro still active, full of prominent foreigners and Brazilian leaders.

OCT., 1935 - CHINESE COMMUNISTS END THEIR "LONG MARCH".

10/2/35 - ETHEOPIA INVADED BY MUSSULINI. 11/18/35 - 52 NATIONS PRESS ECONOMIC SANCTIONS.

February 20, 1936 - In the fall Leavenworth (Kan.) HTC was struggling to stay alive, with attendance dropped to 7 and lower. Now it was up around 10. In spite of difficulties, they raised funds to buy an oxygen tent for their long time project, the Cushing Memorial Hospital. Earlier they provided an expensive X-Ray outfit. Their goal is 75 members.

The Berkeley, Calif. membership had grown from 58 3 years ago to 97 in February, '36. The Denver HTC membership was now 38; average attendance 20...the backbone of the club, good times or bad."

Pres. Williams described in the March, 1936 High Twelve correspondence with Hon. J. Claud Keiper, Sec. Grand Masters' Conference, Washington, D.C. about February 20. Williams had outlined the objectives, aims and purposes of High Twelve, and asked that such communication be read at the proper time during the Conference of Grand Masters. "I have had a gratifying response. It may be that this first effort will fail its objectives, its hopes and aims, but the ice has been broken." "I have issued a proclamation, setting aside the 4th week in March as DeMolay Week for all High Twelve Clubs."

During 1936, Al C. Alstrand of Berkeley was President of the California Assoc. HTCs. Earl Gullen still President of the Michigan Association.

5/7/36 - GERMAN TROOPS REOCCUPY DEMILITARIZED RHINELAND.

Topeka, Kan. HTC claimed the largest membership in High Twelve Intern't'l - 175.

June 17-19, 1936. The "12th Annual" Convention of High Twelve International held in Kansas City, Mo. Hotel President. On the floor of the convention a pledge was made that each club would organize one new club during the year. Mayor Bryce B. Smith gave the welcoming address. President Emeritus Wolcott gave the response to the Mayor's address of welcome. NOTE: This is the first reference to Bro. Wolcott being present or active for several years. DLP

Pres. Al F. Williams said, "While High Twelve's growth is pitifully slow, I am imbued with the idea that it is definite and steady. He stated he took no travel expense or per diem. Three separate forum discussions moderated by the three vice presidents early Friday afternoon and a "question box" period later was moderated by Past President Beems, with assistance of E. C. Wolcott, still of Glen Ellyn, Ill. and Goodwin Creason "first International President", Kansas City, Mo.

Bro. Williams hoped we would "reach the day sometime when sufficient means can be provided for some extension work and a program of construction by building up membership, we will speedily increase in numbers of Masons who join with us as well as in number of clubs composing "International High Twelve". It has been a source of pride to have been able for the first time to give official recognition to the Order of DeMolay"....."and Brother Land deeply appreciates all of our efforts." (NOTE: Evidently heretofore any support of DeMolay had been on an individual club basis. Apparently an International-wide effort was now being made.) DLP

1936-37 International officers: President, Harry L. Buckalew, Fresno; 1st VP Roy Hooper, Detroit; 2nd V.P. Rodney Q. Selby, Des Moines; 3rd V.P. Thornton Wilson, Oakland, Ca; Sec. W.A. Benson, Topeka; Treas., Ed. W. Smith; Editor Walter A. Anderson, Highland Park, Mich; Pres. Emeritus, E. C. Wolcott, Im. P. P. A. F. Williams, Cedar Rapids.

The Highland Park HTC (Mich.) reported that during the summer of 1936 International President Harry Buckalew furnished them with more ideas for service and fellowship in one speech than they usually got in a year of programs; that they are all enthused over their prospects. Committees were now acting on his suggestions. NOTE: Same type of plaudits poured in from everywhere re. Buckalew. He travelled at his own expense.) DLP

"The Kansas City, Mo. club has had many reverses since it received its Charter. We at one time attained a membership of over 400 members, and at the beginning of 1935 we had just 27 members and no identification with H.T.I. There was opposition from the Grand Lodge of Missouri. That is now overcome, and we now have on our roster Grand Officers of various branches of Masonry in Missouri. We reidentified with High Twelve International early in 1936 and had International Convention in June."

No. of clubs end of Williams' term= 27. Members at start= 1311; end = 1412.

Of the 27 clubs reported in High Twelve International, Highland Park, Mich., Okmulgee, Okla. and Portland, Oregon were delinquent. Redford, Michigan had "letters temporary". The rest, as follows were in good standing: Aberdeen, Wash; Berkeley, Calif; Borger, Texas; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Des Moines, Iowa; Denver, Colo; Detroit Downtown; Detroit Northwest; Detroit Southeast; Fresno; Kansas City, Kan; Kansas City, Mo.; Lansing, Mich; Leavenworth, Kan; Modesto, Calif; Oakland, Calif; Rio DeJaneiro, Brazil; San Jose, Calif; Santa Cruz, Calif; Seattle, Wash; Stockton, Calif; Topeka, Kan; and Tulsa, Okla. Dropped Dallas, Okmulgee, Atchison and Portland, Ore.

There was an inventory of \$793.61 in club supplies. The Committee on the President's Address complimented him for the increased membership, balanced budget and healthy condition of the finances. Agreed that a steady, slow growth in number of clubs desirable. Acknowledged far sightedness in making contacts with the Grand Masters; They were especially appreciative of support for DeMolay.

The Ways & Means Committee under chairmanship of Harry Buckalew recommended that when a member moved to another city that Secretary of said club issue a traveling membership for the balance of his unexpired dues period and notify International. Suggested that if any members know of existing Masonic Clubs to notify International. Recommended employment of a field secretary at discretion of President and Board; That he be on a commission basis, operating in cities large enough to provide a charter list of 100; standard initiation fee and first years dues of \$12.00; Field Secretary allowed \$4.00 per member on the chapter roll; That HTI furnish only printed matter.

The regular chapter fee retained by Int; and Int. dues begin 2nd six months. The suggestions about employment of a field secretary were rejected by the convention.

Bro. Frank Land, leader of DeMolay said, "I think there are 43 states where the Grand Lodges have officially passed resolutions asking their bodies to sponsor DeMolay, then the Imperial Council, the General Grand Chapter, then the General Grand Commandery." "This is not quite clear and brings up the question whether or not any of the Grand Lodges or Blue Lodges have sponsored DeMolay."

First Vice President Buckalew re. a paid secretary, "...said that for 15 years they had been through the same chatter and nothing had happened; and he didn't believe anything would happen until some plan of a paid secretary was made available." "...in 1921 we started up the hill, went merrily forward until 1931, when we went through a depression and ran into a zero hour. That depression lasted until 1934 as far as our organization was concerned, and after that time we started up again. The high point in the first ten years was 4,000 members and over. The low point was 1,100 members, so we should feel encouraged to go forward with a new plan."

The Oakland HTC sent seven boys to YMCA summer camp in the California Sierra Nevada Mountains. 20 new members enrolled during the year to date. During his term in office as International President Harry Buckalew visited practically every club except Rio DeJaneiro. The big thing with the Des Moines HTC continued to be the Annual Golf Tournament. Harry Buckalew on 11/22/75 said Wallie got small expenses paid.

Rio DeJaneiro, San Jose, Calif. and Santa Cruz, Calif. dropped.

Hamtramck (Mich.) HTC chartered Sept. 1936, with Arthur Willard Pres, and Edward Reltz, Sec. The Redford (Mich) HTC also chartered, with Leslie Everett, Pres., and A.R. Kreuzer, Sec. Now 28 clubs in International in good standing....7 in Michigan and 7 in California. (Michigan vowed to pass California) There were 14 other clubs.

The International Convention set as goals for 1936-37 a growth to 54 clubs; state associations in Kansas, Iowa and Oklahoma; establishment of standards for "master clubs"; establishment of key member classification for members who bring in 10 new members; every member to wear a High Twelve lapel button; every member to display the High Twelve windshield stricker; recognition of perfect attendance by a special button; recognition of tenure of membership by colored insert name cards in badges; every club to hold one inter-club meeting with another club; and every club^t organize a new club would get a club banner.

To date High Twelve had five lawyers, five business men, one undertaker and one doctor. Harry L. Buckalew were the first educator, a principal. Member of Las Palmas Lodge 366, Fresno. He advocated positive programs. The High Twelvian was increased from four to six issues.

7/17/36 - SPANISH TROOPS IN MOROCCO REVOLT AGAINST SPANISH REPUBLIC.
~~9/12/36~~ - FRANCO PROCLAIMED HEAD OF SPANISH NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT.
12/11/36 - EDWARD VIII ABDICATES BECAUSE OF WIFE WALLIS.

The Kansas City (Kan) HTC winners of the membership contest treated to chicken dinner at the stage at the Steuben Club, where the losers, the Kansas City, Mo. paid up. The Leavenworth, Kansas Club was still struggling to exist, but still trying valiently to stay afloat.

International Vice President Roy Hooper travelled to Bay City, Mich, and called Upon Past Grand Master Ben Henderson, who was reported as very much in favor of High Twelve movement. High Twelvian for October, 1936. Hooper left literature at the Bay City Times. Bro. Lloyd Stevens of the Times later wrote, "The idea of High Twelve sounds very interesting. Although I am not a very good organizer, I can assure you I will do everything I can to assist in developing this organization in Bay City."

State Senator Charles B. Scully had been carrying the good word about High Twelve to Grand Lodge, and looked to recognition of High Twelve by Grand Lodge. Southeast Detroit HTC sent two girls to summer camp, and received very nice "Thank You" letters for the support.

1/30/37 - WAR GUILT CLAUSE OF VERSAILLES TREATY REPUDIATED BY HITLER.

The High Twelvian for February, 1937 continued Pres. Harry L. Buckalew's dissertation on MASONRY IN ACTION. He took up the second objective of fostering and encouraging youth movements, especially DeMolay. He mentioned Oakland and Fresno HTCs sending underprivileged boys to YMCA camps.

The 3rd objective, preservation and protection of the educational rights of childhood through the American Public Schools, and explained the value of our system.

As an interesting Masonic sidelight, an old brass square was discovered in an ancient bridge in Limerick, Ireland, on which was described a Masonic phrase, "I will strive to live with love and care upon the level by the square," dated 1507.

The largest clubs (in order) at the end of the 1936-37 term were: Topeka, Kan; Berkeley, Calif; Des Moines, Iowa; , Tulsa, Okla; Kansas City Kan; and Cedar Rapids. Disbursement \$1,733.88, bal. in treasury: 6/17/37 \$636.14; 6/36 \$358.02.

There was trouble in Texas. The Dallas HTC had supported a losing candidate for Grand Lodge Line. Perhaps as a result of this and difficulties with other organizations in Texas, the Grand Lodge of Texas issued a proclamation to the effect that all persons engaged in the organization of such bodies and all Masens who joined the

the same were committing a Masonic offense which, if persisted in would subject them to trial. This pertained to organizations restricting their memberships to Masons only. President Buckalew corresponded with the Grand Master at length but failed to get the approval of High Twelve. High Twelve was never mentioned in the Grand Master's proclamation. Two organizations were denied recognition- National Federated Craft, composed of Masons in the service of the United States Government and the National Sojourners, composed of Masonic officers in the Army and Navy.

On the following two pages, I have Zeroxed Pres. Harry Buckalew's article on his justification of High Twelve as an organization for good for Masonry everywhere, as well as exchange of correspondence with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas AF&AM. The material carried over to a third page, and this continuance is copied herewith:

".....works ye shall know them."....."The record of all of our clubs is open to the most critical survey. Our conventions and the conduct of our membership you may freely investigate. We have nothing to hide.

"I therefore take this means to inform you that we desire and intend to apply to the Grand Lodge of Texas at its next regular communication for such recognition as will permit us to establish and maintain clubs within your jurisdiction, subject to any supervision you may care to impose.

"Will you be kind enough to advise me the proper form and procedure for such application, together with a statement as to what exhibits should be submitted, as well as any general information which would enable us to present our cause in a favorable light.

"Pending such application, I request you, as a Masonic Courtesy, to hold in abeyance any action affecting the status of our Borger Club or its individual members. May I remind you that the entire proceedings up to this point were occasioned by the President of this club to cooperate with the Master of Borger Lodge in carrying out his year's program; and that this club has served its community constructively and well for ten years with no blot upon its record.

"Thanking you for your consideration and extending to you cordial fraternal greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours
HARRY L. BUCKALEW, President
High Twelve International"

Past International President Judge James P. Fox, Kansas City, Kan. attorney, passed away in the Spring, of 1937. He was president 1929-30.

MORE REGARDING TEXAS: 12/6/59 - E.C. Wolcott, "We had a great club of 200 men at Dallas, Texas. I was with them in 1928, and I was thrilled..."....."There was great friction between Dallas, Fort Worth and Austin and the Grand Lodge. So the High Twelve Club of Dallas made up its mind that they were going to elect a Grand Master. They were joined in that by the Sojourners, a military group. They actually went over the State of Texas and visited Blue Lodges; and after the Blue Lodges campaigned for the election of the Grand Master of Texas, with the result that we were wiped out and we are still wiped out." He closed by saying he'd visited with the Grand Master who was Shrine Potentate later years later, but without good results.

HARRY BUCKALEW

THE question of our recognition in Texas, which is treated elsewhere in this issue, brings to our minds some very important questions relating to the general welfare of Masonry.

One is the lack of unity and cohesion in the Craft; 48 states, 48 grand lodges, practically that number of versions and renditions of the ritual. So great is this difference, that a Mason visiting in another jurisdiction can only gain admission to visit a lodge through liberality of interpretation by the examining committee. We are confronted with the curious dilemma, or should we say more accurately paradox that we are one and yet we are not one.

The answer as to why this condition prevails is to be found in the history of the development of Masonry in this country. It is closely related to those same causes which brought about the long protracted struggle between states rights and federal rights in national government and which resulted in compromises in delegation of powers in our constitution. We have never progressed that far Masonically.

Masonry in these United States "just grew" like Topsy. In the long history of westward expansion into new territory, Masons pushing into new lands were chartered by grand lodges farther Eastward to establish lodges. With the coming of territorial and state governments, these lodges gradually threw off such ties with the establishment of their own grand lodges, somewhat influenced by and patterned after the mother jurisdictions but essentially free and independent, sometimes fiercely so.

Eventually the point of saturation was reached, the pattern was formed, but there was no symmetry, nor configuration in the pattern. Confederation has not taken place.

Oddly enough, the branches of Masonry above the Blue Lodge did not follow this path so that there is a

Supreme Consistory, Supreme Commandery, etc., with a definite seat and a central government.

The myriad other fraternal societies which have sprung up, so closely patterning after Masonic example in other matters, have almost without exception integrated their forms of government into unified national control.

Attempts to unify Masonry have met with but scanty success, due no doubt to the accumulation of the traditions of generations which render compromise and agreement general.

There is now a national conference of grand masters which seek to bring to a focus all points upon which agreement can be reached, the basis being purely voluntary. Even in this conference which can bind no grand lodge to a mandatory course of action, not all grand lodges are represented, for there are still jurisdictions which will not permit their grand masters to take part in such deliberations.

We learned during the world war that we are not considered a national institution when our representatives were denied the privilege of maintaining organized work for Masons serving over seas. This discovery, made when there was sufficient popular demand to launch united action, led in large measure to the formation of the National Masonic Research Association, which at its peak enrolled well over a majority of the grand lodges of the nation, and was supported by a 5c per capita payment in the enrollment of all affiliated grand lodges. As we receded from war fervor, this association declined, due perhaps to the burden of financial contributions.

While it is evident that High Twelve can never be the official amalgamating agent since it has no official standing Masonically, it is just as evident that High Twelve is an effective medium for drawing together men of many jurisdictions, working shoulder

to shoulder for the realization of the most vital precepts of Freemasonry in the actual practice of daily life. Such contact helps to break down all boundaries to the ultimate unification of the fraternity.

It must be granted that the Grand Lodge of Texas has ample justification for the care which it exercises in the recognition of any organization which bases its membership on Masonic affiliation. Objections to such organizations may be classed under two general headings. The first are those which reflect upon the good name of the fraternity. We are all largely slaves of tradition. Tradition has dictated that official blue lodge convocations are serious business. They appeal to serious men and the record which they have created is as imposing as to envelop the whole organization in an aura of rectitude and honor. So seldom has an individual attending grand lodge sessions disgraced himself and the Craft that it is almost unheard of. This record has reflected honor upon all of us and made Masonry one of the most respected institutions in American life.

There are on the other hand numerous organizations whose membership is composed solely of Masons, removed from the direct supervision of the grand lodge which have allowed less favorable traditions to attend their functions. The result has been most unfortunate. It tends to tear down and detract from an enviable reputation. This criticism is not intended to be an attack upon any specific organization. It is a protest against a condition too general and too well known to require specific singling out of offenders. It is a justification of the critical attitude with which several grand jurisdictions regard all organizations not under their immediate authority.

High Twelve has been most fortunate in the fact that it was launched and nurtured by men of the highest integrity and the most sincere regard

for the welfare of our ancient society. We have successfully steered clear of those pitfalls which might have labelled us unworthy. We can approach any grand lodge with a clear record to request recognition. How important it is, my brethren, that we preserve unsullied this record of worthiness which we now enjoy. Let us strive to maintain our clubs and our conventions upon such a plane as always to merit the approval and commendation of the recognized ruling bodies of the fraternity, whose name we bear.

The other consideration is less direct but fully as vital to the ultimate good of Masonry. Grand lodges have looked with disfavor upon auxiliary agencies is the fact that they tend to become substitutes for the lodge. By engaging the interests and energies of the membership in activities of their own, they reduce attendance and limit the activities of the lodge itself.

Here again High Twelve can plead not guilty and prove its contention by its record. We have constantly stressed blue lodge attendance, and affiliation of sojourning brothers among our membership with the local lodge. We have assisted lodges and their masters in a variety of ways.

We have chosen as the objectives of our organization cherished ideals of blue lodge Masonry, and have carried them out in such a way as to tie in with lodge work. In short, the lodges in those communities in which our clubs have been organized testify that the High Twelve Club has been a constructive help rather than a detracting substitute in the carrying out of the Masonic program.

Again, brothers, we can knock at the door of any grand lodge for admittance, presenting the evidence of thirteen years of constructive effort for the greatest good of Masonry.

As you scan the list of the life members of High Twelve International, you may certainly say with pride and gratitude, "These men have builded wisely and well."

Isn't there just a little thrill of pride and satisfaction to you, as you consider your own membership in High Twelve, to feel that you are an integral part of an association which regards so highly the precepts of Ma-

sonry and builds so constructively to bring added luster to its name?

The task is certainly not completed nor even well begun. Masonry, by its very name, means building. Let us continue to build upon the foundation thus far laid a superstructure which shall present High Twelve as one of the nation's great constructive enterprises, and make more real the International phase, now represented by our fine club in Brazil.

The task is mine and yours. Let us build!

February 19, 1937

Mr. Harry L. Buckalew, President
High Twelve International
408 North Fulton Street
Fresno, California

My dear sir:

I have your letter of February 10th with reference to "High Twelve International."

The Grand Lodge of Texas has gone on record against any and all organizations not recognized by it that base their membership on Masonic affiliation, and last year it approved the action of The Grand Master requesting two organizations restricting their membership "to Masons only," holding forth in this state, to disband.

Without question, your organization is composed of good men and Masons, and may be doing good work, yet in view of the expressed attitude of our Grand Lodge, I would not feel justified in approving the organization and maintenance of these clubs in Texas.

Most sincerely yours,
(Signed) GALLOWAY CALHOUN
Grand Master

March 3, 1937

Most Worshipful Galloway Calhoun,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge,
A. F. & A. M.,
Tyler, Texas

Most Worshipful Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of February 19 and must admit that I am disappointed. I had thought that in the case of an organization of the proven integrity of ours, that recognition would not be difficult. I can readily understand, however, how you might feel that the rulings of the Grand Lodge take precedence over

your own personal attitude on any question.

The Grand Lodge of Texas is to be commended for its care in protecting the good name of Masonry by exercising care in the type of organizations recognized by it. Without any doubt, discredit has been brought upon the Fraternity by groups of Masons operating without proper supervision.

However, we are not all tarred with the same stick. For nearly thirteen years High Twelve International has proved that it is most sincere in promoting the highest idealism of Masonry in daily personal and civic contacts. I wish you might have known personally my predecessors in this office. It would have enriched your life. E. C. Wolcott, Glen Ellen, Ill., Goodwin Creason, K. C., Mo., James P. Fox, K. C., Kans., A. W. Gearhart, Fresno, Charles Truman, Oakland, Dr. Hunter, Seattle, Summers Harding, Tulsa, James Hoffman, Denver, Clark Beems, Cedar Rapids and Al Williams, Topeka. God's noblemen, all. More devoted Masons you have never met. Men to whom Masonry meant more than the repetition of ritual; who saw in it a system of morality and ethics, of idealism and truth, and who did something about it.

Masons are going to join luncheon clubs. I think national records show that over 50% of the membership of all such clubs are Masons. I don't think any grand lodge will bar such membership. Now, we have no quarrel with such clubs. We recognize the fact that they accomplish great results. Neither do such clubs have anything against Masonry. But in spite of all this they do weaken Masonry by sapping its life blood. They consume the time energy and finances of Masons in competition with the lodge itself.

High Twelve by conserving the energy of Masons in definitely Masonic undertakings is a source of strength to the Craft. It surely should constitute no Masonic offense to belong to such a constructive club. Now I am not so naive as to believe that the published objectives nor the statements of its officers are any measure of the worth of any organization. "Pretty is as pretty does." "By their

CHAPTER 3 WAR CLOUDS AND FURY

By the summer of 1937 the worst of the great depression seemed to be behind them. The Dow-Jones Averages reached a low of \$42.84 June 30, 1932. By December 31, 1935 it was back up to \$144.13; and by Dec. 31, 1936 it had gone to \$179.90. Dividends, which had reached a low of \$3.40 Dec. 30, 1933 were up to \$7.05 by Dec. 31, 1936. The ensuing seven years brought on entirely different conditions and challenges. These were the war years.... WWII. While the United States was not in the war from the beginning, it, its people, Masonry in general and High Twelve in particular felt it.

The "13th" Annual Convention of High Twelve International was held in Detroit at the Detroit-Leland Hotel. There was a complete convention program, Memorial Services, reports by the three Zone leaders, the three vice presidents, and a discussion breakfast for club presidents, club secretaries and club international representative. Earl K. Gullen Convention General Chairman. June 17, 18 & 19, 1937.

The May, 1937 issue of the High Twelvian, carried information on the upcoming convention. For the first time in many years the magazine carried advertising. By the spring of 1937, Southwest Detroit HTC was added, with Alfred A. Trites, Pres. and Wesley Willett, Sec.; and Royal Oak (Mich.) HTC, with Ellis C. Thompson, Pres. and Ira F. Shaffner, Sec-Tr.

There were now 30 clubs (29 if Berger, Texas "out" by ruling of Grand Lodge of Texas.) 9 in Michigan, 7 in California and 14 in other states. Michigan was now in forefront. Stephen N. Blewett of Stockton became California Association President in 1937. Henry A. Melloche was the 1937-38 President of the Michigan Association.

President for 1937-38 - Roy Hooper, Detroit (businessman); 1st V.P. Rodney Q. Selby, Des Moines; 2nd V.P. S. N. Blewett, Stockton, Ca; 3rd V.P. E. K. Gullen, Detroit; Sec. W. A. Benson, Topeka, Kan.; Treas. H. L. S. Halley, Tulsa, Okla.; Ed. High Twelvian Walter A. Anderson, Highland Park, Mich; Pres. Emeritus E. C. Wolcott, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Pres. Roy Hooper in the October 1937 issue of the High Twelvian said that the convention recommended publishing the High Twelvian more frequently. "It is my thought that with so few clubs, additional issues of the magazine would be burdensome on the now existing (30) clubs. With the addition of new clubs, material for the magazine will itself demand either a larger publication or more frequent editions".

"Past President Clark Beems during his term as International President compiled a complete history of High Twelve. I have appointed Bro. Beems Historian. His articles on History will begin in the December issue."

"It is recommended that the clubs set up convention funds, starting early in the year. Many ways may be used to create this fund, card parties, entertainment, sponsoring new clubs. The club sponsoring plan provides that the \$100.00 be allowed to the club whose members sponsor and charter a new club, provided there is no State Association.

"Your governing Board has tentatively set Salt Lake City for the 1938 Convention. A thriving High Twelve Club of 150 members is now functioning in Salt Lake City, and an invitation has been sent their President to affiliate with International.

"An advisory Council composed of P.I/P. Harry L. Buckalew, Clark A. Beems, James R. Hoffman, Al F. Williams and A. W. Gearh has been appointed. I believe the major changes in the Constitution and By-Laws or operation of High Twelve or contemplated activities should have the endorsement of the older and wiser heads of H.T.I."

Past International President James R. Hoffman wrote in the High Twelvian of October, 1937, "The International Representative (forerunner of Masonic Representative) as

a delegate represents his club at the convention and is the agent of the club whose needs and wishes he reflects to the International Governing Board."... "He is directly responsible to the International Officers and the Governing Board for proper functioning of his local club in conformance with the Constitution & By-Laws of High Twelve International."

Ft. Dearborn (Chicago, Ill.) charter issued 1937 to Ellis D. Verink, first President.

12/12/37 - JAPANESE SINK AMERICAN GUNBOAT PANNOY ON YANGTZE RIVER.

An undated letter to Members of the Advisory Council and Governing Board of International was issued some time in the Fall of 1937 by President Roy Hooper. Highlights: "You...are entitled to know activities of President past 4 months"; over 200 letters and packages sent, every club by at least 2 letters; "Club sponsoring Plan" sent to every club.

Pres. Hooper wrote the High Twelve Club in Salt Lake City twice, but have not heard from him. Club meets nightly once a month; apparently not inclined to cast their lot with International. He did contact Miami, Fla., New York City, Syracuse, N.Y., Pittsburgh, Pa., Salem, Columbus, Dayton and Mansfield, Ohio; Washington, D.C., and Sarnia, Ontario. Miami, Washington and N.Y. were to existing clubs, and asked them to affiliate with International. Miami's reply most encouraging. A former Denver president is a member. Wolcott is organizing Chicago, (Ft. Dearborn).

"Cedar Rapids and Des Moines are organizing a club at Sioux City. (It had been dead for years). Cedar Rapids on a club already organized at Omaha; Denver organizing Boulder, Colorado Springs and Cheyenne. J.E. Spaulding of Topeka appointed District Governor of Kansas, with assurances of one new club." Expected a new club in Oklahoma. "Piepenbrink is on his way east, and will stop over in Detroit for a day. From the tone of his letters I believe the Northwestern Clubs will progress..."

Michigan - He reported that Mt. Clemens and Dearborn were in the process of organization... five new clubs for Michigan promised. He urged a mid-winter meeting of the Governing Board. (No record of Mid-Winter Board meetings yet.)

He mailed samples of proposed certificate to go to immediate past club presidents. He also presented the following ideas for their opinions:

1. As an objective, the obtaining of a home for children of Masonic parents as a ten year plan. Buckalew to investigate homes, and report.
2. That when a required number of clubs were operating in a state, that a State Assn. be required, after approval of proposed Const. & By-Laws.
3. Appointment of Advisory Council;
4. Suggested adding three Directors to the Governing Board, one from each zone.
5. In order to bring about larger conventions, he suggested each club be entitled to one delegate for each 25 members; and no proxy vote if a club misses sending a delegate for 3 consecutive years... and then liable to have charter revoked. International Representative to be chairman of his club's delegation.
6. He recommended that the conventions be held in cities in the zone of the coming President and where we have a club.

7. Pres. Roy Hooper suggested elections ^{before} July 1 of each year for International, state and club officers so they could take office at the same time. Example - clubs elect before last week in May, States last week in May; and International early July. He asked for reactions from members of the Advisory Council.

The second week in January was set aside as International week... reading of early history, our objects and a speaker on International Affiliation, or High Twelve and its relation to Masonry, or a need for active Masonry today. He appointed a committee of C.D. Royal, Des Moines (Ch.), Ross B. Northrup, Detroit and Phillip G. Knox of Seattle on Standardization.

Help Form a New Club

HERE is some of the ammunition reprinted from Hooper's Book on High Twelve Club Sponsorship.

Q.—Why are they called High Twelve Clubs?

A.—That is the time when we go from labor to refreshments.

Q.—What is a High Twelve Club's objects?

A.—It is a place where Masons may unite 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 upbuilding of the principles of good government, in the advancement of education, in stimulating its members to honorable and successful living; to encourage them to participate in such constructive activities as will tend to the betterment of the community.

Q.—What is a High Twelve Club?

A.—A High Twelve Club is a non-political, non-sectarian organization composed of representable business and professional men, who feel a keen interest in the welfare and progress of their community, their city and the affairs of the world and who desire to strive to live the ideals taught in Masonry in their relation to mankind.

Q.—Who are eligible to membership?

A.—Any Master Mason in good standing in his Lodge.

Q.—What is the High Twelve Magazine?

A.—It is the official publication of International, and called The High Twelvian. In it are published articles of interest to Masons; also items for the benefit of the local club officers; and the laudable activities of all the clubs. The High Twelvian is supported solely by the members and does not include on its pages one single paid advertisement.

Q.—There are too many clubs in the country now. Why should we bring in another? We are over-organized here.

A.—No city can be over-organized. Men make clubs and clubs make



cities. The biggest cities of this country have been made up of clubs, and activity and co-operation of the citizens create a demand for more clubs.

Q.—We have other luncheon clubs, why should we have a High Twelve Club?

A.—The High Twelve Club should include every Mason of the city. Co-operating with other civic bodies will add instead of interfering with the work attempted by other organizations.

Q.—Why not have a club similar to a High Twelve Club?

A.—Statistics show that the average life of a local club in the United States is 2½ years. Not being tied up to any National or International Organization, it does not have the guidance and encouragement that a High Twelve Club has.

Q.—In what way does the International Office guide and encourage?

A.—By the activities of the Secretary and other members of the International Board, through their contact with all clubs. The District Governors yearly visits to all clubs and the interchange of meetings with nearby clubs, also help them in their work. Finally the district and International Conventions put all clubs in close touch with men from all over the world.

Q.—What is a district?

A.—A district is any State in which one or more High Twelve Club is located.

Q.—When can a State Association be formed?

A.—When a State has eight Chartered Clubs a State Association must be formed.

Q.—Is there a District Governor of a State Association?

A.—Yes. The District Governor at the completion of the eight clubs in his district calls a meeting of the clubs in his district for the purpose of forming a State Association, at which a President and other officers are elected for the term of one year, a convention city for the Association the following year is voted upon. The title of the District Governor then becomes President of the State Association.

Q.—How much money is sent to International on new members after the club has received its charter?

A.—An entrance fee of \$1.00 is sent to International by the secretary of the club, together with his report giving the name of the new member.

Q.—What does this entrance fee pay for?

A.—It pays International dues and magazine subscription of the new member until the next due-paying period, either January 1st or July 1st, as the case may be.

Q.—What are the dues?

A.—International provides that the Board of Directors of the local club may set the amount of dues each member must pay, provided however that they be enough in excess of the \$1.00 that the club pays International for each member's dues, as to create a treasury for the local club.

Q.—Well, I'll join, but I want to be the 25th member.

A.—Very good. Here, put your name on line 25.

PRES.
HTI
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JOHN E. CUDDEBACK

3/11/38 AUSTRIA INVADED BY HITLER.

President Roy Hooper met with 20 interested brothers March 23, 1938 in Toledo, Ohio to explain High Twelve. Toledo brothers held 7 meetings with an average attendance of 25; and great enthusiasm shown. President Jesse Drake of Detroit also visited them. The membership Chairman Onnie Hendricks announced a goal had been set for closing the charter May 19. The General Chairman was George Lafferty, who worked persistently to put this club over.

According to the April, 1938 High Twelvian, the Highland Park (Mich.) HTC had a committee attempting to organize a High Twelve Club in Windsor, Ont. (Can.) After preliminary letter writing and negotiation, Br. Arch MacQuarri, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Ontario, Canada arranged a meeting with representatives of the Highland Park HTC. Past President Lee, Second V.P. Hugh G. Allerton and others addressed a large number of Canadian Masonic officers at the Windsor Masonic Temple. Six Windsor Masons, headed by Dr. H. I. Wiley were guests at the testimonial dinner to Pres. Roy Hooper. In his speech, Dr. Wiley assured that a High Twelve Club would be organized in Windsor. Frank E. Hatton, Pres., Gordon E. Hunt, Sec. new club about May.

The Lansing (Mich) HTC passed a resolution in the Spring of 1938 1, approving in principle the boycott of Japanese goods; 2, endorsing the State Association's sponsorship of the Boys Club of America. (NOTE: Japan was attacking and occupying part of China at this time.)

Borger (Texas) HTC not listed in High Twelvian after June 30, 1938.
Santa Cruz (Calif.) not listed after the Summer of 1938.

Jackson (Mich.) HTC started with 27 paid up members May 10, 1938. Expected 50 within a week. Charter night set for June 7, 1938. Leon Beck Temporary Chairman.

At the International Convention, Denver June 30, July 1 and 2, Shirley-Savoy Hotel, outgoing President Hooper pleaded for the appointment of an Expansion Chairman in every club. This committee to study the club sponsoring plan along with the Board of Directors with the purpose in mind of sponsoring at least one club.

The Secretary issued Charters to Downton Toledo on June 2, 1938 and to Mt. Clemens, Mich. 6/20/38.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES 3/31/37= \$186.41; 12/31/37= \$120.85, with avg. divs. up to \$8.78. By 3/31/38, D-J was back down to \$98.95; but by 12/31/38 the market was up to \$154.76, which avg. dividends down to \$4.98. 12/30/39, after outbreak of war in Europe, D-J \$150.24, and dividends \$6.11.

A coincidence? During 1937-38 & 39 most clubs were doing very well, good attendance, growth in membership, etc.

The Calif. Assn. President for 1937 was Stephen N. Hewett of Stockton; and in 1938 Vincent H. Chantler of Oakland. In the June, 1938 High Twelvian, International 2nd V.P. Hewett said, "...the principal purpose of the State Association is to encourage and promote the establishment of new clubs in California, and at the same time to retain our numerical strength. I believe there is a chance for Sacramento to be brought back into the circle. (It had been going it alone for some time now.) A committee headed by Pres. Vernon Hadley of the Stockton HTC is sponsoring a club in Lodi.

"I have spent a great deal of time this year in endeavoring to lay the foundation for a number of clubs in Southern California. I spent a week in and around Los Angeles last winter endeavoring to interest a number of prominent and active Masons in that section of our state in forming High Twelve Clubs; particularly favorable

for Long Beach, Santa Monica and Pasadena. There already are Masonic Clubs in Long Beach and Santa Monica which might be induced to affiliate with HTI.

"....I have endeavored this year to promote the consolidation of the Hiram Clubs organized under the banner of Hiram International with that of HTI. A number of years ago such a merger was almost consummated, but due to necessity of referring this matter back to the individual HTCs (under our Constitution) this failed."...(in the last time) "the larger objectives were lost sight of and smaller considerations, such as the new name were too prominently emphasized .

"If the Convention at Denver votes favorably on the proposed consolidation, a satisfactory merger can be brought about. High Twelve International is the larger, and it would benefit by these additional clubs which are scattered over Arizona, New Mexico and Texas."

"While at the Convention I was elected 2nd V.P. of HTI. I did not seek this office, and accepted it only on the condition that I might drop out of line at the end of the year. I do not see my way clear to continue in the Int. Line."

The 1938-39 President of the Michigan Association was Dr. Paul L. Reynolds, Detroit.

Note: The rates at Shirley-Savoy, Denver were from \$2.00 single, \$4.00 double.
1938-39 President: Rodney Q. Selby, Des Moines, Iowa; 1st V.P. Earl K. Gullen, Detroit; 2nd V.P. John E. Cuddebeck, Berkeley; 3rd V.P. Dr. H. E. Hruska, Cedar Rapids; Sec., W. A. Benson, Topeka; Treas. Graham R. Miller, Denver; Editor High Twelvian, Walter A. Anderson, Detroit; Pres. Em. E. C. Welcott, Glen Ellyn, Ill; Ex Officio Director, Dr. H. I. Wiley, Windsor, Ont.

DOW JONES AVERAGES dropped to \$131.13, Avg. dividends \$7.06; By 12/31/41 the market was down to \$110.96, dividends \$7.59 With 1939 as 100, the cost of living went up to about 108 in 1941. The purchasing power of the \$, with 1939 as 100 now about 95¢. The officers began to complain of prices for meals, invitation, etc.

9/30/38 - MUNICH: BRITAIN & FRANCE GIVE IN TO HITLER'S DEMANDS.

Mt Clemens, Mich. HTC listed for the first time in Oct., '38 High Twelvian. Pres. Paul S. Hirt; Sec. Jacob H. Ullrich. High Twelvian now issued quarterly.

By the winter of 1938 the Windsor HTC was already "head over heels in boy's work", having accepted the care of 50 problem boys, and placed six in splendid homes with foster parents. Their "Mile of Pennies" drive resulted in a bulging treasury, and they contemplated their first step in a temporary "Boys Club".

The Convention in Denver heard an address by Senator Sanford Bates of New York, former Federal Director of Prisons, on Boys Clubs of America. The Convention adopted a resolution which made Boys Club of America a major objective, along with DeMolay.

President Rodney Q. Selby in the October, 1938 High Twelvian, "The reputation of each individual member, his honesty, integrity, industry and general deportment forms a small but important part of the collective reputation of each local club, and the reputation of each local club forms the reputation of High Twelve Int'l."

"If each local club is known by the high calibre of its membership and for the commendable service to its community, the reputation of High Twelve International is assured. Conversely, if any member of any local club is in ill repute, it is

in a measure damaging to the reputation of that club; and if any club objective (has) a bad name, it is a serious reflection on High Twelve International. This is particularly true now that we are creating our traditions."

The Toledo (Ohio) High Twelve Club received it's charter from International President William Leroy Hooper June 2, 1938. George Lafferty was installed as President and Ralph Heston as Secretary. Credit was given by the club to Bro. Homer Hinkle, George Lafferty and Fred Hunt and Anno Hinrichs for bringing this event about. This was to be the big breakthrough east and south of Michigan, thanks to the Michigan clubs. Michigan Association President 1938-39 was Paul Reynolds.

During the summer of 1938 MtClemens (Mich) HTC was chartered. President Paul S.Hirt and Sec. Jacob H.Ulrich. (Issued 6/20/38)

President Selby, former newspaperman, lawyer and businessman, was Secretary of the Iowa Industrial and Defence Commission, and State Coordinator of the Office of Civilian Defense. Member Auburn Lodge #992, AF&AM.

In April, 1938 the Toledo HTC reported that since assuming sponsorship of the Ohio Chapter of DeMolay, it had been able to increase DeMolay membership 55%.

During the 1938-39 term, total receipts = \$3,866.56; disbursements \$2,283.17; recap of expenditures = Int.Sec's Office, etc. \$855.50; new clubs - Dist.Governor's expense = \$738.20; Int.Officers, travel, exp. \$248.70; High Twelvian \$433.53; Misc., Postage, Pres & Treas. \$6.94... Total \$2,283.17. There were 31 clubs in 3 countries, mostly in Michigan, midwest and Northern Calif, & 1 ea. Oregon & Washtn.

Cedar Rapids HTC started an attendance contest. Members to attend 3 consecutive luncheon meetings to win. The winner must have attended the previous week, and the prize to be a free lunch, which must be taken the following week.

The Fresno Club installed Harry Buckalew as Club President January 3, 1939. Harry was Past Club President, Past State President and Past International Presid. The Nerwest Detroit Club announced it had a Masonic program every month.

Berkeley, Calif., June 29-July 1, 1939, Hotel Claremont, Site of International Convention. Rates \$3.50 single; \$4.50 double. Among the highlights of the Convention was when President Selby of HTI turned on the beautiful lighting system at the Golden State International Exposition on official High Twelve Day, Friday 6/30/39. Some interesting convention statistics: 31 clubs represented 6 with membership of 100 or more, 3 with 75 or more; 10 with 50 or more; 12 with 50 and under; total membership 1,959. Voting strength at convention 49.

Earl K.Gullen of Detroit, attorney was elected President; John E.Cuddeback, Berkeley, 1st V.P.; Dr.E.E.Hruska, Cedar Rapids, 2nd VP, Walter A.Anderson, Highland Park, Mich, 3rd VP; Graham R.Miller, Denver, Treas; Frank Hatton, Windsor, Ont., Ex-Officio Director. Secretary W.A.(Bill) Benson had been ill and missed the convention. He was elected an active Life Member for his four years service. W.J.(Bill) Schoenfeld of Kansas City, Kan. appointed acting Secretary, and later Secretary.

California Association President Vincent H.Chantler called a meeting at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, February 1939 to form a High Twelve Club, having previously interviewed dozens of members of the Craft as to feasibility. Grand Master Leon O.Whitsell was present and endorsed the project. On September 18, 1939, the San Francisco High Twelve Club was chartered with 26 new members by International Vice President J.E.Cuddeback, Berkeley. Pres. Laurence C.Moore, Sec-Int.Rep. Geo.P. Silliman.

3/14/39 - NAZIS OCCUPY MORAVIA & BOHEMIA. 3/29/39 FRANCO IS VICTOR IN SPAIN.
5/22/39 - GERMANY & ITALY SIGN MILITARY PACT.

Clubs summer of 1939: CALIFORNIA: Berkeley=113 members, Fresno= 18, Oakland=59; San Jose=37, Stockton=69, Modesto=50 (not pd), CANADA: Windsor, Ont.=62; COLORADO: Denver=74 (not pd); IOWA: Cedar Rapids=100; Des Moines=101; KANSAS: Kansas City=90; Leavenworth=16, Topeka=175; MICHIGAN: Downtown Detroit=63, Northwest Detroit=86, Southeast Detroit=41, Southwest Detroit=25, Highland Park=85, Jackson=74, Mt Clemens=67, Redford=40, Royal Oak=54, Lansing=49; MISSOURI: Kansas City=61; OHIO: Toledo=111; OKLAHOMA: Tulsa=100; OREGON: (not pd) Portland=30; WASHINGTON: Aberdeen=18, Seattle=25; SOUTH AMERICA: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil= 28.(not pd). of the 31 clubs listed 4 not paid. Total 31 clubs = 1,938. 6 travelling memberships @ \$1.00 plus magazine subscription sold. As of end of 1938-39 term there were 473 Traveling Membership Cards on hand. Cost 1¢ each.

Apparently the Constitution & B-Laws were changed again at Berkeley Convention. Treasurer Graham Miller wasn't able to attend Convention, Berkeley. PIP Hoffman reported for the Treasurer. San Francisco HTC chartered 6/29/39.

Fort Dearborn HTC in Chicago Charter Night 10/20/39, with High Twelve members from Michigan and Iowa in attendance. 25 charter members. Pres. Ellis D. Verink, Sec. Frank H. Harnden. The weight of High Twelve activity had definitely begun to swing to the Mississippi Valley and east. Nothing east of Toledo, Ohio as yet. Ira F. Shaffner, Royal Oak, now President of the Michigan Association.

Wallie Wolcott now had an R.F.D. number in Cyren, Missouri. Within a few months he would be in Eolia, Missouri. By the first of the year he would be in St Louis. In the fall of 1939 Wolcott had a group meeting in Hannibal, Mo., and expected to charter with 50 members soon. Charter issued 11/3/39. Pres. Crawford Smith. 35 mbrs.

Chairman of the Committee on Extension Roy Hooper, PIP in an article in the Oct. 1939 High Twelvian had as his slogan, "50 clubs for International before Convention." (6/40). Bud Castilio, Berkley International Representative indicated that the minimum requirements of 50 members for a charter almost lost Chicago and San Francisco Clubs. He urged lowering that requirement, inasmuch as there are no professional or paid organizers. The new provision called for waiving of 50 members if approved by a majority of the International governing Board.

The question was asked, "Is the youth movement in Masonry being successfully solved by the DeMolay Program as now controlled and directed?" Royal Oak HTC's reply was, "Let's do something this year besides talk about DeMolay."

Earl K. Gullen on June 15, 1961 in reflecting back on his year as International President said, "Our main work during my year was to keep our clubs (small in number) active, and get them to pay up back and current dues. We did a lot of ground work for extension, but were handicapped by lack of funds....no traveling or expense accounts available." "... (b) ..convention in Windsor, June 1940 we had all debts paid and set aside the first \$500.00 for extension work (which was the start which made it possible to have eventually HTI Headquarters in St. Louis with an Executive Director in Charge.)"

"Wallie, I was not the one who started High Twelve in Detroit....it was your friend J. Henry Baker who brought Hi-12 to Michigan".... "I joined North West Detroit HTC in 1933, and was active in forming 5 Hi-12 clubs in Michigan.".... "As District Governor I drafted the Constitution and By-Laws for the proposed Michigan State Association, and called a meeting in Lansing of representatives of the local Michigan clubs in March or April of 1935.".... "the constitution and by-laws I presented were adopted. The good Hi-12 Brothers elected me their first State President, which office I held for two years.".... "Not many new clubs were formed during my year, but it was the birth of Hi-12 in Chicago, when the Down Town Chicago Club (Fort Dearborn?) was chartered with Charter Night being held in the Madina Shrine Club Hotel."

"We pledge that High Twelve shall play its full part in furthering Brotherhood, peace and good will among men. The present war in Europe may or may not effect our International Convention in 1940, set for Windsor, Ontario, for a majority of the members will be serving the Canadian Government in one way or another. High Twelve to be useful and effective, must expand and go forward. We need new clubs so that the principles of High Twelve will touch more communities and individuals." Unsigned article in October, 1939 High Twelvian.

8/24-39 GERMANY & SOVIET UNION SIGN NON-AGGRESSION PACT - GERMANY INVADES POLAND 9/39.
9/31/39 - GREAT BRITAIN DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY.

The December, 1939 issue of the High Twelvian listed Hannibal, Mo. HTC. President W. Craford Smith, Sec. John J. Jacobs. Leavenworth, Kan. "Membership is so low and our efforts to build the club have been so fruitless. 8 to 12 of us continue to hold Friday meetings. We feel if we can hold together awhile longer that times will improve and we will again be able to build the club to 50 or 75 men."

The Royal Oak, Mich. HTC was nearing the end of a membership contest that was instrumental in greatly improving attendance. Michigan with its 10 clubs was by now the largest of the High Twelve states.

While we would like to ignore world events, they did and do have an effect on us. 3/12/40 - GERMANY INVADED RUSSIA. 5/26 to 6/4, 1940 - BRITAIN RETREATED from DUNKIRK. 5/13/40 - GERMAN BLITZKRIEG OUTFLANKED THE FRENCH MAGINOT LINE. 6/10/40 - MUSSALINI DECLARED WAR ON BRITAIN & FRANCE. 6/14/40 - GERMANY OCCUPIED PARIS. 7/10/40 - NAZIS START BOMBING BRITAIN. 9/22/40 - JAPAN INVADED INDOCHINA.

The International Convention, Windsor, Ontario, Canada was held June 26, 27, 28 and 29, 1940. The delegates marched to the music of the Windsor HTC Boy Band from the hotel to St Andrews Lodge where degree work was found very interesting. "We saw on every hand the varied uniforms of a nation at war, recalling 1917."

There was a model High Twelve luncheon. The Convention Committee was Chaired by J.J. Siefen. 1940-41 officers were: President John E. Cuddeback, Berkeley; 1st VP Dr. E. E. Hruska, Cedar Rapids; 2nd V.P. Walter A. Anderson, Detroit; 3rd V.P. Vernon Handley, Stockton, Sec. W.J. Schoenfeld, Kansas City (Kan.); Treasurer Graham R. Miller, Denver; Editor High Twelvian, Walter A. Anderson, Detroit; Pres. Em. E. C. Wolcott; Ex-Officio Director Frank Hatton, Windsor, Ont.

An Expansion Fund of \$500.00 was set aside at the Board meeting June 29, 1940 for organization of new clubs. Past International President Roy Hooper was appointed "Executive Director" of the Extension Committee. The \$500.00 was to help defray his expenses. He was to use all of his available time developing new territory, leaving expansion in states with State Associations to the latter. (NOTE: Portland, Oregon not shown after Fall of 1940.)

Topeka, Kansas HTC was adding 2 or 3 members a month, and challenged, "We are the best and fastest growing club in High Twelve International." High Twelvian, Oct. 1940. In the same issue the Toledo, Ohio HTC started a membership drive, and expected to add 25 new members. On August 8, 9 and 10, 1940, they played host to the Ohio State DeMolay Convention.

The listing for 1940-41 DISTRICT GOVERNORS shows IOWA: E.C. Clark, Des Moines; CANADA, Dr. H.I. Wiley, Windsor; WASHINGTON, A.D. Marshall, Seattle; KANSAS: Harold Groff, Topeka; OKLA., Judge Harry Halley, Tulsa; MISSOURI: Allen O. Glone, Kansas City; COLORADO: Jim Hoffman, Denver; OHIO: Clinton C. Van Wormer, Toledo; ILLINOIS: Ellis D. Verink, Chicago. STATE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS, MICH: Ira F. Shaffner; CALIF. Fred W. Starratt, Berkeley. (NOTE: Dist. Governors were International appointees.) The Rio de Janeiro HTC was no longer listed in the High Twelvian Oct. 1940 and after. In the Fall of 1940 Fort Dearborn (Chicago) was listed, with Ellis D. Verink Pres.

The National Sojourners of Detroit were entertained 10/28/40 by the Downtown Detroit HTC. A Lt.Col, Major, 2 Captains left 4 days later for active service in the Army. In the Fall of 1940 the Highland Park HTC had reached 100 members. Courtesy membership cards were being issued to Masters, High Priests and Commanders of the vicinity. Northwest Detroit membership drive ...teams of 7 members, with a "driver" in charge of each team.

Late Fall, 1940, Cedar Rapids HTC raised the membership limit to 125. Des Moines had one meeting of the month at the golf club (lunch, golf, dinner); very popular. Fellowship is their big thing. They will keep an active list (no dues) of all who go into the Military Service. By winter of 1940, Leavenworth HTC reported, "This community has not yet been touched by the Golden wand of recovery to the extent that we have been able to rebuild our club; but the faithful dozen meets and eats every Friday noon. A group of Masons from Clinton, Iowa visited Cedar Rapids HTC.

The Kansas City, Kan. membership reached the 100 mark. The feature of their Dec. 23rd Christmas program was to be Santa Claus to 30 orphans from the Home. Kansas City, Mo. HTC provided bed, springs, mattress and stove for a needy family for Christmas. Lansing (Mich.) HTC had the best year of their existence to date. The East Des Moines Club elected Ward Hill as President January, 1941.

Pres. John E. Cuddeback in the December issue of the High Twelvian called upon the District Governors and the Extension Committee to work hard for formation of new clubs in their respective districts. "One of the objectives of High Twelve International is to sponsor the DeMolay organization and other youth groups. The week of March 24-29 was set aside for all clubs to give special program for this purpose; each member was to bring a DeMolay boy as a guest.

22 GRAND LODGES DISAPPEARED IN THE CONQUERED COUNTRIES, BUT MASONRY LIVED SECRETLY.
(Editor of the Masonic World, Windsor, Ontario.)

The 1941 Convention (6/18-6/21) was held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Roosevelt Hotel. An article in the High Twelvian said that Eddie Cantor was seen wearing a High 12 pin. Edwin E. Hruska was General Chairman of the Convention Committee.

Birmingham, Mich. held an organizing meeting with 41 present April, '41, with help of Royal Oak HTC. James D. Baynes of Birmingham, Chairman.

3rd Vice President Vernon Handley resigned 3/29/41. President Cuddeback replaced him with Fred Starratt of Berkeley.

The Lansing, Mich. H invited Masons of both Houses of the State Legislature, of which 15 such were on hand for the Friday Luncheon. Toledo, Ohio reported as of March, 1941, membership of about 100 and attendance averaging 30. The April, 1941 High Twelvian noted that E.C. Wolcott was still active and living in St. Louis, Mo., "Now am working on a club here in St. Louis. Hope to have it in action before the 1941 Convention." After a number of years of relative inactivity (in comparison with his earlier activity) Wallie is stirring into action again.

The San Francisco HTC moved from 365 Market St. to the Olympic Hotel, 230 Eddy St. The Stockton, Calif. club showed an increase in membership and funds on hand. Topeka HTC noted that 6 governors of the State of Kansas had been members of Topeka HTC. The 1941 Secretary's Report indicated Okmulgee HTC had gone out of existence. No report, a loss of 1 club and net loss in membership of 95. 1895 reported.

At the Cedar Rapids International Convention June 18-21, 1941, the Constitution was amended that any club may remit the dues of any of its members who may be engaged in the military services of the United States; and when dues are so remitted, no International dues shall be due or payable. (Optional with clubs. Not necessary to be classified as honorary members.)

The 17th Annual Convention, Cedar Rapids June 21, 1941 elected Dr. E.E.Hruska President; 1st V.P. Walter A.Anderson (also Editor), Detroit; 2nd V.P. Fred W. Starratt, Berkeley; 3rd V.P.C.D.Royal, Des Moines; Sec-Treas. W.J.Schoenfeld, Kansas City,Kan; Ex Officio Dir.Frank Hatten, Windsor,Ont; Pres.Emer.E.C.Wolcott, St Louis; Historian Clark A.Beems,PIP; Const.& By-Laws, C.D.Royal; Extension Committee, E.C.Wolcott; Standardization Com. Hubert E.Hood, San Jose,Calif.

District Governors: CAN: E.W.Morris, Windsor,Ont; COLO: Dr.Nathan B.Newcomer, Denver; ILLIN: Holland F.Flahavhan, Chicago; IOWA: Roger C.West, DesMoines; KAN: Harry York, Kansas City; MISSOURI: Earl W.Deputy,Kansas City; OHIO: Harold G.Suter, Toledo; OKLA: Judge Harry Halley, Tulsa. According to the High Twelvian thePresident of the California State Association was Ralph E.Pfeiffer, San Francisco. California records indicated that Fred W.Starratt of Berkeley was State President for both 1939 and 1940; Don C.McQuaid of Fresno for 1941 and Charles N. Clarkson of Stockton for 1942. The Michigan State President was Fred Chase,Lansing.

There were 66 delegates from 30 clubs represented, with over 300 High Twelvians, wives and guests in attendance. There was talk of preparedness for war everywhere. There were 34 clubs present; presumably several not qualified to vote.

Receipts 6/28/40 to 6/10/41: From clubs \$2,420.70, Transferred to Extension Fund \$500.00, Cash in Denver Bank \$983.32 = \$3,904.02. Expenditures \$1,790.95, To extension Fund \$500.00 = \$2,290.95; Bal.on hand \$1,613.07. Int.Treasurer Graham Miller (Denver) couldn't attend the Convention in Cedar Rapids on account of a new Defense position he received June 11, 1941. Portland,Ore. no longer listed.

Resolution, Convention, June 1941: "Resolved that unused portion of Extension appropriation fund be made available for club extension work under the guidance and direction of the International Governing Board when approved by the International President." "...to avoid commercial suspicion, these funds must be exclusively for extension work free from any and all personal gain to any of its members."

International Representative T.E.Swan of Lansing in the summer of 1941, "Club Service to the Community probably has no influence on the good reputation of a club than membership satisfaction or good officer activity. Living with welfare of others in mind has an outlet through helpfulness toward the needy. Also helping on various activities in the schools, sending boys to camp, flowers to the sick. There seems a need for toys, exercisers or mechanical braces for crippled children. Michigan is interested."

E.C.Wolcott said, "High Twelve International is just the thinking clearinghouse for the clubs."

President Hruska said the 1941 Convention stress was on the fact that High Twelve was a Masonic Service Club. (NOTE: At first it was "we are not a Masonic Club," "We are not a service club." Now the emphasis on being a Masonic Service Club.)DLP Hruska enumerated some of the services. 1, Compulsory attendance at Blue Lodge; 2, Division of entire membership of each club into Masonic Funeral Groups...if a member unable to attend, he would have to exchange with a member of another group. 3, Organize a Degree Team; 4, Organize a group to put on Masonic Plays in different Lodges. 5, Committee to contact all Masonic newcomers to town.

"There will then be no occasion for the brethren to ask, 'What is High Twelve, and what is High Twelve doing for Masonry?'" Wolcott said, "In my mind Masonry and Democracy have always been synonymous." High Twelve International was still collecting only \$1.00 a head dues. During the Convention there was much discussion re. the metal sign advertising High Twelve meetings in the various cities, time and place. They hoped to develop a policy by next convention. "The future of High Twelve looked promising in spite of the National upheaval and unrest."

A Past President's Certificate with blue folder was developed, \$2.00 each. The Michigan State Association submitted the following recommendations from their Standardization Committee: 1, American Flag at all meetings (except Windsor, Ont.); 2, Adopt a standard song book; 3, All clubs to have a banner similar to that of Highland Park's (beginnings of present day style banners?) DLP; 4, Every club to issue a bulletin; 5, Each club to purchase roadside emblem (metal signs); 6, Each club have at least two Ladies Days per year; 7, "Go to Church Sunday" immediately preceeding Thanksgiving; 8, A standard induction ceremony for new members was urged.

October, 1941, The President of the California Association was listed as Ralph E. Pfeiffer of San Francisco. (NOTE: The California records indicate Don C. McQuaid of Fresno for 1941 and Charles N. Clarkson, Stockton for 1942, DLP) Fred Chase of Lansing was the Michigan State Association President..., the only 2 Associations.

The Denver High Twelve Club entertained 100 orphaned children at a private home atop Jenesee Mountain September 6, 1941. Mich. St. Assn. Pres. '40-'41 Hugh Allerten.

Dr. Edwin Hruska was a dentist; member of Mt. Herman Lodge 263; Sec. Tramel Chapter 49 RAM; Recorder Palestine Council 26 RSM; Recorder Apollo Commandery 26 KT, Past Pres. Elkahir Shrine Patrol; Past Pres. Uniformed Bodies, Past Dir. General.

12/7/41 - JAPAN ATTACKS PEARL HARBOR. 12/8/41 - USA DECLARED WAR ON JAPAN.
12/11/41 - MUSSALINI DECLARED WAR ON USA.

The February, 1942 issue of the High Twelvian was full of war in which we were now engaged. In spite of this there was an optimism for the future of High Twelve. "High Twelvians everywhere are rallying to the cause of freedom of conscience and actions which are the fundamentals of Masonic principles," said President Hruska. "I am pleased to say that Bro. Wolcott has a new club started at St Louis, Mo., and they have set Friday, February 20th as their charter night." Finances of International were improved considerably. The Topeka HTC had the largest increase in members.

It was decided on these 3 objectives for future guidance: 1, Maintenance of adequate educational facilities; 2, Preservation of the fundamentals of our government...freedom of conscience and voluntary action, the essence of Masonry...for fraternity, not force; 3, Support and personal attention to the youth of America in fostering, encouraging and enthusiastically supporting of the DeMolay movement.

The Berkeley HTC claimed that High Twelvians are really Masons in Action. Fresno's annual Christmas Party for 40 under-privileged boys was a great success. Jackson (Mich.) HTC entertained 75 children at their Christmas Party. Some clubs, including Highland Park (Mich.) were remitting dues of High Twelvians serving in the Armed Services and the mailing of bulletins. Members of the San Francisco HTC were so busy with the new war effort, coast guard, civilian defense, defense work, etc. that they rarely could get away to eat.

4/18/42 - LT. COL. DOOLITTLE BOMBED TOKYO, NAGOYA & KOBE.
5/6/42 - CORREGIDOR SURRENDERED.

Pres. Edwin E. Hruska wrote in the May, 1942 High Twelvian, "...While we are fighting for the principles of freedom, we are also fighting for Freemasonry." "...There are only three countries in the old hemisphere, namely Great Britain, Switzerland and Sweden where Masonry still survives. All Masonic property and all assets have been confiscated, and many of the brethren have been slain or put in Concentration Camps." With so many Twelvians in the Armed Forces, Tulsa asked to be relieved of the responsibility of acting as host to the 1942 International Convention; so Toledo offered to do their best on such short notice, with Fred A. Hunt as Convention Chairman.

The Clubs were urged to buy Savings Bonds; and members to offer services to the Savings Bond Mommittee.

The MacArthur (St Louis) HTC was organized May 26, 1942 through efforts of E.C. Wolcott. It was meeting at the Roosevelt Hotel, Delmar at Euclid, St Louis. Had 41 charter members; Pres. Walter R. Proetz., Sec. Carl P. Lohr. The Charter Party was held at Fairfax House, Clayton, October 16, 1942. Over 100 attended.

6/3/42 - MIDWAY. JAPAN HALTED AND WITHDRAWS NORTHWARD. 8/7/42 MARINES AT GUADALCANAL.

Following a period of inactivity in the 1930's, Brother E.C. Wolcott met with a number of interested brethren at the Martin Hotel May 21, 1942 to consider re-organizing the High Twelve Club of Sioux City. Present at this meeting: C. Walter Britton, Russel B. Pecaut, Robert E. Voiland, Arthur Harstad, Sam P. Wolcott, Harvey Voiland, Rev. J. P. Hantla, Robert Munger and Berry J. Sisk. Bro. Robert Voiland, Chairman, presided at meetings on May 22, and 27, and June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1942. Charter night was designated as June 24, with President Emeritus E.C. Wolcott of High Twelve International present and presenting Charter.

Officers installed at Sioux City were G. Ray Wilcox, Pres., Robert Voiland, VP, Berry J. Sisk, Sec; Chester Palmquist, Tr.; Perry P. Rogers, Sgt-at-Arms. In honor of the Founder of the International High Twelve movement, E.C. Wolcott, the club was later give the number 1 designation; and the official name was Founder's #1. (NOTE: There were 32 clubs listed in the May, 1942 High Twelvian, all obviously chartered before June 24, 1942.) DLP They were:

Aberdeen, Wash; Berkeley, Calif; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Fort Dearborn (Chicago); Denver, Colo; Des Moines, Iowa; Detroit Downtown; Detroit Northwest; Detroit Southeast; Detroit Southwest; Fresno, Calif; Hannibal, Mo; Highland Park, Mich; Jackson, Mich; Kansas City, Kansas; Kansas City, Mo; Lansing, Mich; Leavenworth, Kan; Mt Clemens, Mich; Oakland, Calif. OLDEST CLUB IN INTERNATIONAL; Okmulgee, Okla; Redford, Mich; Royal Oak, Mich; San Francisco, Calif; San Jose, Calif; Seattle, Wash; St Louis Downtown; Stockton, Calif; Toledo, Ohio; Topeka, Kan; Tulsa, Okla; Windsor, Ontario.

The June 19-June 20, 1942 International Convention was held in Toledo, Ohio instead of Tulsa as originally planned, due to war problems. Hotel Secor. Singles \$2.75 to \$4.00, doubles \$4.50 to \$6.00. Wolcott had worked on the starting of Downtown St Louis HTC. President Ed Hruska chartered the club about March, 1941. 33 on charter roll. Wolcott reported working on 2 more prospective clubs in the St Louis area. Tepeka reported booming, with new bomber plant being erected on edge of town. Fresno added 10 members previous month. New Downtown St Louis club had as guests 25 young soldiers recently made Masons. Membership and attendance growing. The St. Louis MacArthur Club which came in sometime in the Spring had as Pres. Walter C. Proetz, Sec-Tr. Olin H. Gore.

The concensus was as 3rd V.P. Hugh Allerton expressed it, "Tulsa sure had a good pinch hitter in Toledo, that could and did produce a home run." Praise was high for the club and city that practically at the last minute subbed as Convention Hosts.

Elected International President Walter A. Anderson, Detroit (also Editor) 1st V.P. Fred W. Starratt, Berkeley; 2nd V.P. C.D. Royal, Des Moines; 3rd V.P. Hugh G. Allerton, Highland Park, Mich; Sec-Tr. W.J. Schoenfeld, K.C. Kan; Assoc. Editor Delmer C. Gowing, Highland Park, Mich; Pres. Emer. Wolcott (& Ch. of Extension); Ex-Officio Director Archie H. MacQuarrie, Windsor, Ont. Pres. Calif. Assn. Don McQuaid, Fresno; Pres. Mich. Dr. C.H. Moyer, Jackson.

"There are three kinds of Masons who are a danger to Masonry," said Pres. Emeritus E.C. Wolcott in the October, 1942 High Twelvian, "1, The Mason who has his demit in his pocket and has never re-entered our fellowship; 2, The Mason who is delinquent and who is not concerned about his Blue Lodge membership; 3, The Mason who keeps his dues paid promptly, but never does anything for Masonry."

"High Twelve is working through a happy social hour to warm the hearts of the men through a genuine unselfish friendship..." "...Friendship is the greatest force of our lives. It binds us together. In the test of tests - alone we fall; united, we stand."

The following pamphlets were now available: "How to Organize a High Twelve Club;" (2) How to Keep a High Twelve Club Thriving" (NOTE: Maybe we need to dust this off, update it, and reissue DLP); 3, What is High Twelve; 4, International, State and Club Administration."

The Extension Committee in the Fall of 1942, and 1943 was E.C. Wolcott, Chairman. Fred Starratt had charge of the Western Zone; C.D. Royal Central Zone; Hugh Allerton Eastern Zone.

Tulsa High Twelve Club member Edward D. Avery was now Most Worshipful Avery, Grand Master of Masons in Oklahoma. Clyde N. Ray was Jr. Grand Warden; Sol F. Goldwyn Sr. Grand Deacon. High Twelve was a vital force in Oklahoma Masonry.

During the summer of 1942 Royal Oak (Mich.) helped support 3 Masonic Service Clubs for the boys in uniform. Mich. Assn. Pres. 1941-42 Fred Chase of Lansing.

President Walter A. Anderson wrote by now "Major" James R. Hoffman, PIP, USA, Fort Knox, saying "We did not lose a club, but we did lose about 30 members. Three new clubs were chartered during the year... 2 in St. Louis; and the original Founders Club, Sioux City reorganized and rechartered..." "...There is another in process of organization at Sedalia, Mo; and it looks very much like Enid, Okla. will come back. Wallie is the guy back of all of this and to him belong the credit...."

President Anderson wrote Sec-Tr. W.J. Schoenfeld Aug. 15, 1942, "I have had some correspondence with Ellis Verink of Lincoln, Neb. Of course as you know, they are trying to get the Hiram Club to join up with High Twelve International. In the meantime we have a good High Twelvian in Ellis Verink, but he has no membership; therefore I suggest that you send him immediately a Traveling Membership card. This will put him on the mailing list for the magazine and whatever the expense is, send me the bill as I want to do this for Ellis and keep him on on our band wagon." (NOTE: What ever became of the Ambassador or Travelling Membership, which was to keep High Twelvians who had moved from an active club area to an area where there are no clubs?-DLP)

International Secretary Schoenfeld 8/20/42 to Ellis Verink, Lincoln, Neb, "...I am enclosing a Traveling Membership card for you. The purpose of these cards is, it keeps a High Twelve member in good standing as a traveling member, and is a sort of admittance card to any High Twelve Club. With this card you are a member of the International Association of High Twelve Clubs although you may not be affiliated with any particular one....."

Past Int. Sec. W.A. Benson wrote Secretary Schoenfeld 8/16/39, "...The Traveling Memberships are just issued to those who sent in wanting a card that they might carry with them and attend meetings wherever they chanced to be..." "Life members and Honorary members are not paid..." "...but Honorary members shall not ever be more than four." "...Each retiring president has always been made a Life Member automatically..."

10/23/42 - EL ALAMEIN - BRITISH UNDER MONTGOMERY THROW ROMMEL BACK 1,000 MILES
11/8/42 - U.S. TROOPS UNDER EISENHOWER LAND IN ALGERIA.

The Cedar Rapids HTC had a tiled dinner meeting in the Ball Room of the Roosevelt Hotel Dec. 11, 1942. 125 in attendance. Preceding the banquet, Pres. Fred A. Killen introduced as guests two International Past Presidents, 1 Past Grand Master, 1 Past Grand Treasure, 1 Senior Grand Warden, 1 Deputy Grand Secretary and six past presidents of the club. After fellowship, an inspirational talk was given by the International President, Walter A. Anderson, Detroit.

The Birmingham (Mich.) HTC - first known club holding regular dinner meetings instead of luncheons. 11/6/42 Organized by International President Walter Anderson. This was in a residential area 18 miles north of Detroit. Sponsored by Highland Park HTC sponsored. Pres. Norman Berry; Sec. Merton Adams. 6 months later it was billed as the "largest service club in town."

The Evanston, Ill North Shore HTC Charter Party was 12/2/42. Charter presented by Int. Pres. W.A. Anderson. 2nd club in Illinois. Pres. Percy C. Kidder, Sec. Robert J. Dunn. The Grotto HTC (St Louis) received its charter 11/42 from Pres. Anderson. 67 charter members. 300 members and guests at Grotto Auditorium. Pres. Dr. Newton C. Allen, Sec. Emile E. Vetter. (37 clubs after North Shore chartered.)

While visiting the Denver HTC, President Anderson addressed another Masonic group called the 47 Club, and invited it to join HTI as a unit.

The February, 1943 High Twelvian listed a total of 33 clubs. Still none in Southern California. 11 in Michigan and 6 in Northern Calif; 4 in Missouri, 3 in Kansas and Iowa, 2 in Illinois, 2 Oklahoma and 2 Washington. That 33 does not jibe with above. The editor may not have been up to date.

February, 1943 High Twelvian on the roll of the District Governor in a State Association (where there would be a State President): "The District Governor at the completion of the 8th club in his District calls a meeting of the clubs for the purpose of forming a State Association, at which a President and other officers are elected for the term of one year. A convention city for the Association for the following year is voted upon. The title of District Governor then becomes President of the State Association."

"We have always enjoyed visiting other High Twelve Clubs," wrote International Representative J.J. Siefen, Downtown Detroit Hi. January, 1943, "but rationing puts a crimp on it. In December I visited the Mt Clemens Club and early in January the Northwestern Club."

The Royal Oak HTC (Mich.) President Maynard Hardt in February, 1943 announced an attendance-new member contest. He divided the club into two teams, the Gallaghers and the Sheehans. The Club had two teams entered in the Service Club Bowling League. The San Francisco HTC moved to the St Julian Cafe, 140 Battery St. They were having round table discussions on current events. They were collecting games, books and magazines for camps and hospitals and a solarium at the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital. On February 1, the San Jose HTC reported the outlook for the future to be very encouraging.

President Anderson, "...let us not, in our endeavor to put Masonry into Action, confuse goodfellowship with good fellow. The person who can be both has two rare and valuable qualities"..... "We can't all be a good fellow, but we can all practice goodfellowship."

3rd Vice President Hugh G. Allerton suggested that, due to the war, "it is difficult to gather at noon; to try an occasional dinner meeting."..... "When I see a man like our beloved E.C. Wolcott, President Emeritus, still trying desperately after 21

loyal years to place the torch of High Twelve in more places, and doing everything within his power to make the torches of High Twelve burn brighter, I wonder how any of us more humble members can be 'too busy' to attend club meetings."

The High Twelvian of February 1943 on the History of Masonry, ".....While there are no Lodge records older than 1390, there are little signs along the way that point to a much older date. Some of these documents state that Masonry as an organization was introduced into England about 926 A.D; and others place it about 300 years earlier in the reign of King Edwin. "Many historians say that Freemasonry as we know it began with the formation of the Grand Lodge of London in 1717.".."It was called a 'revival' of the General Assembly." The connotation was that there was an earlier assembly.

William Louis Hahn was President of the California Association in 1943.

The Evanston North Shore (Ill.) High Twelve Club was chartered Dec.2, 1942. Pres. Percy C.Kidder; Sec. Herbert J.Dunn. Michigan '42-43 Dr.C.H.Moyer,Jackson, Pres.

On March 2, 1943, E.C.Wolcott proposed to Clark Beem, PIP and to President Anderson the idea of "sponsors". He would act as Assistant International Secretary. The "Sponsors" would each give \$100.00. One half of the gifts, plus \$1,500 from the International Treasury, plus \$800 from new clubs, or a total of \$3,800 to run an office in St Louis, out of which office rent, steno, telephone, printing, postage, as well as \$600 travel expense, leaving him \$2,400 "honorarium". He would have to give up a \$200.00 month income. He would give 95% of his time to organizing new clubs. While this isn't too clear, this "idea" was to germinate and to eventually explode into the greatest expansion explosion (percentagewise) in the history of H.T.

5/12/43. PATTON DROVE AXIS FORCES OUT OF NORTH AFRICA

A review of economic conditions at this time might be helpful in getting the picture in focus. With 1939 as 100, the cost of living went up to about 160 in 1947. It had been 124 in 1944. With the purchasing power of the \$ at 78 at the end of 1944 ('39 = 100) by 1947 it was down to about 62. While the Dow-Jones averages were 119.40 as of 12/31/42, by 12/30/44, they were \$152.32.; By 6/28/46 they reached \$205.62. By 12/31/46 they were down to \$177.20, and by 12/31/47 up to \$181.16. Taxes on for 1944 would have taken a quarter of the income of a man getting \$17,000. Six years later they would be one-third.

Some clubs we may have overlooked.... MAC ARTHUR (St.Louis,Mo.) charter issued 10/16/42; 25 members; Pres. Walter C. Proetz; South Side (St.Louis,Mo.) 10/42; 42 members; Pres. Dr.Newton C. Allen. EVANSTON, Ill, Charter issued 12/2/42 - 31 members - Pres. Percy C.Kidder. BIRMINGHAM, Mich, Charter issued 11/6/42 - 48 members; Pres.Norman Berry.

WE ARE NOW READY FOR THE GREAT DRIVES Not only the Allies, but High Twelve!



E. C. WOLCOTT

Here are the two greatest salesmen for High Twelve. At great personal sacrifice, they doubled, tripled, quadrupled and finally almost quintupled the number of clubs and members. They took HTI from about 35 clubs to 175 clubs in about 6½ years. THEY PUT HIGH TWELVE ON THE MAP!

This was a feat unequalled in the annals of service clubs. We tip our hats to them.



H. F. FLAHAVHAN

CHAPTER 4
THE GREAT DRIVES....THE ALLIES....AND HIGH TWELVE

The International Convention of June 24-25, 1943 was held in Evanston, Ill. The Committee on Objectives at this time because of the size of High Twelve International, urged each High Twelve Club to sponsor an activity of community benefit. Hopefully, it would pertain to youth. The Projects Committee wished to promote any activity which might reduce the hazards and delinquencies of the youth of the community. It was not considered practical to have one specific project for all clubs.

Clark Beems gave a report of the Expansion Committee, and recommended that E.C. Wolcott be appointed to the office of Extension Director. Motion carried. Bro. Wolcott then outlined his ideas clearly, aiming to bring in 30 new clubs within the year. There was a budget of \$3,670.00 for travel expenses. A strong committee was to assist Wolcott. No debts were to be incurred. No assessments on clubs or members. Gifts would be accepted from those who could afford it. To cover travel, steno, office rent, postage....and monthly income to offset what Wolcott must give up to do this organization work. Not to begin until 75% of the budget for this extension work is collected. To cover one year. Persons giving to this fund to receive certificates, making them members of the Founders Group, the "Founder's Fellowship Bond."

1943-44 International Officers: President - Fred W. Starratt, 2235 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, Calif; 1st V.P. C.D. Royal, Des Moines, Iowa; 2nd V.P. Hugh G. Allerton, Highland Park, Mich; 3rd V.P. Holland FlaHavhan, Chicago; Sec-Treas. W.J. Schoenfeld, Kansas City, Kan; Immed. Past Pres. & Editor, Walter A. Anderson, Detroit; Chaplain Rev. E.W. Potts, Kansas City, Kan; Pres. Emeritus, E.C. Wolcott, St Louis; Ex-Officio Dir. E.H. Blair, Windsor, Ont. Michigan Assn. Pres. J.J. Siefen, Detroit. The High Twelvian showed Calif. Assn. Pres. as C.N. Clarkson as State President 1943-44. California records show Clarkson as 1942, Hahn as 1943 and Larry C. Moore as 1944.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee (PIPs) Clark A. Beems.

9/8/43 - ITALY SURRENDERED AFTER ALLIES LANDED IN ITALY; BUT GERMANY FOUGHT ON.

President Fred A. Starratt in the October, 1943 High Twelvian urged all to get behind the "Wolcott Expansion Plan" at once, and High Twelve would double its clubs and membership during the year. On Jan. 10, 1944 he wrote E.C. Wolcott that, due to war conditions, it was not deemed advisable to have the 1944 International Convention in California; and advised accepting the bid of the Des Moines HTC.

Freeport (Ill.) HTC received charter January 27, 1944. 60 charter member. Pres. Lawrence F. Kahl; Sec. Hugh H. Ashby. The Northwest HTC and its Mile of Pennies drive for a Masonic Service Center at Trenton, Mich. resulted in raising \$500 to help provide programs for the Center.

Wayne, Mich. HTC started in the fall of 1943 with Pres. Arthur DeJordy, and Sec. Wm. G. Coombe. East St. Louis, Ill. listed in Oct. '43 High Twelvian - 1st time. Pres. Geo. A. LeRuez; Sec. Dr. A. C. Housh.

LANDMARK....E.C. Wolcott got his okay to start big expansion drive. He reported foundation work had been done for 9 clubs in the St. Louis-neighboring Illinois area. \$3,218.52 collected to date for drive by March 15, 1944. There was "a fine list of Masons by mail in Little Rock and Oklahoma City; also calling on former Enid Club."

May, 1944, "To California, where a fine schedule has been worked out by Pres. Starratt and International Representative Dr. Chas. Meek. Iowa prospects are excellent. The Clubs in Central Illinois and the Chicago area, including Southern Wisconsin, will make August and Sept. a busy month. So, send me every name of promising city you have. Remember, I am working for each of you." E.C.W.

Walter Anderson, PIP & Editor wrote in the May, 1944 High Twelvian, "Our genial Founder, 'Wallie' Wolcott has started on his Mission of Sacrifice and Hard Work to form High Twelve Clubs." To help the Wolcott expansion campaign get started, here are the clubs of the \$4,000 budget for the expansion progra, \$3,218.52 has been received as follows:

Highland Park, Mich = \$700.00; Kansas City, K. = \$409.50; Birmingham, Mich. = \$300.00; Cedar Rapids, Iowa = \$250.00; Berkeley, Calif. = \$225.00; Des Moines, Iowa = \$225.00; Detroit N-W = \$171.00; Fresno = \$100; Lansing = \$100; Oakland = \$100; Stockton = \$100; Toledo = \$100; Mich. State Assn. = \$100; Detroit Downtown = \$75; St. Louis - Grotto = \$60; Redford, Mich. = \$50; San Jose = \$45; Denver = \$25; E. St. Louis, Ill. = \$22; Evanston, Ill. = \$20.52; San Francisco = \$20.00; Leavenworth, Kan. = \$10; St. Louis Downtn = \$10.00. As per report of Int. Sec. W. J. Schoenfeld.

Immediate Past International President W. A. Anderson to Pres. Dr. Fred W. Starratt re. proposal to streamline the Convention (because of War conditions), "...there is no advantage in streamlining...to point where money has been spent for traveling expenses and there is not enough time to accomplish anything."

The International Convention was held in Des Moines, Iowa June 29 to June 30, 1944 - General Chairman of Convention Carl J. Stephens. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chairman C. D. Royal of Des Moines advised there was nothing in the Constitution & By-Laws of High Twelve International regarding Honorary Memberships in local clubs. "...The election to honorary membership relates only to the local club so electing, and is not binding on any other club (on transferring).

"Few changes have been made in our Constitution in recent years because the Committee felt that such changes were undesirable during the present program of expansion. The time may be near when our entire plan of organization may need some revision..."

6/6/44 - D-DAY - ALLIES INVADE FRANCE.

On June 30, 1944 at the convention there was a model luncheon, Kansas City, Kan. had charge. President Fred W. Starratt originated the slogan, "High Twelve is Masons in action for better democracy. His term was a most difficult one due to it being a war year, according to Tallman Trask in the Nov-Dec, 1964 High Twelvian.

Sometime along here "Club #22" Montreal, Canada was chartered, 16 members. Samuel Carlton, Pres.; and "Club #23" Aberdeen, Wash.

As of June 16, 1944 the membership by clubs and states was as follows: CALIF: Berkeley 82; Fresno 32; Oakland 63; San Francisco 52; San Jose 20; and Stockton 63. COLO: Denver 65; ILLINOIS: Chicago 43; E. St. Louis 100; Evanston 11; Freeport 65; Peoria 78 and Springfield 69. IOWA: Cedar Rapids 106; Des Moines 106; Sioux City 102. KANSAS: Kansas City 90; Leavenworth 9; Topeka 119. MICHIGAN: Birmingham 102; Detroit Downtown 38; Detroit NW 63; Detroit SE 48; Detroit SW (inactive); Highland Park 94; Jackson 72; Lansing 63; Mt. Clemens 62; Redford 44; Royal Oak 84; Wayne 52. MISSOURI: Hannibal 36; Kansas City 40; St. Louis Downton (inactive, but to be re-organized.); St. Louis Grotto 84; St. Louis MacArthur 45. ONTARIO, CAN: Windsor 27; OHIO: Toledo 108; OKLA: Tulsa 90. WASH: Aberdeen (inactive); Seattle 34. 38 active and 3 inactive with total of 2,461 members against 2,149 last year.

Receipts \$5,972.42, disbursements \$3,077.41 = \$2,895.01; bal. 6/16/44 \$4,813.04 6/12/43 \$1,918.03 - increase \$2,895.01. It was reported that the response was disappointing to the call for a High Twelve Day in May, 1944. Next term it should be in the Fall, with at least 60 days notice to clubs.

Wichita, Kan. Charter issued 10/16/44. 39 members. Tracy Ansel, Pres. 11/17/44 Charter issued to Keokuk, Iowa. 40 members. Clyde E. Inman, Pres. Michigan Assn. Pres. Dr. C. A. Ward.

67 Due to wartime transportation difficulties, Dr. Fred W. Starratt, President, was absent, also other Californians, Clark A. Beems, PIP, Chairman Service to Youth Committee reported, "...After the war is over it is my idea and judgement that the effort should be made to organize the youth of Masonry into a Masonic program for inculcating in the minds of youth the answer to the query, 'How can we have peace in a post-war world?' The answer is in our Masonic teachings."

The largest fund raiser for the extension drive now under way was Highland Park, Mich with \$700.00; Birmingham, Mich. \$300.00; Kansas City, Kan \$409.50; Berkeley, Calif. \$225.00; Des Moines, Iowa \$225.00; Cedar Rapids, Iowa \$200.00; Detroit Northwest \$171.00; Fresno, Calif. \$100.00; Lansing, Mich. \$100.00, Oakland, Calif. \$100.00, Stockton, Calif. \$100.00; Toledo, Ohio \$100.00; Michigan State Assn. \$100.00; Detroit Downtown and St Louis-Grotto \$60.00; Redford, Mich. \$50; San Jose, Calif. \$45.50; Denver, Colo. \$25.00; E. St. Louis, Ill. \$22.00; Evanston, Ill. \$20.50; San Francisco \$20.00; Leavenworth, Kan. \$10.00 = Total \$3,168.52 from 22 clubs and one State Association. \$4,000.00 was the goal, but Wallie had already started drive.

"May was spent in organizing in California with Bro. Starratt, Dr. Charles A. Meek, John Cuddeback, Rev. Dr. Striker, A. W. Gearhart PIP and Harry Buckalew PIP. Meetings in Berkeley, San Francisco, San Jose, Stockton, Fresno, Richmond, East Oakland. I attended California State meeting," reported Wolcott. "Los Angeles 25 names and card of introduction. Help from Walter Heefflin of Pacific Mutual Life Insurance, who introduced me to the Grand Master and other Masonic leaders." He chose Pasadena as the most promising in the short time left (railroad problems). He called on Cary T. Ray, former Editor of the Cedar Rapids HFC Bulletin for many years. "4 came to first luncheon. Bro. Ray found Bro. Liddle, P.M. of Mt Herman Lodge, Cedar Rapids.

Wallie then told how, through Holland FlaHavhan he got ahold of Judge Harrington Wood in Springfield, Ill. Then he met Judge Weed, Dr. Elunt and Dr. Zelle. Chartered 6/9/44 with help of FlaHavhan. Belleville, Ill. was next target, where he "called on some 20 Masons. Geo. LeRuez of East St Louis took over, so on 6/16/44 they applied for a charter with 32 members."

"Little Rock, Ark. Wrote to Bro. Newell A. George of Kansas City at suggestion of Sec. Schoenfeld, who promised list of names, and asked R. H. Allen, Jr. to help (Wallie). Bro. Allen got the Grand Lodge Officers and Masters of 7 Blue Lodges; Sent brochures and letter. 6/12/44 met 30 Masons, and at end of meeting 25 signed for charter."

"North St Louis; with help of Kahlmeyer, Sec. of MacArthur Club; temporary organization formed 6/26/44. Downtown St Louis, "First club in St Louis was a true war casualty and meetings discontinued in early 1944. On 6/23/44 the club was re-organized; 17 paid up members."

Freeport, Ill... Wolcott, "Last October J. Henry Baker and Del Gowing gave me the information that one of our leading Detroit High Twelvers Leonard H. Engstrom had been elected president of his company Bankers Mutual Life Insurance Co., and was a resident of Freeport, Ill. Bro. Engstrom gave me a fine list of Masoms to whom I mailed letters, etc. 3rd V. P. Holland FlaHavhan attended a luncheon meeting. With fine work of Larry Kahl of Freeport, came the Freeport Club."

Rockford, Ill... "President Kahl began to lay plans for a club in Rockford. 6/26/44 Kahl, FlaHavhan and I attended a meeting and a club is under way," Wallie. PEORIA, Ill... "...fathers of this club are Andy Anderson and Holland FlaHavhan... and we have a great club in Peoria." "Much work has been done in Granite City and Alton, Ill., and in time we will have clubs in each."

Oklahoma City, "...Newell George has laid the foundation for a club. International Represent. Walter O. Essman of the Tulsa Club is helping, and promises the Tulsa Club will stand by." Wallie."

Wallie then listed as prospects (with lists of names provided): Memphis, Tenn;

Louisville, Ky.; Minneapolis and St Paul, Minn; Akron, Ohio; Cincinnati and Cleveland; Danville, Champaign, Rock Island, Jacksonville and Quincy, Ill; Davenport, Fort Dodge, Waterloo and Marshalltown, Iowa.

BEAR IN MIND THAT WORLD WAR II WAS AT THE HEIGHT OF ITS FURY, BUT WALLIE SEEMED TO SENSE (AND OTHERS TOO) THAT THE END WAS IN SIGHT; AND WANTED TO GET A GOOD JUMP ON IT.

Wallie, "The next three International Presidents of High Twelve will face new and challenging tasks, a large supporting membership, adequate finances and nation-wide demands."

Second Vice President Allerton, "....Attention of our people to the war has naturally upset the normal course of affairs. When hundreds of thousands of people from other sections of the country move in, it naturally causes a great strain on our eating places. Many (members) have had to go into factories." "....a great deterrent to the organizing of new clubs in such areas."

Third Vice Pre. Holland F. Flahavhan, Chicago, in visits to Lodges, etc., "I stressed the point that we were not just another organization to compete with the Lodges, but were ever present to assist them in all their worthy endeavors. I found this policy struck a very receptive chord in the harmony of Masonry generally; and has gained us many friends among our brethren who had formerly been a little suspicious of us."

Pres. C. D. Royal commenting in the October, 1944 High Twelvian, "So much time is taken up with reports and routine business that we do not have time for the representatives of our local clubs to express their ideas and discuss club problems. After all it is THEIR convention. I think the best session of the Convention was Saturday afternoon when the meeting was thrown open for general discussion." (AMEN - DLP).

"Because our membership is not large, and our clubs are widely scattered, it has been difficult to get a feeling of unity or to establish a relationship between the local club and High Twelve International. Whenever a club has been sufficiently interested to send delegates to the annual convention a contact has been established which works to the benefit of the local club and of International. Again, whenever we can secure sufficient clubs to form a State Association we have found a decided improvement in the interests and activities of the local clubs. Iowa, Missouri and Illinois should have State Associations." C. D. Royal.

Oklahoma City applied for a charter with over 40 on application, limit of 200. 7/27/44, Freeport, Ill. HTC 6 months old, and reached its quota of 75 members. By March of 1945 they want 100 after a concerted drive for "quality" membership. One objective is a "hospital cot service" for needy persons invalided at home. Summer of 1944, East Oakland HTC, baby club of the Oakland HTC is fast closing charter roll.

There not having been enough time at the Convention at Des Moines, according to the December 1944 High Twelvian, action was taken to hold a Mid-Year meeting of the International Governing Board, tentatively set for Springfield, Ill. Sat. Jan. 13, '45. The day before at same place the new Illinois State Association would hold its meeting. (Illinois and Eastern Missouri). George A. LeRuez, East St Louis 1st Pres.

New clubs listed in Dec., 1944 High Twelvian: Charter 11/44 East Oakland, Ca. Pres Owen C. Carr, Sec. R. H. Schneider, 125 charter members; Wichita, Kan. Pres. T. S. Answel, Sec. R. W. Overley; Burlington, Iowa 102 members; Pres. Chas. C. Clark, Sec. L. B. Dennistons; Keokuk, Iowa. Pr. Clyde I. Inman, Sec. Ed S. Lofton; Davenport, Iowa, 125 members, Pres. Dr. Fenn C. Horton, Sr., Sec. Louis Martin; Fort Dodge, Iowa. Pres. Carl D. Deppe, Sec. Don Stauffer; Quincy, Ill. Pres. Fred J. Bexton, Sec. Merle S. Hertzler; Roseville, Mich.

President F.W.Starratt sustained a knee injury; was ill and unable to attend the convention. His written report stressed fellowship, supported by preservation of our form of democracy; active interest in public schools; and active interest in youth. Recommended the Convention re-affirm those objectives, with the Vice Presidents responsible for carrying on the objectives.

"Most of you know that an International Chaplain was appointed this year for the first time to my knowledge. A request was sent to each local club to appoint a chaplain. At the request of International Chaplain Potts, I believe most clubs observed the Sunday nearest to Washington's Birthday." He recommended the continuance of the War Efforts Committee until no longer needed; then the establishment of a Peace Efforts Committee.

The San Jose (Calif.) HEC members "go in strong for fellowship and fun...example, 'plate spinning' when Pres. talks. A term as President of San Jose Hec is a lesson in self-control, tact, diplomacy and the handling of a 20 horse team. Speakers, however get respectful attention." There is a question as to whether Sunnyvale, Calif. was organized about here.

8/14/44 - ALLIES INVADED SOUTHERN FRANCE.

8/22 - 8/27/44 - JAPANESE NAVAL POWER DESTROYED AT LEYTE GULF.

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12/21-12/25 1944 PATTON'S THIRD ARMY RESCUE BESIEGED AMERICANS AT BASTOGNE - "NUTS!"

1/9/45 charter sent Waterloo, Iowa HTC. 62 members. W.A. Hendry President.
1/13/45 - Mid-Winter meeting of Governing Board HTI, Springfield, Ill. Pres. Royal, Blair, Allerton, FlaHavhan, Wolcott, Anderson, Engstrom and Scheenfeld present. Also Geo. Le Ruez of East St. Louis and Oliver Kohlmeier, St. Louis.

Allerton supported by FlaHavhan moved that "in any case of newly chartered clubs no dues should be charged until second dues date of charter." Carried.
FlaHavhan, supported by Blair moved we "express deepest appreciation for kind invitation to hold 1945 Convention in St Louis; but, because of war time restrictions, it would not be advisable;...but that immediately after the war this invitation will be accepted." Carried.

Engstrom, supported by FlaHavhan, "Because of the splendid job done thus far on expansion by E.C. Wolcott, the program be continued and that a committee be appointed to carry on the collecting of funds for this purpose under the direction of the Governing Board." Carried. Allerton, supported by Blair that "the Governing Board designate the President to determine the place where the 1945 Conference is to be held." Carried.

Allerton, supported by Blair, "That George LeRuez present to the next annual Conference his proposition of individual International Membership." Carried. Allerton, supported by FlaHavhan, that "the matter of infringement on the High Twelve name which is being used by a group of negroes in Cedar Rapids, Iowa be handled by the President." Carried.

Allerton, supported by FlaHavhan that "Editor W.A. Anderson be authorized to accept advertising of his discretion for the magazine." Carried. FlaHavhan, supported by Engstrom, that the Committee for 'shut'ins' at Jackson, Mich. be continued until next conference, and that we thank Dr. Moyer for the fine presentation." Carried.

Engstrom, supported by FlaHavhan, that "the hospital bed program is approved as

a proper service activity for local clubs; and that R.S.Haight of Freeport may present such program for their approval; and that he present the matter at the next annual conference for its consideration." Carried.

Aberdeen, Washington no longer listed after December, 1944.
The Albert Pike HTC first met in January, 1945, with a "story swapping contest."
(NOTE: No further reference to this club.) DLP

Davenport, Iowa, sent charter January 23, 1945. 107 members. Pres.Fenn C.Horton,Sr.
Ft.Madison,Iowa HTC charter sent 1/24/45. 54 members. Ferrest W.Johnson, President.
Muskegee,Okla. charter issued 2/9/45. 134 members. Z.Willard Gunkel, President.
Winter of '44-'45 Peoria Downtown charter party. Pres.James L.Randles, Sec.L.Nelson.

300 attended the charter night of Clayton,Mo.HTC 2/28/45. 214 members. Fort
Smith, Ark. charter issued 2/26/45. 163 members. Allen Henderson,Pres. Plymouth,Mi.
HTC charter issued 3/14/45. 42 members. C.W.Schuler. Terre Haute,Ind. issued
charter 3/16/45. 107 on charter. Earl O.Prater Pres. 150 members and guests.P.Int-
ernational President Anderson in presenting charter noted this was the first club in
Indiana. About February, 1945 Southwest Detroit was dropped.

E.C.Wolcott, in April, 1945 High Twelvian, indicated 680 extra copies of the
magazine needed, as he said he felt confident "we will have 100 clubs, total new and
old chartered before the extension fund is all spent. The total new members will
be near 6,000. He anticipated soon...Otumwa, Iowa with 80 members; St.Joseph,Mo.
with 100; Indianapolis 100; Springfield,Mo. 100; Philadelphia,Pa.75; Alhambra, Ca.
50; Toronto, Can.75; Muscatine,Iowa 50; and Rock Island,Ill.50...and had some 12
other clubs on the way.

"If I could have another year of fund support, I believe I could reach
of 200 clubs." "It has cost me long days, difficult travel, but it has been a
great happiness. The NEW HIGH TWELVE is almost twice as large as the old High Twelve.

"35 years for 35 clubs. 1 year for 60 clubs; and we are only started. I have
produced (with new club fees) as much new money as the Extension Fund gave." ECV

Pasadena HTC charter party July 1, 1944, with 63 names. "Have lost 4 of these
but gained others. Current total in Feb. 84. Pres.Meeks resigned in January, as
moved to Bakersfield. Replaced as President by 1st V.P.Franklin J.Ives." It is im-
portant to devote a little space to this club, because this at long last was the
big breakthrough in Southern California. DLP

State President Larry Moore ('44) "came to Pasadena and had lunch with a group of
Pasadena Masons at Hertel-Barnett Dept.Store, Bro.Barnett being present. As WWII
was in progress, it was deemed best to wait awhile. It also was felt there were too
many luncheon clubs in Pasadena.

The first real attempt at organizing a High Twelve Club occured 5/24/44 in the
dining room of the YMCA. Present were E.C.Wolcott, Ralph Sparling, Franklin J.Ives,
Geo.R.Liddle, King Robey and C.Tom Ray (the last a former member in cedar Rapids,Iowa.
He wrote Wolcott in St.Louis the names of some prominent Pasadena Masons. Wallie
contacted all by mail, issuing call for meeting on date above. All present were en-
thusiastic. 2nd meeting 5/29, 3rd 6/12, with 15 signatures for charter. 4th at
Pasadena Athletic Club 6/26. 23 total signatures now. Officers for remainder of '44
Pres.Dr.J.A.Bowman; Sec.C.T.Ray. Meetings held weekly. Charter night 9/15/44 (NOTE:
discrepancy in charter dates. PIP Fred Starrett, Berkeley presented charter. In-
stalled by PSP Larry Moore,SF.". (This article written for High Twelvian years lat-
er than one 2 paragraphs above. Take your choice. The important thing is HOW IT WAS
ACCOMPLISHED. Attempts made several times over the years. Patience & perseverance!)

TAMBAY (Tampa,Fla) charter issued 9/17/64. 18 members Pres Robert H. Groh.

The Illinois Association of High Twelve Clubs was organized January 12, 1945 with George LeRouz of East St. Louis as President. Meeting in Springfield.

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2/19/45 - TWO JIMA ASSAULTED (FELL TO USA 3/16/45)
4/1/45 - OKINAWA INVADED BY USA. YAMATO, WORLD'S LARGEST BATTLESHIP SUNK.

Ottumwa, Iowa charter issued 4/25/45. 54 members. Francis B. Haw, Pres.
4/30/45 St. Joseph, Mo. issued Charter. 115 members. Sam Wilcox Pres. 5/15/45 Philadelphia, Pa. issued charter. 44 Charter members. J. Wallace Forbes, Pres.
Springfield, Mo. issued charter 5/22/45. 105 members. Pres. Eugene Bonham.

Michigan State Association Pres. for 1945-46 Fred A. Hunt. Oak Park, Ill. issued charter 6/1/45. 44 members. Pres. Fred A. Clark.

The Iowa State Association organized in spring? of 1945. Pres. Harry F. Schoen of Des Moines, Iowa 1945-46 term.

William Schoenfeld wrote Pres. C.D. Royal March 24, 1945 that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself as Secretary-Treasurer. He had been International Secretary and Treasurer since 1942. He had worked hard and faithfully all of these years without recompense. He suggested that there be recompense for the job.

There was extensive exchange of correspondence between the Executive officers on a replacement. While he did stay on the job until the summer of 1947, it is not clear whether he received any financial help, other than the usual expense items. (I cannot help but feel that neither he nor any of the various others who have worked hard and faithfully in the office of Secretary and/or Treasurer ever received adequate recognition for their services rendered; and I don't mean remuneration necessarily. The president gets the honor and the spotlight. He can be made or broken by these officers, even more so than his three vice presidents.) DLP

There was discussion in the spring of 1945 about having Bro. Wolcott take on the job of Secretary and paying him, all this while he was to continue his expansion drive. ~~Someone realized that while the drive was succeeding so greatly, it was no time to change horses in the middle of the stream.~~ (Bro. Schoenfeld had an apparently thriving business and wouldn't be interested in doing more than he was, taking care of the books, records and correspondence on the side.) The time for Wallie to get in the saddle hadn't arrived as yet. In the meantime, Wolcott was High Twelve's promoter. In the meantime the workload on Bro. Schoenfeld as a part time man was horrendous, due largely to the great expansion drive and resulting paperwork. DLP

There was an exchange of letters pertaining the conduct of a group of negroes who called their organization "High Twelve." at Cedar Rapids. C.A. Beems, PIP 3/27/45 wrote Pres. Royal, "...I note the suggestion that the International Convention be dispensed with and that some skeleton form of an organization be called together in Eastern Iowa." "...Am particularly glad to note that a decision has been made that Wally is to continue his activities. The news regarding the Indiana invasion is very encouraging, and it would be a mistake to even slow down one iota on our activities."

4/12/45 - PRESIDENT F.D. ROOSEVELT DIED. HARRY F. TRUMAN PRESIDENT.
4/30/45 - HITLER COMMITTED SUICIDE. 5/4/45 - V.E. DAY - GERMAN ARMIES BEGAN SURRENDERING.
5/6/45 - GERMANY SURRENDERED UNCONDITIONALLY.

April, 1945 High Twelvian lists Emporia, Kan. Pres. Owen S. Samuel; Sec. O.E. Moon.

Following clubs listed for the first time in October, 1944 High Twelvian: Okalahoma City, Ok. Pres.F.A.Rittenhouse, Sec.R.Douglas Foote. Alton,Ill. Pres. Wm.A.Gray, Sec.W.I.Godwin; Belleville,Ill. Pres.Edwin H.Tegtmeier, Sec. Stephen A. Butler; Little Rock,Ark. Pres.R.D.Adams, Sec.J.G.Henderson; Peoria,Ill. Pres.Kenneth Stott, Sec.Earl H.Swendson; Springfield,Ill. Charter Night 7/9/44, (Abe Lincoln) Pres.Judge Harlington Wood, Sec.Chas E.Fetzger; Wayne, Mich. Pres.Arthur DeJardy, Sec.Wm.G.Coombek; (As of late summer of 1944 there were 48 clubs, a great step up) Notice how Illinois came up fast. Jacksonville,Ill. shown 12/44 Dr.M.A.Summers Pres.

As of December issue High Twelvian, 1944 St Louis Northside , Pres.Ben Kolenschlag, Sec. T.H.Mohr. Downtown Peoria,Ill. Pres.Dr.James L.Randles, Sec. Leonard R.Nelson. Waterloo, Iowa. Pres.W.A.Hendry, Sec.L.L.Wilharm; Plymouth, Mich. Pres.C.W.Schuler, Sec. E.B.Gardiner - 62 charter members; over 150 members and guests at at Chartering. Philadelphia,Pa. is listed. The Hightwelvian for January, 1945 listed 58 clubs.

Harry Buckalew,PIP, writing in the December, 1944 High Telvian,"Our encouraging growth is due to the fact that we have finally arrived at a workable plan for expansion, interpreted by one of the great fraternal spirits of our time...Wallie."

Oklahoma, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri all qualified for State Associations now.

E.C.Wolcott wrote for the April, 1945 High Twelvian, "The new High Twelve is almost twice as large as the old....25 years for 35 clubs....one year for 60 clubs, and we have only started.

Wolcott , June 1945 to Int.Board, "I recommend we during the year 1945-46 disregard state and geographical lines and call leaders to our help, through creating a Board of Advisory Directors to serve until our International Convention, 1946." He listed 33 prominent brothers, many active in the past.

"With the organization of twelve state organizations, some completed, others to follow, we must give definite assignment to our Vice Presidents." "...California will need special assignment for its care...."One of the larger civic luncheon clubs has proven a club in a city of 1,500 population can be a successful club in a place where they have a club of 25 members. Where there is a Blue Lodge of 150 to 250 members, besides a sizeable group of non-resident member Masons...This (rural area) is a vast untouched and needed field for us to enter." ECW

"....I have advanced all of the expense funds each month, subject to repayment." "...I have been repaid each month, but have felt the load a little heavy against the decreased income." (By being away from his own business).

June 7 and June 8, 1945, Meeting of the Governing Board (NO CONVENTION THIS YEAR) at the Elackhawk Hotel, Davenport, Iowa. (NOTE: being no Convention, they had to figure a legal manner to hold a semblance of an election). President Royal's resignation was accepted, to allow for movement upward of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents and appointment of new 3rd V.P. by the Governing Board). Royal was elected to life membership in International.

Acknowledgment made of organization of Iowa Association. The Jackson,Mich. Shut-in and Hospital Bed program could not be approved as an International Project, but it was deemed all right for any club or State Association to adopt the program.

Hugh C.Allerton of Highland Park, Mich. was elected president; 1st VP Holland F. FlaHavhan, Chicago; 2nd VP Leonard H.Engstrom, Freeport,Ill; 3rd V.P. Judge F.A. Rittenhouse; Sec-Tr.W.J.Schoenfeld, Kansas City,Kan; Editor High Twelvian Walter A. Anderson PIP Detroit; Chairman Extension & Pres.Emeritus C.E.Wolcott, St Louis; Canadian Director E.H.Blair, Windsor, Ontario; Chairman Western Zone Dr.C.A.Meek,Bark-eley, Calif. BELLEVILLE (Ill) charter issued 7/44. 32 members.Pr.Edw H.Tegtmeier. ALTON (Ill.) Charter issued 9/8/44; Pres W.A.Gray; 33 members.

Per capita dues increase from \$1.00 to 2.00 approved. The Convention complimented Jackson HTC for its Shub-Ins program, and Freeport, Ill. for its Hospital Beds Program. It was reported that 73 groups were at work completing the building of their clubs, some setting charter nights, etc.

"The Extension Fund gifts of individuals and clubs made this result possible. It kept Bro. Wallie on the run, and let him, in the name of High Twelve to hold the first meeting, to explain our great task and service to Masonry. The many groups in cities asking for help has made another extension group imperative. It will mean not less than 175 clubs and 10 to 15 thousand members." Conv. Report.

It was voted by the International Board on request of a chartered constituent club, the Board may grant and issue a temporary charter to any group of Master Masons in good standing in any camp, post, hospital, ship or other point of concentration of members of the armed forces, to be known as honorary clubs (MILITARY CLUBS) ... under supervision of the host club. No International charter fee and no International dues.

Walter (Andy) Anderson, PIP, named chairman of the new drive for International Extension Fund drive, not to be club assessment, but gifts by individuals. Bro. Wallie called for letters of introduction to brothers in 21 cities in Ohio and east and south of Ohio.

"Our members voted in favor of an increase of the per capita tax to \$2.00 This will be voted upon at the 1946 convention. We must have funds to meet the challenge of our splendid growth." "Wallie is truly an ambassador of good will." A committee was appointed to prepare a revision of the Constitution & By-Laws.

Wolcott moved and Anderson seconded that the Secretary receive a salary of \$100.00 for stenographic services. Carried. FlaHavhan moved that Wolcott receive an additional \$100.00 per month to cover office rent, telephone, etc. Carried. Voted that charter fees be again set aside for one year, and a fee of only \$1.00 per charter member be required in organization of new clubs.

Voted that United States and Canada be divided into four zones. Everything east of Mississippi; everything west of Mississippi River except California, Oregon and Washington; California, Oregon and Washington; Canada and British Isles.

Pres. Allerton appointed C.D. Royal PIP to head a committee to study the State Constitutions to determine whether they conformed to the constitution of H.T.I. The Committee examined constitutions of State Associations of Iowa, Illinois and Missouri; not able to obtain copies of California or Michigan constitutions. The report indicated the state constitutions substantially conformed; but listed minor differences; were vague in parts.

(NOTE: E.C. Wolcott's report of the Extension Committee for period of 14½ months from March 15, 1944 to June 1, 1945 is a fantastic effort in an expansion drive, probably unequalled in the history of service organization type clubs. It is in the C.D. Royal file, 1944-45. I cannot do justice to it in summarizing; and it is too long to copy en toto. Here are a few highlights. DLP):

"Six new clubs in Canada are to become great clubs, and mean they will lead us to England and the cities of Europe," said Wallie. Extension Fund operative May 15, 1944. Illinois: new clubs organized and chartered: Springfield, Jacksonville, Quincy, Alton, Belleville, Peoria #1, Peoria Downtown, Oak Park; working toward a club - Granite City, Rockford and Rock Island; Club in Champaign invited to join. Total Illinois clubs = 12.

"Since the Extension Fund became operative May 15, 1944, the following clubs organized and chartered: Illinois: Springfield, Jacksonville, Quincy, Alton, Belleville, Peoria #1, Peoria Downtown, Oak Park - and working toward a club; Granite City, Rockford, Rock Island. Club in Champaign invited to join. Total clubs in Illinois 12.

California: East Oakland and Pasadena. Working to charter Alhambra, Newport and Pomona. Delayed by war conditions - Los Angeles and Alameda. Clubs chartered 8, in process 5 - total 13. Arkansas: 2 clubs chartered; 3 being chartered, 5 total. Oklahoma: 4 clubs chartered, 2 being chartered - total 6; Iowa: 7 new clubs chartered, 1 to be chartered; former clubs 3 = total 11. Michigan: 2 new, 12 to be - total 14; Missouri: 5 new, 3 to be, regular clubs 4, total 12; Kansas: 2 new, 3 former, total 5; Indiana: 1 new, 2 to be and working toward 2 - total 5.

Ohio: Toledo great source of help in getting Springfield and Dayton, but these are being held up account food problems. Pennsylvania: 1 new, 1 to be - total 2. New Jersey: Have a list for Newark; and Dr. Forbes of Philadelphia is developing a list for Camden, N.J. Canada: 1 Regular club, 6 to be chartered - total 7. NOTE: The foregoing by E.C. Wolcott not entirely consistent. In some states he included clubs already chartered years before, and in others he just showed those newly chartered or in the works. DLP

"Clubs listed 1/1/44 = 38. Charted 1/1/44 to 6/1/45 = 36; getting ready = 12. Working on organizing 7; organized but delayed by war conditions = 5. Ready for 1st meeting 5; grand total 103. That gives a fair picture of gigantic strides.

"Lists being secured and correspondence being carried on: St Paul, Minneapolis, Cheyenne, Evansville, Vincennes, Waterbury, New Orleans, Cleveland, Akron, Cincinnati, Louisville, Martins Ferry, Atlanta, Anderson, Grand Rapids = total 14. Clubs using name of High Twelve in Champaign, Ill. and ABC Club, Omaha are being contacted.

"In no city where we have entered have we failed to build a club"... "some groups moving slowly, but working toward charter." E.C. Wolcott.

The Convention, Davenport, June 1945... Governing Board approved these objectives when a club is undertaking an activity: "It should not undertake endorsement of any project, no matter how meritorious, unless the club is prepared and willing to assume all or a fair share of the responsibility for the accomplishment, of that which it endorses. "It should seek neither publicity nor credit for itself, but only the opportunity to serve. "It should avoid duplication of effort and, in general, should not engage in any activity that is already being handled by another agency." "It, in its activities, should preferably cooperate with existing agencies, but where necessary may create new agencies where there is such a need."

It is better to improve existing agencies rather than duplicate agencies. "In such objective activities, it will be better that it act as a propagandist. Let it discover the need and awaken the community to the need and then let the community shoulder the responsibility where it belongs; and having a needed activity under way, the club should withdraw when the project can carry itself, and look for a new field of service."

A short review of finances 6/16/44 to 6/5/45 is in order; herewith: DLP
Bal. 6/16/44 gen'l fund \$1,927.55, expan. fund \$2,868.16, bal. "Foundation" \$17.33
(NOTE: 1st mention of foundation or fund) Cash on hand 6/16/44 = \$4,813.04. Dues and reinstated and new members = \$3,228.00, other receipts \$3,626.93 = \$6,854.93; Total \$11,667.97. Disbursements - Expansion expense = \$5,385.94, Mag. \$1,557.86 other \$961.53, Printing & suppl. \$1,040.90 = total \$8,946.23. Cash on hand 6/6/45 Gen'l Fund \$2,253.91, Expan. fund \$371.37, "Foundation" 96.46; = \$2,721.74 = \$11,667.97.

75 Total clubs 1945 = 68, 1944 = 38, net gain 30. Total members 1945 5,529,
1944 2,461 = total gain 3068.

Committee Chairmen for 1945-46: HISTORIAN: Clark A. Beems, PIP, Iowa; CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: Judge Harlington Wood, Ill.; NECROLOGY: Rev. Frank Harris, Mo; STANDARDIZATION: Jack Stahler, Mich; EXPANSION: E.C. Wolcott, Mo; EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION: (Note: forerunner of Wolcott Foundation) F.A. Rittenhouse, Okla; GOOD GOVERNMENT: Judge J.I. Phelps, Okla; EDUCATION: E.A. Thomas, Kansas; YOUTH MOVEMENT: Wm. K. Krape, Colo; EXPANSION FUND: Walter A. Anderson; HIGH TWELVE INFORMATION: Delmor C. Gowing, Mich. PROTECTION OF NAME & INSIGNIA: Adrian Bushman, Mo. OBJECTIVES: S.F. Gorbett, Mich. (NOTE: With the near doubling of size of High Twelve, it had become necessary to break up the duties, responsibilities and functions into more than the few basic committees of former years. DLP)

The IOWA State Association held meetings 6/22/45 and 9/26/45. Pres. Harry F. Schoen presiding. Articles of Incorporation were adopted, and International was to be contacted regarding copyright registering of name HIGH TWELVE.

9/2/45 - (Tokio Time) JAPAN(V-J DAY) SURRENDERED. SIGNED SURRENDER TERMS ON U.S.S. MISSOURI.

Clubs that came in during summer or fall of 1945: FORT SMITH, Ark: Pres. Delmar D. Edwards, Sec. Grady Coleman. ALHAMBRA, Calif: 10/25/45, Pres. James I. Condie, Sec. Chas L. O'Dell; CLAYTON, Missouri - some time in 1945 along here; EAST OAKLAND, Calif. Pres. Owen C. Carr, Sec. Sidney Sea; OAK PARK, Ill. Pres. Fred A. Clarke, Sec. Dr. W.A. McHugh; Indianapolis, Ind. charter issued 6/28/45 with 105 members. Organized, May, 1945. By fall had 125 members. Pres. Dr. Blair F. Deer, Sec. F.B. Jones. VINCENNES, Ind. Dr. W.B. Anderson, Sec. J.W. Shoemaker; COLUMBIA, Mo. Pres. Emmett D. Wayland, Sec. Clay T. Davis. MAPLEWOOD, Mo. Charter issued 9/17/45, 101 members. Pres. Frank L. Martini, Sec. Edw. G. Daniels. *ROCK ISLAND, Ill. Charter issued October, 1945. VAN BUREN, Ark. Charter issued 11/1/45. 35 members. Pres. Dr. H.C. Farmer, Sec. St. Condren.

Fall of 1945 - SAINT CHARLES, Mo. Pres. C.H. Johnson, Sec. Walter Withoelder; SCOTT FIELD (Belleville, Ill.) Pres. Sgt. Warren E. Peters, Sec. Sgt. Fred P. Miller. * (Rock Island Pres. J. Harold Grove, Sec. Clifford Ostrom. ROCKFORD, Ill. Organized 5/18/45 with 30 Masons in attendance. Charter issued 8/20/45 with 102 members. Late Fall, 1945 135 members. Walter H. Mackey, Pres. Albert Pike (Little Rock, Ark) 55 members; Pres. R.D. Adams.

MUSKOGEE, Okla. membership down to 225. SALEM, Ill. Chartered 11/13/45 with 146 members, including 3 50 year Masons. Wolcott presented charter; 1st Int. VP Holland F. FlaHavan gave the address. 180 members and guests present. Pres. Herman F. Austin, Sec. Charles H. Roberts. SAINTS JOHN (St Louis) 1-16/45 charter issued; Referred to later as OVERLAND; 65 members. Pres. W.F. Hecht, Sec. Al J. LeBeque.

Pres. Calif. Association L.C. Moore, Berkeley = 9 clubs; Pres. Dr. Campbell A. Ward, Pr. Mt. Clemens Michigan Association = 12 clubs; Geo. A. LeRuez, Pres. Illinois Assn. 13 clubs (E. St. Louis); Harry F. Schoen, Des Moines, Iowa Assn. 10 clubs; Missouri now had 11 clubs and qualified for a St. Assn.

(NOTE: Because my sources of information on starting, charter issuing dates, charter party dates, name of President and Secretary, chartering and installing officers, etc. were varied and sketchy, it is likely the reader will find the same club mentioned several different places and times. Sometimes there was a record of when the club was dropped, and sometimes not. Re. the latter, dropping, I had to resort to the listings of clubs shown in the High Twelvians for some 50 years. If a club was in the June issue but not in the October issue, I assumed it had been dropped, but didn't mention the dropping, just failed to list it any more. Some may wonder why I show charter party date, who presented charter, who spoke, who the installing officer was, and in other cases just showed a club name and date (or maybe "fall" or "spring"). That was all the information available. The numbers now used are not consistent with those originally issued; so I have refrained from using numbers.) DLP

October, 1945 HighTwelvian: Pres. Hugh C. Allerton, "We all thank the Supreme Architect for the end of the worst war in history."

"Our members favored an increase of the per capita tax to \$2.00. This will be voted upon at the 1946 Convention. We must have funds to meet the challenge of our splendid growth." A committee was appointed at the Convention last June to prepare a revision of the Constitution and By-Laws. "Wallie is truly an ambassador of good will."

ST CHARLES, Mo. Winter of '45-46. High Twelvian listed C.H. Johnson as President and Walter Wilhoelter, Sec. In the Fall of 1945 Vinton S. Malcolm of Oakland became President of the California Association. EVANSTON, Ill. is shown with Milton V. Engstrom as President, Eugene C. Black, Sec.

Here is a list of all clubs as of January 1, 1946 after about a year and nine months of intense extension activity on the part of Wallie: ARKANSAS: Fort Smith, Little Rock and Van Buren; CALIFORNIA: Alhambra, Berkeley, Fresno, Oakland (Downtown), East Oakland, Pasadena, San Francisco, San Jose, Stockton; COLORADO: Denver; ILLINOIS: Alton, Belleville, Scott Field (Belleville), Fort Dearborn, East St Louis, Evanston, Freeport, Jacksonville, Oak Park, Peoria, Downtown Peoria; Quincy, Rockford, Rock Island, Springfield (Abe Lincoln); INDIANA: Indianapolis, Terre Haute & Vincennes; IOWA: Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Fort Madison, Keokuk, Ottumwa, Sioux City Founders #1, Waterloo; KANSAS: Emporia, Kansas City, Leavenworth, Topeka, Wichita; MICHIGAN: Birmingham, Detroit Downtown, Detroit Northwest, Detroit Southeast, Highland Park, Jackson, Lansing, Mt. Clemens, Plymouth, Redford, Roseville, Royal Oak; MISSOURI: Clayton, Columbia, Hannibal, Kansas City, Maplewood, St Charles, Saints John (St Louis), St Joseph, St Louis Downtown, St Louis Grotto, St Louis MacArthur, St Louis Norside, Springfield; OHIO: Toledo; OKLAHOMA: Muskogee, Oklahoma City, Okmulgee, Tulsa; WASHINGTON: Seattle.

Totals by states: Arkansas = 3; Calif. = 9; Colo. = 1; Illinois = 15; Indiana = 3; Iowa = 10; Kansas = 5; Michigan = 12; Missouri = 13; Ohio = 1; Oklahoma = 4; Wash.: total 77.

At the Mid-Year International Governing Board Meeting 1/12/46, Kansas City the per capita dues increase was approved from \$1.00 to \$2.00 as per recommendation 6/8/45. and that the Constitution of High Twelve Int. be so amended. And that a letter of explanation of need be issued during the Spring of 1946 to all clubs. "...we must, if we are to attain our proper place, have the funds and at least a full time Executive Director to keep before the clubs new developments and inspire them to new enlarged service to their members, their community and Masonry itself. Such a program would call for a central office and a modest staff." January, 1946 High Twelvian, "The week of May 13, May 18 "every High Twelve Club should observe this Silver Anniversary Week."

Bartlesville, Oklahoma charter issued Feb. 28, 1946, with 54 members. Pres. H.G. Durnell. WOOD RIVER, Ill. charter issued 3/1/46. 63 members. Herman M. Wuestenfeld, Pr. Re. the Bartlesville HTC. They had 6 meetings. Membership limit set a 75 to 90 on account could accomodate only 50 diners. Avg. attendance 40. Hoped to have charter presented by Tulsa HTC in April.

International headquarters established April, May 1946 in Wolcott's office, 418 Olive St., St Louis. Pres. Hugh G. Allerton, May, 1946 High Twelvian, quoting words of Cecil Rhodes as he passed away, "So much to do...so little done." "...It has seemed to me that we must have an International Office, with a full time executive and a modest staff." "...We should inspire each club to some worthy endeavor...a project...an objective. We find that many great clubs found themselves with an appealing cause.

The largest club we ever had grew to 400 members in its 1st year that way." "The increase in the per capita dues to \$2.00 annually is to make possible for your International officers to go to your clubs on appropriate occasions." "...the clubs have a right to expect that we shall so shape our Constitution & By-Laws that we can give better administration..." "....It seems to me the time has come for serious study of this problem,....and now in hands of a capable committee." Listed in this High Twelvian was a group of programs, movies, slide programs suggested for club use.

1946-47 State Presidents for MICHIGAN: George A. Shaffer of Birmingham; ILLINOIS: O.E. Zelle, Springfield (met 5/25 at Springfield); IOWA: Ralph B. Slippy of Waterloo; MISSOURI: Walter H. Witthaus, Southside, St. Louis.

FERGUSON, Missouri charter issued 6/27/46. 55 members. Pres. John E. Adams. KANKAKEE, Ill. Charter issued 6/25/46. 65 Members. Pres. Dr. A. R. Pilcher. Jefferson City, Mo. charter issued about here. with 116 members. DAYTON, Ohio charter issued 5/24/46. 86 members. Pres. Robert N. Schmitt.

In the Spring of 1946 Bro. C. D. Royal PIP and Harry Schoen of Des Moines HTC took charge of the organizing meeting of the OMAHA, Neb. HTC. Temporary Pres. Frank P. Roark. "Bro. Cooke, Schoen and Ray joined Wallie on the trip to Boone and Marshalltown, Iowa. The organized meetings and attended second meetings of the clubs."

"Bro. Homer Hale of the Iowa State Association, Waterloo, accompanied by Bro. Ralph Slippy, FGM and Ed Shimer attended the second meeting at Clinton, Iowa HTC. Its President Forest E. Hewitt. 5/46 Int. Pres. Hugh Allerton of Detroit and Fred Hunt, Toledo, joined Wallie in the 2nd meeting of the Dayton & Springfield, Ohio Club. Charter night railroad strike prevented the New International President Holland FlaHavham from being guest speaker. Bro. Hunt presented charter."

"Bro. Walter Anderson, PIP was Speaker at Springfield, Ohio charter. Missouri State Pres. gave addresss at charter night banquets MEXICO, Mo., MOBERLY, Mo. and FERGUSON, Mo. Clay Davis and his Columbia, Mo. club were at all 3. They had helped build 3 clubs."

"Plymouth (Mich.) now has 80 members; and entertained about 300 officers, members and delegates at the Michigan State Association annual meeting. Now 1,087 in Michigan Association. Bro. Hunt is looking forward to the time when Ohio can have a charter of its own." Spring of '46? Cheynne, Wyo. chartered. Had been a HTC here earlier.

THE HUMBLE BEGINNINGS OF THE GREAT WOLCOTT FOUNDATION. July, 1946 letter from Wallie: (in part) - "Your silver bowl full of silver quarters and the charming presentation of them by the Sioux City Club at the celebration of our 25th Anniversary Party at Sioux City May 17th by the Founder's Club No. 1 is deeply appreciated." "....I planted \$300.00 of it in the Founders Fund at our Convention in St Louis, and through the gifts of the penny cup being passed by many of our clubs at their luncheon meetings, the fund is now over \$500.00 and growing. Our gift will invite gifts and grow through the years to aid worthy youth on their way to serve."

"In your behalf I presented a very fine trophy to the club having the highest average gift per member from the penny cup for the year."

MEXICO, Mo. charter issued 6/24/46 with 54 members. Howard F. Kizer President. DECATUR, Ill chartered 7/1/46, with 110 members. Pres. Albert W. Wylie. BOONE, Iowa charter issued 7/25/46 with 30 members. Pres. G. F. Jolliff. CAMDEN, N. J. charter issued in July, 1946 with 59 members. Pres. Arthur E. Armitage, Jr. Charter party 7/15/46.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY International Convention, St. Louis, Mo. 5/30 - 6/1, 1946
Hotel De Soto. E.C. Wolcott reported: "The work since the Davenport Convention has required much more time, travel and correspondence, due to the War ending, strikes, confusion by the O.P.A. and scarcity of material.

"I have had to repeat trips to certain clubs to secure action moving into 2nd and 3rd meetings, and in several instances, I have had to make 3 additional mailings to build up charter completion. It is taking at least 50% more time to accomplish permanent results than it did our first year. There is a marked weariness and mental confusion in the minds of leaders; and a great increased demand for their time by organizations, Civic, Social, Religious and Fraternal - all seeking to rebuild, to take advantage of the war tasks end and to capture new leadership & membership."

"....To conserve our funds and to keep from long, expensive trips, I have worked in and surrounding St. Louis." Wallie said there were 14 new clubs about to charter, and 15 delayed but would charter eventually. There were 62 ready for the first visit; 6 delayed in Canada, and 7 working on in South America and Australia, together with 16 newly chartered clubs brings actual and prospective clubs to 120; and 1 in Frankfort, Germany working through Ottumwa (Iowa) ETC."

Wallie named the following as good expansion helpers: Geo. LeRuez, East St. Louis; Newell George and Pete Allen, Kansas City; Cary T. Ray and Franklin Ives, Pasadena; Fred Hunt, Toledo; Adrian Bushman, Clayton, Mo; Wm Hecht, St. Johns; Walter Witthouse, St. Louis; Len Engstrom, Holland Fla; Havhan and Hugh Allerton, International Officers; Ronald Cook, Harry Schoen and C.D. Royal, Des Moines; Dr. H.J. Dunn, Evanston, Ill; Dr. J.W. Forbes, Philadelphia; Clay Davis, Columbia, Mo. "Both Hannibal and St. Johns Clubs have travelled to organize clubs; as have many brothers who have loaded automobiles and helped in charter night programs."

The dues were officially raised \$1.00 to \$2.00 per year at 118 to 18. It was voted to again suspend the By-Laws covering the charter entrance fee of \$5.00 per member (for expansion purposes.)

Report of L.H. Engstrom, 2nd V.P. He recommended that in addition to the Executive Director and the International Secretary, the U.S. be divided geographically into districts of six states each, a Vice President to be elected to the International Family from each such area; 8 Vice Presidents of equal status, eliminating 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents as presently set up. Such Vice Presidents would be as a governor and supervisor, eliminating succession to Presidency except by popular election at Convention or in event of vacancy approved by Board at special meeting. In absence of President, Executive Director would officiate, or Secretary. Each State Association to develop on a similar basis. He created a brief outline of composition of the proposed duties of officers of International, Region (District), State Association and Clubs.

President Hugh Allerton pleaded for an increase in dues from \$1.00 to \$2.00 so an Executive Director could be employed, equipment of an adequate office and modest staff. He strongly urged employment of Wolcott as Executive Director; that clubs could be given advice, programs be called to their attention, lodge attendance, sponsorship of DeMolay and increase issues of High Twelvian magazine.

Regarding extension he said, "....Too much is being done by too few people. We should train members in various parts of the country and prepare a new primer....on how the work should be accomplished." He suggested charging \$5.00 for each new member, (\$2.00 to International and \$3.00 to the club). "....I suggest that my successors in office annually appoint a Convention Committee....to work in conjunction with the Host Club Committee."

"...I suggest we begin to assemble historical background of High Twelve International; an Information Committee of International, and in each constituent club."
 "...you should elect to line only men who can control their own time...time is here when International President should spend one-half of his time in duties of his office."

The Iowa State Association was organized at Davenport June 8, 1946 with Harry F. Schoen as President. The first meeting of the Board of Directors was held at Cedar Rapids June 22, 1946. General Counsel Charles Penningroth drafted the Constitution; approved that date. 2nd meeting of Directors Des Moines, 9/26/46.

The Clubs charters issued during the year: ARKANSAS: Van Buren; CALIF: Alhambra; ILLINOIS: Collinsville; Wood River, Carbondale, Rockford, Salem, Centralia, Rock Island; INDIANA: Indianapolis, Vincennes; MISSOURI: St Charles, Maplewood, Saints John, Columbia; OKLAHOMA: Bartlesville; OHIO: Dayton; WYOMING: Cheyenne.

CLUBS: 1945 = 68; 1946 = 86 = gain of 18. Total members 1945 = 5,539; 1946 = 7,662 ... gain 2,123.

Directory of clubs after 25 years - ARKANSAS: Fort Smith, Little Rock and Van Buren; CALIFORNIA: Alhambra, Berkeley, Fresno, Oakland Downtown, Oakland East, Pasadena, San Francisco, San Jose and Stockton; COLORADO: Denver; ILLINOIS: Alton, Belleville, Carbondale, Centralia, Scott Field (Belleville), Fort Dearborn (Chicago), East St. Louis, Evanston, Freeport, Jacksonville, Oak Park, Peoria, Peoria Downtown, Quincy, Rockford, Rock Island, Salem, Springfield (Abe Lincoln) and Wood River; INDIANA: Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Vincennes; IOWA: Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Fort Madison, Keokuk, Ottumwa, Sioux City (Founder's #1), and Waterloo. KANSAS: Emporia, Kansas City, Leavenworth, Topeka, Wichita; MICHIGAN: Birmingham, Detroit Downtown, Detroit North West, Detroit Southeast, Highland Park, Jackson, Lansing, Mt Clemens, Plymouth, Redford, Royal Oak; MISSOURI: Clayton, Columbia, Hannibal, Kansas City, Maplewood, St Charles, Saints John (Overland), St. Joseph, St Louis Downtown, St Louis Grotto, St Louis/MacArthur, St Louis Nerside and Springfield; OHIO: Toledo; OKLAHOMA: Bartlesville, Muskogee, Oklahoma City, Okmulgee and Tulsa; WASHINGTON: Seattle; WYOMING: Cheyenne.

During the period from 3/15/44 (when Wallie started great expansion drive) to 6/4/45, a total of 15½ months 32 clubs had been organized with total charter membership of 2,421 at a cost of \$6,409.69. From 6/5/45 to 5/27/46 18 organized with 1,391 members. From 3/15/44 to 5/27/46 50 clubs organized with 3,812 members.

Cash on hand 6/6/45 = \$2,721.74, Dues \$6,196.50, other rec. \$6,580.01; total receipts \$12,776.51, total \$15,498.25. Disbursements - High Twelvian \$2,230.50, Pr. & Sup. \$1,430.41, Adm. Exp. \$2,095.57, Conv. Exp. \$403.40, Postage \$78.25, Expansion Expense \$5,766.30 - Total \$12,004.43. Cash on hand - general fund 6/27/46 = \$3,433.30, Expan. Fund \$109.46, Founders Fund \$169.98 - Total \$3,493.82 (?). \$15,498.25.

Summer of 1946 - State Association Presidents: CALIF: Boyd Rakestraw, Berkeley; ILL - Dr. O.L. Zelle, Springfield; IOWA: Harry Schoen, Des Moines; MICHIGAN: Geo. A. Shaffer, Redford; MISSOURI: Walter Witthous, St. Louis.

Out of 322 men attending the Convention, 185 were from Greater St Louis, 43 from Illinois, 29 Michigan, 21 Iowa, Other parts of Missouri 9, Arkansas 6, Oklahoma 6, Kansas 6, Indiana 5, California 4, Colorado 4, Ohio 3 and Canada 1. Walter H. Witthous was Chairman of the St Louis Convention Committee.

Elected President for 1946-47 - Holland F. Flahavhan, Chicago; 1st VP Leonard H. Engstrom, Freeport, Ill; 2nd V.P. Fred A. Hunt, Toledo, Ohio; 3rd VP Owen C. Carr, Oakland, Cal; Sec-Tr. W.J. Schoenfeld, Editor High Twelvian Walter A. Anderson, Detroit; Chairman Extension & Pres. Emeritus E.C. Wolcott, St Louis.

Chairman Const. & By-Laws Com. C.D. Royal PIP, Des Moines; Protection of Name & In-

signia, Adrian Bushman, Clayton; Standardization, Del Gowing, Highland Park, Michigan; Historian, Clark A. Beems, PIP, Cedar Rapids; Projects-Objectives, Russell S. Haight; DeMolay Sub-Com., Oren P. Tresslar, Vincennes, Ind; Handicrafts, Albert P. Belanger, Alton, Ill; Shut-Ins, S.F. Gorbett, Jackson, Mich; Necrology Rev Frank Harris, Ill; (NOTE: Foregoing apparently outgoing, and following incoming chairmen:

Historian, Carlk A. Beems, Iowa; Necrology, Rev. Frank Harris, Ill; Constitution & By-laws, Judge Harlington Wood, Ill; Education, E.A. Thomas, Kan; Standardization, Jack Stahler, Mich; Educational Foundation, F.A. Rittenhouse, Okla; Good Government Judge J.I. Phelps; Youth Movement, Wm. G. Krape, Colo; Objectives, S.F. Gorbett, Mich; Portection of Name & Insignia, Adrian Bushman, Mo; Expansion, E.C. Wolcott, Mo; Expansion Fund, Walter A. Anderson, Mich; Information, Delmer C. Gowing, Mich.

Incoming President Holland F. FlaHavhan suggested not only keeping the Advisory Directors, but having the retiring President head the group. He urged a greater integration of clubs. He urged study of the Constitution and By-Laws to see if adequate to serve the much larger organization High Twelve was becoming. He recommended that the Committee on Objectives prepare a list of objectives now supported by the various clubs, from which one might be chosen. Same with club programs.

FlaHavhan said a budget should be developed that covered travel of International officers (out of pocket mostly till now). Regarding the High Twelvian magazine, he urged that it be published 8 times a year, with an Editor-in-Chief and an Associate Editor. "Eventually we will have to have a central office." He recommended the employment of an Executive Secretary. He mentioned the clubs he had organized in Illinois and elsewhere "inexpensively."

He then suggested that each club operate with a budget. He suggested putting, "To live to Serve" on the top step of the insignia; and he urged the training of future officers.... "First the club, then the State, then International Committee Chairmanships before being elevated to International Office." Conventions should be standardized.

August 8, 1947, Past International President C.D. Royal ('44-45) of Des Moines was killed in an auto accident. He was the president when the great expansion drive got a full head of steam.

"From coast to coast, the clubs are doing the thing I have prayed for for year," said Pres. FlaHavhan in the September, 1946 High Twelvian. "They are not waiting for Wallie to start new clubs, but are organizing new clubs themselves. Denver builds Cheyenne; Oak Park builds Kankakee; Philadelphia builds Camden and Trenton, etc." "....This year we will pass the hundred mark." "....There is no limit to what she may some day be."

First Vice President L.H. Engstrom asked, "Is your club a good one?" He mentioned the let down after a year or so. Some of the blame might be placed on cliques. He felt more members should be brought into discussion as to plans and actions to be taken. "At first it was just fun and fellowship. Then projects and objectives added." 2nd V.P. Fred A. Hunt said, "Well planned programs are the answer."

Summer of 1946 = 5 years ago only 31 clubs & 1,990 members; today 86 and 7,662.

Pres. Holland F. FlaHavhan, before going into the insurance business had taught school, been a high school principal and director of athletics. He went to Toledo in 1926 as Service Director for the National Exchange Club.

In the summer of 1946, Bro. Durnell of the Barlesville HTC was building a club in Guymon, Okla. F.E. Fields of Denver HTC gave the new club at Cheyenne, Wyo. a "glorious amount of cooperation. The Charter Night was outstanding. Fields also has Craig, Colo. and former Boulder Club moving to success. Int. V.P. Leonard Engstrom built the Decatur, Ill. Club & presented its charter. Little Rock is trying for 200 members, and hopes to build clubs in Pine Bluff and Hot Springs."

Tulsa hoped to lead the Oklahoma Clubs to a State Association. Wyandotte (Ohio) reported progressing under Pres. Claude Stootz. (First mention).

During September of 1946 there was correspondence between the President and a Walter Dubree of Phoenix, Ariz. regarding suggestion of Ralph B. Slippy, Waterloo, that he be briefed on High Twelve International. "I think the Hiram Club of Phoenix is the only existing club left of that organization, while we are on our way to more than 200 clubs in the United States and Canada." "...We have made some effort to have the club come into our fellowship and would like to continue this request. Inasmuch as our movement is a labor of love and our International dues are spent in building new clubs, for we have no employed officers, there is no financial problem."

"Wallie" reported in the September, 1946 High Twelvian that during the early summer the following clubs became fully chartered: Springfield, Ohio; Kankakee, Ill; Decatur, Ill; Collinsville, Ill; Moberly, Mo; Mexico, Mo; Ferguson, Mo; Camden, N.J. (Charter party 7/15/46); Granville, N.Y. (Charter presented by Wallie. Pres. Reynolds. Boone, Iowa 7/25/46; Bartlesville, Okla.

Clubs building: Boulder, Colo; Craig, Colo; Albany, N.Y. (organized Summer '46); Buffalo, N.Y. Girardeau, Mo; Poplar Bluff, Mo; McAlester, Okla; Pine Bluff, Ark; Hot Springs, Ark; Fayetteville, Ark.

"Meeting plans ready to set up in 76 cities; they can be started on their way as soon as Wallie can visit them, with correspondence being carried on in 50 new cities and towns." After his swing through New York and New England states during the summer of 1946, Wallie wrote, "I was ready for home after 2,575 miles by train and automobile; a stiff selling job, but glorious fellowship." "Illinois - 22 chartered clubs; 18 ready for charters, and 14 in making," Dr. D.L. Zelle, Pres. Ill.

Boyd Bakestraw of Berkeley, Pres. Calif. Assoc. of High Twelve Clubs. There are notations that the following clubs admitted in 1946: Omaha, Neb; Granville, N.Y., Sioux Falls, S.D. and Hayward, Calif;

Sec-Treas. W.J. Schoenfeld in the November, 1946 High Twelvian reported that attendance at many clubs was not what it should be. Clubs with good attendance were to send a report to "Masonry in Action" column so others could learn. Pres. Fla-Havhan wanted attendance at 50% or more; and more information on how to get better integration (better coordination or cooperation) between clubs.

"Just as every man and woman should have a philosophy of life, so should High Twelve. I am asking all of our members to send me a statement of what they feel our philosophy of life should be. From suggestions offered, I will ask the Board to formulate an official pronouncement," said President Holland F. FlaHavhan.

The DeMolay Committee, under Oren P. Tresslar, Chairman in November, 1946 sent out a questionnaire to all clubs to determine what they were doing for youth, specifically DeMolay. "DeMolay is not to be forced on any club by the Committee. It does urge support."

Effingham, Ill.'s Charter was issued in the summer or fall of 1946 with 51 members. Yates Ingram, Pres. Marshalltown (Iowa City) charter issued 9/26/46 with 38 members. Harry N. Snow, Pres. Richmond, Ind. charter issued 9/27/46 with 28 members. Carl C. Boram, Pres. About same time charter issued to Gravois (St. Louis) HTC, but number of members and president not shown. Hayward (Calif.) HTC charter issued Dec. 6, 1946, 61 members. Pres. Hans Agaard.

E.C. Wolcott, Chairman of Expansion in the November, 1946 High Twelvian said that Little Rock HTC had been assigned to bring to completion Pine Bluff, Fayetteville and Hot Springs, Ark.

"Missouri, led by State President Witthous and Treasurer Wm. Hecht will have a new club at Jefferson with about 100 members. Gravois HTC at St Louis to charter 12/1/46. Completing clubs at Cape Gerardeau, Sikeston, Fulton and Independence; getting ready for new starts at Booneville, Kirkwood, Marshall, Aurora, Nevada and Rella and Jefferson City.

"Iowa, Pres. Homer Hale of Iowa State Association building. New club chartered at Marshalltown. Clubs being pushed to charter in Clinton and Mason City. Ready for new starts - Dubuque, Webster City, Perry, Indianola and Newton.

"Indiana, with help of Indianapolis and Richmond Clubs can bring Andersen, Muncie, LaFayette, Ft Wayne, South Bend, Hammond into live clubs....and Vincennes and Terre Haute can complete Evansville. (Some wishful thinking?)

"Dr. Wallace J. Forbes is building splendidly in Trenton, N.J. He and Dr. Hess are flying to Miami, Fla. and Havana, Cuba. Some big plans are being laid for Southern California. Plans now completed for new starts in Louisville, Ky., Mobile, Alabama, New Orleans, Richmond and Washington, D.C.

"Illinois, New starts in Effingham, Edwardsville, Vandalia, Lincoln, Clinton, Herrin, Watseka most promising. To be finished - Marion, Murphysboro, Danville and Bloomington.

"Bro. Fields of Denver will build Boulder, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Craig. Work by mail is being done in Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, China, Philipenes, Cuba, Australia, Honolulu and in due time results will come." (NOTE: Great dreams Wallie, and in some cases your dreams did come true.) DLP

Walter Dubree of the Hiram Club, Phoenix, Arizona to Wolcott, ".....at one time the members of the Nebraska and Arizona Hiram clubs visited back and forth, and then the depression hit and most of the Hiram Clubs fell by the wayside. The Phoenix Club is going good, and I don't think you will find anyone here interested in High Twelve." Wallie 11/18/46 in answer to above of 11/3/46, "...We have never made any effort to organize clubs in the cities where there was a Hiram Club excepting Lincoln, Nebr., feeling that they answered all the needs of local Masonry fellowship. We are to charter our first club in Nebraska, at Omaha, 12/12/46." "....Will you please assure your good friend Judge Baughn that we have no thought of entering into any controversy regarding values and will most certainly not do anything in Phoenix as to a High Twelve Club, and that we wish him every success with his fine club."

Marshalltown (Iowa) HTC Charter night; 38 charter members. H.T. representatives from Des Moines, Boone and Cedar Rapids. RICHMOND, Ind. - 11/46, Pres. H.F. FlaHavhan met at station by a big delegation, including mayor, sheriff, judge and the coroner. Charter presented at party where club members; so filled the dinning room the ladies couldn't be included.

Wolcott reporting on Expansion, December, 1946, "...Many of our new clubs have been slowed down by food problems and now by the coal strike, limiting churches and hotels where meetings were to be held. First meetings: Boonesville and Marshall, Mo. and Alewein, Iowa. Second meeting, Vandalia and Effingham, Ill. Charters set for

December, 1946 Omaha, Neb., Gravois St Louis and Hayward, Calif.

"Working toward charters are 31 full groups. I am pursuing them as fast as possible by telephone, letters, personal visits." "State Organizations pending: Oklahoma (Tulsa) 1/10/47. Kansas & Indiana are being lined up. Our path to real growth is through active State Organizations (California, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Mo.) together with new prospective State Association.)" "Remember Brothers, I am fighting a battle every time I meet a group of men in a new city. I sometimes wonder who cares for the average members of Masonry."

During the Fall-Winter of 1946 the Michigan Association assigned one prospective neighboring city to every existing club, hopefully to start new clubs.

"Two years ago the Fort Madison, Iowa HTC started a movement to purchase an organ for the Masonic Temple, soliciting all local Masons. It was installed this fall, and is used by all organizations at the Temple. Cost about \$2,300.00. Club also purchased two hospital beds, now in constant use in private homes."

Granville, N.Y. reported membership of over 50, according to Pres. Donald R. Reynolds. "Only a few months after 12 men met to organize. Bro. E.C. Wolcott's inspiring address on Charter Night has much to do with our club's growth." Clayton, Mo. was now reporting membership of 200.

12/6/46 Hayward (Calif.) HTC charter party with 150 people at dinner. Charter presented by State Pres. Boyd Rakestraw. 3rd Int. V.P. Owen Carr installed. 7 clubs represented at State meeting Oakland 1/21/47. Owen Carr in charge of meeting. International President FlaHavhan warned the State Association it would have to handle affairs of High Twelve in their particular areas as International was getting too big for the International President to visit each club each year." Vinton Malcolm, Int. Rep.

Omaha HTC charter party 12/13/46. Pres. FlaHavhan presented charter to Pres. F.F. Roark.

A review of economic conditions might help to orient ourselves. The Dew-Jones averages 12/30/44 = 152.32; 12/31/45 = \$192.91; 12/31/46 = \$177.20; 12/31/47 = \$181.16. 12/31/48 = \$177.30; 12/41/49 = \$200.12. Average dividends 12/30/44 = \$6.57; 12/31/45 = \$6.69; 12/31/46 = \$7.50; 12/31/47 = \$9.21; 12/31/48 = \$11.50 and 12/31/49 = \$12.79. The cost of living was going up. A \$500.00 annuity in 1939 would only buy about \$380. by 1945. With 1939 as 100, the cost of living had gone to 160 in 1947; and purchasing power was down to 62 (from 100 in 1939).

A club apparently was started in Centralia, Ill. during the Summer or Fall of '46. The Mason City (Iowa) HTC charter was issued 1/23/47, 37 members. C.E. Leffler, Pres. Boulder (Colo.) HTC charter issued 2/28/47 with 32 members. Pres. Criss C. Hedge.

A Mid-Year Governing Board meeting was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the Tulsa Hotel, Jan. 10 and 11, 1947. There was an organization meeting of the Oklahoma State Assn. It was voted to amend the By-Laws for approval at the next convention, to permit the Club Presidents to appoint the International Representatives with the approval of the (local) governing board.

President FlaHavhan appointed Guy Johnson, Toledo, Ohio as Dist. Governor, Ohio. Frederick Boston was authorized, empowered and directed to take possession of the charter originally issued to the Enid (Okla.) HTC about 1922....also to take any and all steps necessary to carry out mandate. FlaHavhan was authorized to effect a registration of the name and insignia of High Twelve in the U.S. Patent Office.

"President FlaHavhan is working on McCook, Neb. He has toured all United States west of Pennsylvania, contacting 70 clubs or delegates from clubs." 3/47 High Twelve'n.

1st V.P. Leonard Engstrom at the Mid-Year Meeting, 1/10-1/11/47, "...Growth of High Twelve is so rapid, present staff always behind, rather than ahead of the movement." "...High Twelve needs a qualified Executive Director, adequately remunerated.....to be appointed by the Board for a term of not less than five years, or for his lifetime, since this type of job should be permanent except for inefficiency or misconduct. The territory of the U.S. should be divided into 8 or 12 sections, with a Vice President immediate supervisor of a section of 4 or 6 states." "...under his supervision would fall the State Presidents. The Vice Presidents, President, Secretary and Treasurer would constitute the Board of Governors of International." "...Each State should have a State President as soon as the state is qualified for association with 5 or more clubs." "...General direction and supervision should emanate by correspondence from the Executive Director and Staff."

In January (1947) Pres. FlaHavhan installed Pasadena HTC and Alhambra HTC at a joint session.

The March, 1947 High Twelvian gave the results of questionnaire of DeMolay sub-committee...40% complete. 22 of 37 clubs reported had not sponsored youth movements; and only 3 reported actual DeMolay sponsorship. 7 stated DeMolay Chapters could be organized. 2 were willing to sponsor; 6 unwilling; and 29 declined to answer that question. 30 clubs reported existing chapters, of which 17 needed help.

Awards and rules for attendance stimulation contest were published. OMAHA, Neb. Charter night. Wolcott reported 3/47 that the Sioux City Founders Club #1 went 60 strong 200 mile drive to this. They are building a fine club in Onawa, Iowa, and making foundation contacts in Sioux Falls, S.D. and Freemont, Neb. The Omaha HTC is making beginnings in Council Bluffs, Iowa and Kearney & Lincoln, Neb.

International 1st V.P. Leonard Engstrom chartered Mason City, Iowa with Homer Hale, Pres. They reported working on Clinton and Oelwein. "The fine club of Enid, Oklahoma (one of the pioneer clubs) is returning to the International fellowship." "Springfield, Ill. HTC is building a club in Lincoln, Ill., assisted by Decatur and Peoria clubs. Decatur can give us clubs in Danville, Champaign and Bloomington."

From the Iowa State Association, "Illinois is skyrocketing in new High Twelve Clubs formed and Missouri has made some bashful prognostications. Your state President has insured International President FlaHavhan that Iowa would have 25 clubs by July 1, 1947. We now have 12 clubs and Mason City, Clinton and Oelwein should be chartered soon. Wallie will be in Onawa Dec. 12, and will contact Council Bluffs. Boone has accepted responsibility of Webster City and Ames. Marshalltown and Des Moines can take care of Newton. Waterloo will handle Charles City, Waverly and Dubuque. Burlington is going after Fairfield. Bros. We have a job to do. Iowa, the home of the 1st High Twelve Club should be at the top of the list for number of clubs. We must start now." Homer H. Hale, State President.

The Rock Island HTC (Ill) now 75 members (60 Jan. 1.) according to the March, 1947 High Twelvian. Assisted in reorganizing and is sponsor of Boy Scout Troop 19 and Cub pack 23....all crippled boys.

3/12/47 - TRUMAN DOCTRINE PROPOSED. 5/15/47 CONGRESS APPROVED. 6/5/47 MARSHALL PLAN OK'D BY CONGRESS.

Rangely, Colorado charter issued 4/26/47. Pontiac, Mich. charter issued April, 1947 with 65 members. Pres. Kenneth McVittie. Clinton, Iowa. Charter issued 2/28/47, 52 members. Jasper W. Morgan, Pres. Mattoon, Ill. charter issued 4/29/47. Pueblo, Colo. charter issued 5/9/47. 61 members. Pres. W.R. Dunn. Gavelers (Sioux Falls) S.D. charter issued 5/12/47. 75 members. H.D. Tannehill, Pres.

Wood River, Ill. HTC organized with 70 members. Increased to 86 1st year. Busy raising funds for temple for Blue Lodge.

The Independence, Mo. HTC charter was issued February, 1947, with W.D. Harvey as President. Owensboro, Ky. charter issued May 6, 1947 with 106 members. Pres. Dennis Dodson; Moline, Ill. HTC charter issued 5/13/47, 87 members. Pres. Horace E. Powelson; Lincoln, Ill. HTC charter issued 3/28/47 with 51 members, John T. Burns, Pres. Shreveport, La. charter issued 5/21/47, 51 members. Pres. Frank Brown.

The International Convention for 1947 was held in Detroit, Michigan at the Book-Cadillac Hotel. General Convention Chairman Earl Gullen, PIP. The speaker 5/29, Thursday afternoon was R.W. Paul D. Strawhecker, Immediate Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Michigan. There were Friday breakfasts for Club Presidents, Vice Presidents, with V.P. Leonard H. Engstrom presiding. For Int. Representatives, V.P. Fred A. Hunt presiding, and for Secretaries with Sec-Tr. W.J. Schoenfeld presiding. At the installation ceremonies, former Governor Wilber M. Brucker spoke.

President Flahavhan said that 5 years before there were only 31 clubs with 1990 members, whereas there were now 86 clubs with 7,662 members. Every club was to form a club. From May 27, 1946 to May 22, 1947 the following 32 clubs were organized: COLORADO: Boulder, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Rangely; ILLINOIS: Decatur, Effington, Kankakee, Lincoln, Mattoon, Moline; INDIANA: Richmond; IOWA: Boone, Clinton, Marshalltown, Mason City; KENTUCKY: Louisville & Owensboro; LOUISIANA: Shreveport; MICHIGAN: Detroit Southwest and Pontiac; MISSOURI: Independence, Ferguson, Jefferson City, Mexico, Moberly, St Louis (Gravois); NEBRASKA: Omaha. NEW JERSEY: Camden; NEW YORK: Granville; OHIO: Springfield; SOUTH DAKOTA: Sioux Falls.

Finances 6/1/46-5/27/47: Cash on hand 6/1/46 = \$3,433.30, Founders Fund \$160.98, Total = \$3,603.28. Receipts: 6/1/46 - 5/27/47 From clubs & charter fees \$17,498.85, Founders Fund \$578.87, Total \$18,077.72. Expenditures - 6/1/46-5/27/47 = \$15,498.59. Balance on hand 5/28/47 = \$6,072.95. Receivables from various clubs = \$1,670.48.

President Holland F. Flahavhan presented material to the Governing Board pertaining to the Magazine, "...so we can have a magazine commensurate with our size in influence." Office space was found to be at a premium and costly, so establishment of an International Office was delayed, and a paid secretary was not to be had without a very careful search. "Although such an office would have cut my work in half, I withheld action in this regard rather than put an undue burden on our budget."

Flahavhan then presented a plan, "...We must establish a definite policy or philosophy." He received no replies for suggestions for same. "...several Grand Masters are realizing that clubs affiliated with High Twelve International are not likely to overstep due bounds or misbehave as several unaffiliated clubs have done."

"To assist the clubs entertaining the Conventions, I have started a Convention Manual." "...I would recommend a similar manual for State Associations." "...International has grown to the place where the burdens of its management and control are almost beyond the International Officers, and particularly the International Pres."

"I have stressed the necessity of State Associations assuming the responsibility of the management of their clubs. I have been criticized for this policy, as some State Associations and local clubs feared International was deserting them. Such is definitely not the case or our intention." "...I felt (though) that the State Associations were entitled to a larger share of self determination and management."

"I have seen men nominated for office on the spur of the moment...because they were friends, not because of their qualification." "...I recommend...care in choosing, and choose those men who have manifested sufficient interest in the welfare of

the club and who were endowed with sufficient ability to fill the particular position." "...In the State Associations, more emphasis should be made from those men (who are) successful officers in local clubs." Then "there will be a reservoir of men tested and proven worthy who can fill International offices with distinction."

FlaHavhan during the year visited clubs in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado, California, Kentucky and Canada; and at many of the meetings there were representatives of other clubs. He travelled 15,000 miles all at no expense to International, and presented 7 charters. (NOTE: the record indicates that FlaHavhan was responsible to a great extent for the phenomenal growth of International for a number of years. I feel that sufficient credit was never given him.) DLP

At the Detroit Convention 5/28-6/31, 1947 there were 577 registered delegates from 139 chartered clubs. Total membership 9,780.

Pres. FlaHavhan in complimenting his corps of officers, "Wallie has been working and travelling harder and farther than ever, with the result that we have chartered more clubs this year than any previous year." "...Our clubs are cooperating by working on the establishment of clubs. Let us adopt the slogan, "Every Club form a Club."

"We have graduated from a mere luncheon club to an organization with a definite philosophy and a program of endeavor above and beyond the scope of normal Masonic duties." "Numerous present and Past Grand Masters (etc.) have complimented us most highly on the high aims and programs which we have adopted."

E.C. Wolcott in the May, 1947 issue of the High Twelvian wrote, in speaking of the need for "a definite budget set up giving each state Association a fund of \$500.00 on carefully designed projects for new clubs." "...The creation of a Board of Trustees to handle our Founders Funds (forerunner of Wolcott Foundation Trustees); and expansion, "...when the right factors are assembled, a strong club can be completed and chartered in 60 days. Personal visits with smaller group, a high class selling job, meeting the standard objections which are always present, securing strong leaders as temporary officers, setting time and meeting place for 2nd meeting, securing mailing list of at least 50 Masons, getting letter in mail in time for reservations for luncheon or dinner...are all necessary if a successful club is to be built. The visiting group must be strong in organization ability.... or the trip and the expense will be a loss.

"Delay on the part of the local group kills the effort. The telephone has to be used. Men forget your invitation or their promise to be present." "...On the standard objection of too many Civic Clubs, what do they do for Masonry? And the objections cease."

The Birmingham, Mich. Htc had 34 prospects to work for formation of a club at Flint, Mich. The new Hayward HTC Pres. Hans Ogaard conducted a drive to help a family with 9 children 6 to 18 years old who were burned out. "Not one member asked whether they were Catholic, Jew or Protestant, black, yellow or white or their connections." "\$431.00 was collected and turned over to the family." Geo. Cracknell, In. Rep.

5/18/47 - The first High Twelve Club in Louisiana made its debut in Shreveport 5/18/47 with E.C. Wolcott as principal speaker. 42 members; 85 people present. Pres. Frank Brown, Sec-Treas. Mack Sneed.

The USA Patent Office 7/8/47 had issued a patent or trade mark #443695, "This is to certify by records of U.S. Patent Office it appears that International Association of High Twelve Clubs of St Louis, Mo., a Corporation of Missouri, etc. etc." established fact of trade mark.

Michigan State Assn. Pres. 1947-48, Norman W. Berry, Birmingham. Illinois Assn. Pres. 5/10/47 - Lawrence F. Kahl, Freeport. Meeting Peoria. Iowa - Homer Hale, Waterloo.

President Holland F. FlaHavhan on May 1, 1947 wrote all clubs, and urged them to get their credentials in immediately. He wanted names of delegates in advance so he could work on a list of committeemen.

Re. Club Activity Award, "High Twelve International, in order to promote its usefulness in the community and to justify its existencedeclares that its policy is to stimulate club activities looking to civic and community advancement in general and to the advancement of Masonry in particular" A system of prizes or awards for club activities was established by club projects of a civic and community nature, and for Masonic nature.

5/28/47 - 5/31/47 Governing Board Meeting, Detroit, Michigan....George LeRuez of East St Louis, Ill. presented a check from the World Fellowship Club for \$58.00, representing 29 charter members. Other charters granted Dennison, Iowa; Flint, Mich; and Webster City, Iowa.

An attempt to have the International Representative appointed by the club President instead of being elected was defeated. It was voted to completely revise the Constitution & By-Laws during the coming year.

Art. XVIII on meeting place and restrictions on activity of local clubs provided that "No constituent club directly or indirectly maintain quarters wherein gambling, drinking or other improper activities are carried on or permitted which might bring International or the local club into disrepute."

"No constituent club of High Twelve International shall carry on any activity which might subject it to suit without first obtaining and maintaining in full force and effect full insurance coverage against public liability and such other risks as it might assume by such activity."

A brief outline of the composition of duties of officers of International, State Association, regions (zones) and local clubs apparently died aborning. The reports stressed: 1, Building of new clubs by your club, cooperating with your State Association and International Extension Committee; 2, To make your club successful, don't lean on someone else. Have great meetings, highly informal fellowship, and information; 3, Serve Masonry...find a fine task in your own city, and don't ape the Civic Luncheon Club...be Masonic; 4, Share your experience of successful meetings and service tasks with other High Twelve Clubs...tell it through the High Twelvian; 5, Answer your letters...read your letters from International Officers to your club. It's never your private mail; 6, Build up your membership, stimulate attendance and have a real project committee plan. Don't have bull sessions at club meetings. Thrash your problems out in Directors' Meetings; Know when your club is slipping...act at once.

L.H. Engstrom, upon entering his year of presidency said, "We have the necessary man power, the ability, the desire and willingness to consolidate the gains to date, to solidify the clubs now in operation, to revitalize clubs which have inclined toward self-sufficiency, or action for their own pleasure, forgetting the bigger task of taking Masonic Philosophy more completely into their community, outside of the Lodge Rooms." "....A healthy club and organization must be in the process of rebuilding and mending every week, month and year, not after decay has overcome all possibility of re-vitalization."

"Every Past President of State Associations becomes an active member of the Advisory Board." "....."to advise International on the needs and wishes of local clubs and communities."

CHAPTER 5
E.C. "WALLIE" WOLCOTT - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At the International Convention, Detroit, May 31 the following were elected to hold office: President - Leonard H. Engstrom, St Louis; 1st V.P. Fred A. Hunt, Toledo, Ohio; 2nd V.P. Owen C. Carr, Oakland, Calif; 3rd V.P. Dr. J. Wallace Forbes, Philadelphia; Immed. Past Pres. Holland F. FlaHavhan, Chicago; Secretary Delmer C. Gowing, Highland Park, Mich; Treasurer William F. Hecht, Overland, Mo. and Editor of the High Twelve Walter A. Anderson, Birmingham, Mich. 5/31/47.

Of greatest importance was the employment by the Governing Board of Founder and President Emeritus E.C. "Wallie" Wolcott as Executive Director of High Twelve International. Wallie was now firmly in the saddle, to govern for many years, regardless of who was President. They were to be years of great growth, consolidation, growth of the Wolcott Fund (later the Wolcott Foundation), dissention and finally in his extreme old age, outright revolt. They were exciting years for High Twelve. DLP

Mrs. Lucille Koenig, Past Matron Polar Star Chapter #134 OES was the office secty. A club activities and projects award system was established, with a banner going to the winner, to be passed on to the next year's winner, etc.

Holland FlaHavhan said there seemed to be greater cooperation between International and the clubs. "The State Associations are functioning much better than ever before." "... Established clubs in innumerable instances worked very hard to build new clubs." "... Only the Windsor, Ont. club qualified us for an 'International' Organization." "... Even though we stressed expansion in virgin territory, we did not neglect established states." "... (policy) justified by our results, namely 35 new clubs. My experience as an International Officer has proven that any club which actually participates in extension work is greatly benefited and strengthened..."

"The report of the State Presidents revealed a new power unit for growth", said Wolcott. "Hale of Iowa; Fields of Colorado; Zelle of Illinois; Withaus of Missouri; Rakestraw of California; and Shaffer of Michigan... They are club builders. These State Associations are larger than our former International Conventions; and give fine promise of splendid growth in new clubs and programs."

"A beautiful loving cup presented by International President Engstrom went to the Decatur, Ill. Club for the finest work of the year. The Educational Fund trophy for saving the most pennies per member, went to the Dayton, Ohio club. Outstanding work of the Convention: 1, Establishment of Trustees and plan for the Founder's Fund; 2, Copywriting and protection of our name and insignia; 3, appointment of a strong committee to continue the study of objectives; 4, Re-affirmation of objectives and pledge of continued efforts to inculcate among brethren of recognized Masonic affiliations; The union of Masons 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 up-building of the principles of good government, in the advancement of education, and in the building of its members in honorable and successful living."

"5, Named a committee to prepare and present to the 1948 Convention a Constitution and By-Laws rebuilt to guide us these growing days. Chaired by Hugh Allerton, PIP."

1947-48 Committee Chairmen: Constitution & By-Laws, Hugh G. Allerton, PIP, Michigan; Expansion, Holland F. FlaHavhan, PIP, Illinois; Education & Penny Fund, Harry L. Buckalew, PIP, Calif; Convention Manual & Organization Guide, Earl Gullen, PIP, Michigan; Standardization, Delmer C. Gowing, Sec., Michigan; Projects & Local Objectives, Judge Berry Sisk, Iowa; DeMolay, Oren P. Tresslar, Indiana; Handicrafts, Albert P. Belanger, Illinois; Youth Movement in Masonry, Charles S. Johnson, Kentucky; Masonic Service, Earl Delzell (Grand Sec. Iowa Gr. Lodge); Necrology, Rev. Erich E. Leibner, Mo.

The office of Executive Director E.C.Wolcott was now located at 418 Olive St., St.Louis,Mo. Suite 523. The Board's instructions were that, "International Office will have full charge of service to all clubs new and old, all supplies, information and assistance."

"The Sioux City HTC is sponsoring a campaign to raise \$15,000.00 for a residence for boys at the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys," according to the August, 1947 High Twelvian, "the Lodge being financially overburdened at that time. Boys from 9 states are being cared for there. Operated by individual Masons, not Grand Lodge. Only boys whose parents were not Masons admitted."

Charters issued to the following clubs: MOBILE, Ala. 6/14/47, 25 members, Pres. C.A.Roberds; WEBSTER CITY (1959 changed to Glen E.Long), Iowa, 6/18/47, 38 members, Pres.Earl Web; COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. 5/10/47, 39 members, Pres.James D.Hartman; BIRMINGHAM, Ala., 8/12/47, 56 members, Pres.Edgar A.Stovall; BAKERSFIELD, Calif., 9/20/47, with 42 members, B.Willis Weekes,Pres; STERLING (Rock Falls) Ill., 9/20/47, 33 members, Pres.O.C.Daggert; FLINT, Mich., 1947, 44 members; DOWNTOWN LOUISVILLE, Ky., 1947, 82 members, Pres.Charles S.Johnson; Notation that Marvelous Marin received charter in 1947.

The New Jersey State Association was organized September 29, 1947. The first State "Governor" under the Association banner was Harry A.Louderback, who served the 1948 term. He was a member of the Camden club. At the joint meeting of the Philadelphia and Camden clubs 9/27/47 at the Sylvania Hotel, Philadelphia, Dr.Eden S.Magaw, Associate Dean, Temple University Law School was temporary chairman; and at that time plans were formulated to build a club in Trenton.

At the California Association Convention, Franklin J.Ives of Pasadena was elected to serve the 1947-48 terms. International President L.H.Engstrom moved from St Louis to San Diego, Calif. 9/18/47. On 9/20/47 he chartered the Bakersfield HTC. Bill Weeks, formerly of the Pasadena HTC built the club. W.L.Hopperstead as President of the Pasadena HTC presided at Pasadena's first Ladies Day affair. Past Presidents Bowman, Ives and Buchanan very active.

In the Fall of 1947, the "Andy" Anderson Class of 16 new members was inducted into the Birmingham, Mich.HTC. Anderson, PIP and Editor of the High Twelvian, founded Birmingham HTC, at this time largest in Michigan. "Moving to larger quarters made it possible to increase membership limit to 125." It also claimed to be the first evening club in International.

Wallie reports State Director, PSP Walter Witthaus, St Louis, Director of Expansion had split the state into 6 districts, each with a Chairman. FULTON, Mo. 2 meetings of local committee;"right leadership has got to be found." MARSHALL, Mo. Dinner meeting with group. Club will be completed. BOONEVILLE, Mo. luncheon and visits with local leaders. JEFFERSON CITY will develop a club here when leadership found.

"Correspondence with Brothers in Rolla, Nevada, Poplar Bluff, Joplin and Aurora and Kirksville, Mo. St Joseph will build a club in CHILLICOTHE. SIKESTON held 1st luncheon. Will complete in Fall. CAPE GIRARDEAU 1st visit and luncheon held; will be completed. NORTHSIDE St Louis in process of being rebuilt."

"In Iowa, Past State President Homer Hale says Dubuque ready for 1st meeting. CHARLES CITY, temporary organization. LE MARS and CHEROKEE - Sioux City to arrange. Council Bluffs - Omaha HTC to complete. NEVADA - Lists and first group being organized" in this Nebraska town."Lists of 1st group being organized." In ILLINOIS, Pres. Larry Kahl starting a real drive for clubs. Geo.LaRue helping in Southern Illinois. Lincoln has been asked to sponsor BLOOMINGTON. CHAMPAIGN has a High Twelve Club but doesn't pay dues. Should be requested not to use our name."

"MARION - 1st meeting held. MURPHYSBORO And BLOOMINGTON also; DANVILLE 2 meetings held. Needs new leadership; STERLING and LA GRANGE on way to charters. MOLINE - Rock Island trying. VANDALIA - Temporary organization; MT VERNON ready for 1st meeting. AURORA, ELGIN, DIXON, LAWRENCEVILLE and CLINTON all in correspondence stage. KENTUCKY led by Fgm Johnson. Many contacts in State."

"OHIO: Much work on Cincinnati and Columbus, but no results yet. Work is to be done in CLEVELAND and AKRON. CALIFORNIA: POMONA - 1st meetings held, and temporary officers elected. Correspondence successful in Santa Barbara, Riverside, San Bernardino, Glendale, Tulare, Sacramento and Modesto. Newport Beach hopeless."

"Masonic Clubs already in Long Beach, Santa Monica and San Diego....working on them. There is a real building power in California clubs and splendid possibilities. ARKANSAS: Our clubs in FORT SMITH, LITTLE ROCK and VAN BUREN have not developed the club building spirit. PINE BLUFF held first meeting and elected temporary officers; but looks hopeless. HOT SPRINGS lists complete and ready for first meeting. FAYETTEVILLE's first meeting held and leadership elected. Never held a second meeting."

"EASTERN ZONE - International 3rd V.P. Dr.J.Wallace Forbes of Philadelphia. Camden is a fine club. Trenton in the making. Trying other Eastern Cities. SOUTHEAST ZONE - Active contacts in Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia and Virginia. MICHIGAN will give us 5 new clubs this year. NEW YORK - Our work in Albany and Buffalo completely defeated by failure of leaders chosen; and local Masonic jealousies just could not be overcome. ROCHESTER and SYRACUSE hold promise."

President L.H.Engstrom, in the December, 1947 High Twelvian wrote, "...It has long been my contention and sincere feeling that without a project or an objective, a club has no right to live. Without objective a human being has no purpose." "...All of the worthy objectives open for service and sponsorship by High Twelve do not always appeal to a majority, and we of International bow to the desire and aims of all clubs. Unquestionably one objective will be found in due time which will have equal appeal to all clubs as a firm basis for existence, and as an energizing influence upon club building and maintenance. Meanwhile, let no club disintegrate for want of a purpose for their own existence."

"Archaeological Origin of Masonry" was the name of a talk given by Dr.O.J. Kennamen, one of two survivors of a group of 22 men who opened the tomb of King Tut, said, "Masonry did not have its beginning in Europe in the 17th Century. I do not know where or when the Principles of Masonry had their beginning. But years of archaeological study in Egypt shows that it came into Egypt in the Days of the Pharaohs, maybe from India, and there are signs it came to India from the Continent of Mu."

"Dr.Kinnamon related that in 158B.C. the ruler of Egypt sought to educate his people, and when he found it not practical, he summoned a group of young men and taught them personally in his palace, and that a secret order along the lines of Freemasonry was evolved; that in 1,200 B.C. other lodges were formed in other countries, and that in 1,000 B.C. Solomon came to Egypt from Palestine to study, married a daughter of the Pharaoh, carried the idea of the order back to Jerusalem and built the famous temple in Jerusalem. This temple was almost identical to ancient temples found in Egypt."

"He described the unwrapping of the mummy of King Tut and the revelation that when the many layers had been unwound from the middle of the mummy they found the Masonic Apron." Submitted by Jackson,Mich.HTC to October,1947 High Twelvian.

Rangeley, Colorado is an oil town in Western Colorado. There was no Blue Lodge. It was about 60 miles from closest one. About 100 Masons in town. Two members of the Denver HTC made the trip of 330 miles through passes to present the charter to 50 members. Members from 17 Blue Lodges from various states, 120 miles to railroad.

Late summer of 1947 MOBILE (Ala.) HTC, first in Alabama, chartered in summer home of the Southalls on the banks of Mobile Bay, 35 miles from Mobile after a "red snapper" dinner under a 315 year old spreading oak tree with branch spread of 150 feet. Pres. C.A. Roberds unable to be present on account of an auto accident. Charter presented by E.C. Wolcott to V.P. J.S. Southall, Jr.

The new High Twelve Club of OWENSBORO, Ky. had their first Ladies Night; wonderful program and delicious dinner. Fall of 1947 WEBSTER CITY, Iowa HTC formed by Boone HTC. 42 charter members. Int. Pres. Engstrom presented charter.

The October, 1947 issue of the High Twelvian carried first advertising in years. Wolcott reported, "Indianapolis is a strong club, and will help on new clubs in Kokomo, Anderson, Muncie and Fort Wayne," he wrote in the November, 1947 High Twelvian. "International Representative Otto Cox joined me at Lafayette, Ind. where a new club was started, to be under guidance of Bro. Cox. Charter set for 12/19/47. Fort Dearborn welcomes a score of new members."

"A committee from the Omaha Club met me at the train. We studied plans for 1948 Convention. The Omaha Club membership will go to 300 before January 1, 1948. Tuesday at Kansas City, Mo. we gave study to a club in North Kansas City. At 6:30PM a fine banquet for the Kansas City area clubs; a fine delegation attending from the new Independence, Mo. club. Missouri State Director of Extension, Walter Withaus, made a masterful speech. He spent most of the week on new clubs in Missouri. Wednesday on to Topeka....under the direction of Newell George, Temporary Chairman, the Kansas State Association was formed. Bill Schoenfeld was elected Secretary.

"Wednesday night at Manhattan and began working on the telephone calling for a new club starting Thursday noon. With the fine help of Newell George and six Brethren of the Topeka Club, a fine start was made on a new club."

During the early Fall of 1947 the Oklahoma State Association was formed with Edward Probert of Tulsa as President. MASONRY IN ACTION, October 26, 1947, Sunday, the Michigan Masonic Home at Alma was presented with 5 ceiling projectors, together with 25 books on film, partly through donations of the many MICHIGAN HTCs.

TWIN CITIES (Sterling & Rock Falls, Ill.) charter presented by Illinois State Association Pres. Larry Kahl. The Ladies Auxiliary organized with Mrs. Elmer Carl, Pres.

2nd International Vice President O.C. Carr wrote in the December, 1947 High Twelvian, "...That group (1st H1 12 club 25 years earlier) planned well, because their vision has brought together over 10,000 members in about 135 clubs in American and Canadian cities. At the present rate of organization, five more years will see 500 clubs with 50,000 members, many of which will be in foreign countries. Remember, we have no paid organizers in High Twelve International." (NOTE: About 285 clubs and 21,5000 members in 4 countries as of 5/1/75. What happened?) DLP

"The FOUNDERS FUND....set up by the initial contribution of Wallie and wife," December, 1947 High Twelvian, "to be broadly used to develop leadership among talented Masonic youth....example, Masonic Homes. Carefully selected top-grade material (boys & girls) can be selected and backed by the Trustees of the Founder's Fund."

"...Every club pass the penny box. An average of 10¢ a year would give us \$1,000.00. If the average went to \$1.00, we could put a \$10,000.00 investment into youth." Harry L. Buckalew, PIP, Chairman Founder's Fund Committee.

Quincy, Ill., "...Watch your step when you come into the dining room, because our tailtwister Carl Menke will be on your neck for a dime if you don't have your button on." LAFAYETTE, Ind. Chartered 12/19/47 with Merrill Spec President and E.W. Curtin, Sec. It was guided by Otto W. Cox of Indianapolis.

TWIN CITY HTC (Sterling & Rockfalls, Ind.) chartered 11/20/47, with Pres. O.C. Dattart and Secretary John E. Hall. JOLIET, Ill., temporary President Julius Westphal, Jr., Temporary Secretary Raymond J. Harvey. LeMAY (St Louis) Temporary President Anthony DeBasio, Temp. Sec. Harry Stubblefield.

TRENTON, N.J. chartered in November with Temporary President Paul M. Trout. MANHATTAN, Kan. Temp. Pres. E.A. Miller, Temp. Sec. Lenland Keefer. ROYAL OAK, Mich. HTC bought a ceiling projector for the Masonic home at Alma 10/46. The STOCKTON, Calif. HTC in the fall of 1947 raised the membership limit from 100 to 125, and expected to reach the limit by December. 1/16/48-1/17/48 International Mid Year meeting at Louisville, Kentucky.

LAFAYETTE, Ind. Charter issued 1/23/48, 85 members. Pres. Lloyd W. Littell. LEMAY, Mo. Charter issued 1/29/48, 53 members. Pres. Antony DeBasio. KANSAS CITY (College of O & S), Mo. charter issued 2/3/48, 17 members. Pres. Gordon Marcom. LAWRENCE, Kan. charter issued 3/23/48, 30 members. H. Herbert Tuller, Pres. MANHATTAN, Kan. Charter issued 3/12/48, 24 members. Pres. E.L. Alter. JOLIET, Ill. charter issued 3/31/48, 60 members. Pres. E. Charles Cohenour. FINDLEY, Ohio Charter issued 3/4/48, 216 members, with C.H. Duttweiler Pres. BRIDGETON, N.J. chartered 4/16/48, 61 members, Pres. Francis F. Gaskill. BOWLING GREEN, Ohio charter issued 4/9/48, 92 members, with Pres. Harry E. Murlin.

2/25/48 CZECHOSLOVAKIA JOINED COMMUNIST BLOCK
April 1948 - SOVIET BACKED WEST BERLIN. USA STARTED AIRLIFT

"Twenty Toledo High Twelve Club members motored to FINDLAY, Ohio to aid in establishing a new club 3/4/48 with 240 charter members; largest club ever instituted. High Allerton PIP presented charter. Principal address E.C. Wolcott. Pres. Harold E. Ryder, Sec. J.W. Whitmer." (NOTE: above it shows 216 charter members.)

LAWRENCE, Kansas HTC under leadership of Newell George and Bill Benson of the Topeka Club charter presented 3/23/48 by Wm. Schoenfeld Past Int. Sec.-Tr., now President of the Kansas Association. OAKLAND (Calif.) HTC averaged 116 attendance as of January 19, 1948.

TRENTON HTC by another old record actually received charter on March 29, 1948. Shortly thereafter the Philadelphia, Camden and Trenton clubs held a meeting to form the PENN-JERSEY DISTRICT, Harry A. Landerback of the Camden Club was elected first President. "He pledged his full support to HTI. A concentrated effort was then begun in Bridgeton, N.J., where a club was chartered. At a meeting at GANDY BEACH on Delaware Bay at summer home of Pres. Gaskill of Bridgeton Club, representatives of the 4 clubs were present and an expansion drive was pledged." (NOTE: the 1947 "1st" meeting must have been for temporary organizing purposes only.) DLP

Past International President and long time Editor of the High Twelvian Magazine Walter A. (Andy) Anderson was reported as being seriously ill in the April, 1948 issue...no visitors allowed. Wolcott pinch hit.

Pres. L.H. Engstrom listed the projects of some of the High Twelve clubs nationwide. Projects included: 1 - Sending youth to college; 2 - Sending youth from Masonic Home to High School; 3 - Participation in city-wide youth movement; 4 - DeMolay work; 5 - hospital bed plan; 6 - A Poliomyelitis treatment clinic; 7 - Cooperation with Salvation Army; 8 - Church attendance; 9 - Book projectors to

Masonic Homes and to hospitals; 10 - A rest home for children ill with rheumatic fever; 11 - Contributions (up to \$7,000.00) to Masonic Homes; Clubs could not be assessed. Dues to International could not be increased....a beginning....passing the penny cup.

Past International President Harry L. Buckalew reporting on a plan of action for the Founder's Fund Committee: "High Twelve is under way on a great common International objective. Articles of Incorporation have been drawn up. Five Trustees will administer the fund." "...There is almost no practical limit on the scope of influence of our Founder's Fund. There must be an initial sum for our Trustees to allot."

The April, 1948 High Twelvian carried the "Ten Commandments for a successful meeting: 1 - Quit on time; 2 - Sergeant-at-Arms greet everyone with a smile; 3 - Sing; 4 - Serve meals promptly; 5 - Use Vice Presidents for introduction of speakers; 6 - Business sessions are ruiness; let the Directors attend to business; 7 - Have regular meetings of Directors....and give them something to do; 8 - Keep programs high class. Fight smut and over-sex trends; 9 - Be an 'Action' club; a 'lazy'belly" club is a waste of time; 10 - Watch club killers, time wasters, poor or irregular programs, overtime sessions, cliques, lack of purpose and failkre to meet and solve difficulties."ECW

RIVERSIDE, Calif. HTC charter issued 4/16/48, 62 members, S.G. Billingsley, Pres. AURORA, Ill. charter issued 5/5/48 with 177 members. Pres. Vaughn V. Moore. SAN DIEGO Calif. charter issued 5/27/48, with 57 members. Hugh R. Morick, Pres.

Executive Director Wolcott to PIP Holland F. FlaHavhan May 7, 1948 called his attention to a jeweler, Stange Mfg. Co. had made up some of "our gold lapel buttons for the MacArthur HTC. I did not know this until after it had happened. Now we find out that he has taken our emblem and taken off the name "High Twelve" and has put the word "Low" Twelve and submitted samples to brothers of Low Twelve Clubs here in St Louis.

"I called him this morning and informed him that this emblem was copyrighted that he had no right submitting it for other uses. He immediately became incensed that we should even question his right to do this, and said that he would not desist with the use of it in Low Twelve Clubs or any other use until he was officially notified and given the number of the copyright, etc." ".....Therefore, you will have to handle this matter as our legal advisor."

Holland FlaHavhan Immediate Past President to Wolcott 5/15/48, "....copy of letter to Stange Mfg. regarding the mis-use of our emblem, which is self-explanatory. I had to relegate to myself, the office of General Counsel for this purpose to make the letter as strong as possible. This is another reason why we should have a General Counsel to work with the Board in such matters. I believe this should be on the agenda of the Board to present to the Convention in Omaha.

"Before writing this letter, I procured the advice of Roy H. Olson, who is handling our registration." "....I do not know whether or not we have a member in St Louis who is a Patent Lawyer, so got from Roy the name of a competent Patent Lawyer in St Louis, in case we had to really take this fellow to task. He is: Delos G. Haynes...." "In case I do not hear from Stange, you will have to keep your eye on the situation to see if he continues to sell these buttons."

State Association Presidents: CALIF: Franklin J. Ives, Pasadena; MISSOURI: Walter H. Witthaus, Southside St. Louis; Dr. G. E. Varsey, Detroit-Southeast; ILLINOIS: Lyle Kipta, Collinsville; IOWA: Clyde I. Inman, Keokuk; OHIO: William H. Smith, Toledo.

94 GOODWIN CREASON passed away April 11, in the Spring of 1948. He, almost as much as E.C.Welcott was responsible for the early growth of High Twelve as a multi-club organization. He was born in 1865, and there is little about his personal life until the time he picked up the ball and carried it when Wallie moved to Kansas City and told him about the High Twelve Club he had organized in Sioux City in 1920. He was a prominent lawyer, and had a lot of influential Masonic connections in the mid-west. He appeared to have been a born organizer, writer of by-laws, pamphlets, etc.

The May-June, 1948 High Twelvian article, written by Wallie, a great personal friend, said, "Goodwin Creason at the end of five years of great suffering and bed confinement passed on to his reward April 11th at St Barnabas Hospital in Minneapolis. He was buried at Forest Hill Cemetery, Kansas City, Mo.

"Brother Creason was a true founder of High Twelve. He founded the Kansas City club; organized the International; wrote its first Constitution and By-Laws, edited with Wallie the present pamphlets, and was the 2nd President of High Twelve International. He secured our incorporation, gave many hours of legal and Masonic advice and direction in our early days. He was a Past Master, Member of Scottish Rite and Shrine of Kansas City. He is survived by a lovely family...Mrs. Creason, daughters Dorothy and Roberta and a Son Chilton. He was a Senior Partner of one of Kansas City's great law firms.

"His great contribution cannot be measured in work. His time, money and great faith in High Twelve were given in great volume. It has always been a deep sorrow to me that because of his sore affliction he could not be with us in these days of growth to see the fine results of his untiring work.

"He was a very personal friend. Creason, Herb Towner and myself were bound together in a great friendship through the fellowship of High Twelve...Wallie."

(NOTE: While the question of who was the first president of the International High Twelve Club may be the subject of debate for a hundred years, the record is clear that Goodwin Creason was acknowledged to be 1st president in all of the earliest records, and Wallie as the founder.....a sort of a compromise which acknowledged the fact that Wallie was the man who conceived the idea, helped form the first club (he was not its president), and created a committee of that club as its chairman with the avowed purpose of organizing clubs elsewhere, that he moved to Kansas City and "sold" Creason on the idea of forming a High Twelve Club. When Sioux City, Oakland and Kansas City, however, held a joint meeting with proxies, Creason was elected first president. Years later Creason's name as first president was dropped and he was shown as second president of International. It really doesn't make much difference. These two good Masons created the International High Twelve movement between them as, let us say, partners.) BLP

At the 23rd Annual Charter party of the Kansas City (Kan.) HTC, more than 100 members and wives honored Wm.J. (Bill) Schoenfeld with a High Twelve International framed certificate of appreciation for his services to International as International Secretary, 1940-47.

SPRING OF 1948: E.C.Welcott was enthusiastic about the Jackson High Twelve's method of recognizing wholesome youth. S.F.Gorbett, Project Chairman of the Club "says they" invited the Superintendent of Schools President of the Ministerial Association, Area Chief Executive of Boy Scouts, Secretary of the YMCA, Dad Advisor and Master Counselor of DeMolay, Worthy Advisor and Mother Advisor of Rainbow for Girls and County School Commissioner to meet and gave wholehearted approval....and provided lists of names to send recommendation blanks. A Minister in the club acted as Chairman of the Judges Committee (non-members not known as judges except to Chairman himself).

"The merit award of the High Twelve Club for Young American of the Month covers Bravery, courtesy, loyalty, truthfulness, cheerfulness, perseverance, honesty, in-

tegrity, tolerance, frugality, altruism, charity, industry, kindness, patriotism, unselfishness, politeness and temperance. The award is signed by the President of the club."

The Extension Committee.... "Holland and Wallie"; Charters - JOLIET, Ill; MANHATTAN & LAWRENCE, Kan; BRIDGETON, N.J; KANSAS CITY, Mo. #2. Nearing charter - CALIFORNIA: San Diego, Glendale, Riverside, Corona; Starting: Los Angeles, Sacramento and Santa Ana; MISSOURI: Mound City (St Louis), Rolla & Jackson; ILLINOIS: La Grange & Aurora; IOWA: Dubuque; OHIO: Bowling Green; MICHIGAN: Port Huron; COLORADO: Fort Collins; ON DESK FOR STARTING: INDIANA: Anderson, Kokomo, Ft Wayne, Evansville; ILLINOIS: Edwardsville, Vandalia & Dixon; KENTUCKY: Frankfort, Madisonville, Lexington, Hopkinsville and Louisville #2; MISSOURI: Sedalia, Booneville, Cape Girardeau & Nevada.

HERBERT A HOOD, International Secretary-Treas. 1933-34 was given a plaque on behalf of High Twelve International at a dinner in his honor at the Hotel DeAnza (Oakland?). Hood organized the first High Twelve State organization in 1928, and was State President in 1938.

WILLIAM BENSON, International Secretary & Treasurer for four years (1935-39) was honored by the Topeka, Kansas Club. Past International President Al Williams presented Bro. Bill a beautiful hand engraved and framed Certificate of Appreciation from the International Governing Board.

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DUBUQUE (Iowa) Charter night 6/2/48, 100 present. PIP Holland FlaHavhan gave the address. A big delegation came from Waterloo. Pres. G.L. Dewey, Sec-Treas. T.V. Haas.

"MISSOURI also has plans to purchase 1,350 acres of beautiful Ozark land for a Boys Ranch for underprivileged boys. Missouri reported 5 new clubs. CALIFORNIA Association meeting in Stockton re-elected Franklin J. Ives State President. Have 3 new clubs and are dividing the state into areas for expansion.

"MICHIGAN: Royal Oak raised \$6,000.00 for childrens' playground. MtClemens \$1,400.00 for athletic stadium; Roseville \$300.00 for eye correction for 4 children; Redford - 2 boys to Boys State, athletic equipment and \$700.00 Red Cross. SouthEast Detroit \$240.00 to DeMolay; Northwest Detroit \$600.00 for "Y" memberships. Port Huron chartered 6/23/48."

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION June 20-23, 1948, OMAHA, Nebr., Hotel Fontenelle. Gen'l Convention Chairman E. Lynne (Elk) Kilgore. Speaker Monday morning Most Worshipful Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master Masons in Nebraska. Monday project talks on DeMolay, (Maplewood, Mo.); Books, gifts (Dr. G.E. Varsey, Pres. Michigan HTC); Hospital Beds (W.E. Zartman, Freeport HTC); Omaha Masonic Home for Boys (J.D. Knutson, Sioux City HTC); Go To Church (Otto F. Leffler, South Side HTC, St Louis).

Tuesday - Leadership Breakfasts: Sec. & Treas. Delmer C. Gowing; Club Presidents & Officers & Directors, Fred A. Hunt V.P.; State Presidents, Officers & Executive Committee, Holland FlaHavhan PIP; International Representatives, Dr. J. Wallace Forbes. Model Luncheon conducted by Omaha H. Winslow Van Brunt, Pres. Necrology, Bishop Stephen Robinson. Presentation of Past President's Key by Founder E.C. Wolcott to Outgoing President Leonard H. Engstrom.

Report of Executive Director E.C. Wolcott. New office Suite 523, 418 Olive St., St Louis, Mo. He consolidated the High Twelve International records; employed Mrs. Lucille Koenig to take care of correspondence, mailing lists, club reports, mimeo-

graphing, mailing supplies, general bookkeeping, monthly club reports, statements, telephone, etc. 10,800 outgoing and 3,500 incoming letters and packages. Because of Andy Anderson's illness, Wallie edited the April, May & June High Twelvians.

New clubs: ALABAMA: Mobile and Birmingham; CALIFORNIA: Bakersfield, Riverside and San Diego. ILLINOIS: Joliet, LaGrange, Aurora, Sterling-Rock Falls; INDIANA: Lafayette; IOWA: Dubuque; MICHIGAN: Flint Port Huron; MISSOURI: LeMay (St Louis), Kansas City #2; KANSAS: Manhattan & Lawrence (More Missouri) Rolla, Midtown and Mound City; NEW JERSEY: Bridgeton & Trenton; OHIO: Findlay, Bowling Green; Illinois: World Fellowship.

Sick clubs: Oklahoma City, Carbondale, Ill., Peoria, Ill, Downtown Peoria #1; Moberly, Mo; Columbia, Mo; Springfield, Ohio; Richmond, Ind; Okmulgee, Okla.... Reasons - poor food, no place to eat, no project, shift of employment, leadership, coldness between Masonic groups, lack of Board of Directors meetings.

Ten largest clubs in order: Sioux City 296; Findlay, Ohio 230; Omaha 204; Louisville 200; Aurora, Ill. 167; Topeka 163; Pasadena 147, Fresno 146, Denver 144 and Toledo 141.

Convention thanked Executive Director Wolcott for his unselfish and untiring efforts. "Under his leadership we will continue to grow and prosper. He has shown the way." Thanked PIP Hugh G. Allerton for the many hours of his tedious, exacting and complicated work and effort in re-writing of the Constitution & By-Laws of H.T.I., which were adopted by the Convention.

They recommended retention of PIP Holland FlaHavhan as Chairman of the Committee on Expansion because of his experience, unselfish devotion and success in this field. Commended the fine work of PIP "Andy" Anderson for his many years as Editor of the High Twelvian.

The Objective Committee recommended (later supported by Resolution) that "It is time for High Twelve International to adopt a general plan or objective that will appeal to all (clubs), details of which could be worked out by each local or state group, yet adhering in principle to the International Objective, under International direction and assistance. We should adopt without further delay an objective closely related to the idea of Masonry (Hospitals for crippled children built & maintained by the Shrine was an example of such an objective translated into practical reality).

"We therefore suggest that the care of Boys in Protestant Christian homes would be a worthy objective with followup requirements...a home not an institution. 2, Educational training in public schools; 3, regular attendance at church and bible schools without denominational restriction; 4, Management and leadership to first meet with approval of H.T.I. Such homes to serve 3 to 5 state areas." Chairman of Com. Berry J. Sisk.

Wallie said that this committee had opened wide the great door of service. "The underprivileged boy is not a delinquent." He cited Omaha Masonic Home for Boys as a good example. The Kansas City, Mo. and Hannibal, Mo. wives were exploring the idea for an organization for High Twelve wives, according to Mrs. Elmer Carl, K.C., Mo.

"The new Constitution & By-Laws made very real and outstanding provisions for the Founder's Fund. It provides every safeguard for the administration of Trust Funds left to its care."

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska Most Worshipful Elmer E. Magee in his address mentioned the Masonic Temple west of Denver on which is inscribed, "Freemasonry is not built of stone and mortar. Freemasonry is built in the hearts of men." Holland FlaHavhan PIP presented the charter to the Omaha HTC. Outgoing President Engstrom commented favorably on the two years since the headquarters of High Twelve International was established at 418 Olive, St. Louis, with Wallie in charge.

2nd V.P. Dr. J. Wallace Forbes, speaking of growth of High Twelve in the east, "... on account of our very conservative attitude on all matters of vital importance, a movement like ours must advance slowly. This we are doing, proving our worth to our brethren of Masonry. We have formed a regional setup to be known as the New Jersey-Pennsylvania area. Harry A. Louderbach of Camden is President. An organizational drive will be started in the fall. I wish to present to this Convention our first club of the new year, ATLANTIC CITY, N.J."

Treasurer William F. Hecht of St. Louis commented on the increasing volume of work in the International office, and the high class service rendered by Mrs. Koenig & ECW. "Our clubs may be under the impression that the dues of \$2.00 are pay as our support of High Twelve pays for everything. International Officers and men of the clubs who travel to present charters, organize new clubs, must take fare and hotel expense only." "...if we had to pay for this fine service, we would not be able to carry on this great work. These are all men who receive high wages for their regular work and yet, who give all to our cause without hope or fear of reward."

"Wallie lets us pay for only one half of the rent of the office, furnishes all the furniture and rugs, pays for the telephone. We own a 4 drawer steel file cabinet, a typewriter and a mimeograph. All the rest of a well furnished office belongs to Wallie. When Wallie began this growth drive he had a car with less than 20,000 miles recorded. When he buried it last April, it recorded 147,000 miles, 90% for High Twelve. We paid for only a small part of the gas and oil, nothing for tires and repair...."

Percentages of expenditures: 36% Publishing High Twelvian (helped by sale of advertising which netted \$375.00); 21% office (printing, supplies, new eqpt, banner, postage, etc.); 21% Salaries, expense fund, rent, telephone, etc; 14% New clubs (Travel - International officers & others, convention); 8% misc.

Inventory (capital) \$295.00, Material for resale to clubs \$651.00, Supplies \$225.00; Cash \$5,376.26, receipts \$20,245.84, Disb. \$19,512.48, Founder's Fund \$1,145.51, Genl Fund \$4,964.11....Cash Balance \$6,109.62.

Total clubs June, 1947 = 117; total members 9,516 (lost 965, gained 678 plus 1630 in new clubs; total membership June, 1948 10,859; 25 new clubs. Total May, '48 142 clubs. One half of Mrs. Koenig's time was devoted to correcting mailing lists. One of the oldest clubs had 60% change in address. The Dunne organization in Louisville put the mailing lists on address plates @ 3¢ each (\$706.65). "We carried our sick clubs on our mailing list as our only tie, but early in the year we cut these off." Wallie.

"When I began this drive in 1942, we had a total of 31 clubs and 2,500 members, cash balance of \$1,613.07. Today, with 142 clubs and membership of 10,859, with cash income of \$18,027.83." Wallie devoted rest of report trying to get the State Associations and the larger clubs to sponsor an edition of the High Twelvian...Advertising.

At the 13th Annual Convention of the Michigan State Association May 21-22, '48 at Jackson, Michigan, the President of the Jackson HTC presented a gavel made by Mayor James N. House, a member, from the oak tree under which the Republican Party was founded in 1854. An extension fund of \$1,000.00 was set aside by the Michigan Association for development of new clubs in Michigan. Dr. Geo. E. Varsey of Detroit, Pres.

The International Convention June 23, 1948 elected Fred A. Hunt of Toledo, Ohio President; 1st VP Owen C. Carr, Oakland, Calif; 2nd V.P. Dr. J. Wallace Forbes, Philadelphia, Pa; 3rd VP Otto W. Cox, Indianapolis, Ind; Sec. Delmar C. Gowing, Highland Park, Mich; Treas. Wm F. Hecht, St Louis, Mo; Editor High Twelvian Walter A. Anderson of Detroit; Chairman of Extension Holland F. FlaHavhan, Chicago; Executive Director E. C. Wolcott, St Louis.

Some 1948-1949 Committee Chairmen: Constitution & By-Laws, H. Allerton, Mich; Founder's Fund Trustees, H. FlaHavhan, Ill; Standardization, J. O. Knutson, Iowa; Masonic Service, E. Delzell (Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Iowa); Objectives, Judge B. Sisk, Iowa; Founder's Fund Promotion, H. L. Buckalew, Calif.

The set-up of the 1948-49 Extension Committee under P. I. P. Holland F. FlaHavhan: Every state had its chairman reporting to FlaHavhan at International level. States with more clubs were broken down into areas under sub-chairmen; and, as in all years since 1943, a great expansion push was made.

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CROSSTOWN (Missouri) St Louis received charter from International President Fred A. Hunt. Pres. John W. Mueller, Sec. Walter L. Kaltwasser. Some time in the Fall of 1948 MADISONVILLE HTC (3rd in Kentucky) chartered. P. I. P. FlaHavhan was guest speaker and presented charter to Pres. Wm. O. Utley. Freeman Welden, Sec. Both Owensboro and Louisville Clubs well represented. 10/14/48.

The High Twelve Clubs of the PHILLIPINES was started in the Fall of 1948 with a membership of 57. Grand Master A. J. Brazee, Jr. was President of the Club. Sec. Bonifacio Araulio was Senior Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. The charter was issued in May, 1949.

The Mid-Year Meeting of January 14-15, 1949 was held in Dayton, Ohio, Hotel Miami. On January 2, 1949, First V.P. Owen C. Carr wrote Executive Director Wolcott advising that on Doctor's orders he could not attend the meeting due to a heart ailment, and asked to be replaced by Franklin Ives. On 1/6/49 Wolcott wrote Carr "...the matter will be thoroughly discussed as to your successor".... "whether to be filled or move Dr. Forbes up and elect two Vice Presidents at International Convention, Louisville."

Carr to Wolcott 1/10/49, "...I am getting along fine, but am taking the best of care." "...see my doctor twice a week for shots. If you men want to let matters ride along till the Convention in June, we can then tell what Mother Nature and God have done for me...." He was reported busy installing clubs in the San Francisco Bay area; and following up with weak clubs in that area.

Trustees of the Founder's Fund were FlaHavhan, Allerton, Anderson, Dunne and Cox. President Fred A. Hunt, "When I speak to you of the spirit of High Twelve, I mean the act of being comrades and cooperating with each other." He quoted Bro. E. H. Fulmer of Rock Island, "The humble but heartwarming handclasp, the sincere ring of friendship in our welcome....we must not be cold, indifferent, aloof. There are too many cliques."

"At the Louisville Convention we will be required to vote on a new section to our Constitution which has to do with the provision that High Twelve International recognizes and acknowledge the supreme authority of the recognized Grand Lodges of the various Grand Jurisdictions, and it is the declared intent of H. T. I. that no constituent club, as a club, shall interfere with or inter-meddle in the business affairs or elections, directly or indirectly, and that penalties be agreed upon."

At the Mi-Year meeting January 14,15, 1949, Dayton, there were reports by Zones: Pacific Coast and 1950 Convention plans were discussed by 1st V.P.Owen C.Carr, Oakland; Eastern Zone report by 2nd V.P.Dr.J.Wallace Forbes; Mid-West Report by 3rd V.P.Otto W.Cox. (NOTE: Maybe Carr's was just a written report).

Hugh Allerton PIP, discussed control (mandatory) clause for Grand Lodge cooperation. At the Friday dinner, PIP Holland FlaHavhan spoke on expansion. Executive Director E.C.Wolcott spoke on proposed insurance plan for securing funds. There was discussion regarding the organization of an Ohio State Association of High Twelve Clubs.

On Saturday, President Fred A.Hunt discussed the relationship and official presentation to Grand Lodges of Texas, Canal and Pennsylvania.

Cash on hand 5/31/48 - General Fund \$4,964.11, Founders Fund \$1,145.51; Receipts \$9,222.70 = \$15,332.32. Expenditures - Travel Ex.Dir, Int.Officers, etc. \$2,509.23; Salaries \$3,210.56, High Twelvian Pr.& Mail \$4,639.69, Other \$2,706.05= total \$13,065.53. Founder's Fund \$1,614.75 (later Wolcott Found.) Cash on hand and in bank = \$2,266.79 as of 12/31/48.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich.HTC Charter presented by PIP Earl K.Gullen 1/26/49. 150 guests present. Many High Twelve guests from Detroit and Lansing. 38 Charter members. Pres. Dr.C.W.Nelson, Sec.Edward J.Morse. Wolcott gave inspiring talk. BARTLESVILLE, Okla. chartered during the winter. 125 in attendance, including Tulsa visitors. State Pres. Edward Probert presented charter and installed Pres. C.Wilson Van Tine; Sec.-Treas. O.H.Gay.

CENTRALIA (Ill.) Wolcott told the club that he organized the Sioux City original club in 1921 as a supper club to provide an incentive for attending Lodge meetings....that "since that first club there have become 165 such clubs in 23 sts."

BAY CITY (Michigan) charter party 2/28/49. Pres. Carlton L.Thompson, Sec-Tr. Harry W.Mather. PIP Earl K.Gullen installed. Int.Pres.Fred A Hunt delivered the address, "bringing the crowd to their feet on the preservation of basic American principles through Masonry and particularly High Twelve." 37 charter members.

Owen C.Carr,Oakland, on club management in April-May,1949 High Twelvian:
1. Nominating Committee to give real thought to ability and willingness to work of nominees; 2 - It is far better to have too many committees than too few. (Do all committees have to have more than 1 man, the chairman?); 3 - Athletics as membership stimulation (e.g.bowling); 4 - Attendance (& Membership) Committees broken into competing teams; 5 - Audit Committee essential; 6 - Boys Clubs. Many clubs supporting these; 7 Bulletin & Publicity a must; Chaplain - a must; 8 - Civic Affairs; 9 - Club objective should be adopted; 10 - Constitution & By-Laws needed in every club; DeMolay sponsorship urged; 12 - Entertainment occasionally; 13 - Extension...every club try to start a new club; 14 - Inter-club meetings occasionally; 14 - Luncheons..."at no time should the quality of food keep the members away; 15 - Programs...handled by vice president(s). Re-check with speaker so no slip-up; 16 - Reception...This committee can do much to create a fine feeling and fellowship by greeting members and guests on arrival; 16 - Sick & Welfare. "Too many clubs neglect this very important committee work."

FERNDAL (Mich) charter night 2/24/49. 62 charter members; 9 Blue Lodges represented. 149 for installation dinner. Int.Pres.Fred Hunt speaker. PIP "Andy" Anderson speaker. PIP Earl Gullen installed and PIP Hugh Allerton helped. International Sec.Dell Gowing present. President Louis DeMute. Royal Oak sponsored. Foregoing according to High Twelvian. Charter rolls show Wilfred Rowe as President. DLP

MISSOURI State President 1946-47 Walter H.Witthaus; 1947-48 Bert Emerson; 1948-1949 Walter H.Witthaus; 1949-50 Pat Crow of Gravois (St Louis.)

2/18/49 - NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ADOPTED BY USA, CANADA & WEST EUROPEAN NATIONS

FRANKFORT, Ky. HTC charter party 3/11/49, with 64 members. Int. 3rd VP Otto Cox installed Pres. Joseph T. Sclocum, Sec. August J. Munday, saying, "High Twelve is the only Masonic organization in the world in which Masons of all ranks and distinctions could meet together on a common level and set at a common table." Owensboro and Louisville represented.

MARVELOUS MARIN (San Rafael), 14th club in California with 30 members charter party held 3/12/49 with 89 in attendance at the Dutch Colonial Inn. Sponsored by the San Francisco H. P. P. P. Larry Moore presented charter to Pres. Joseph R. Phillip. Sec-Treas. Leon M. Lowenthal. 1st Int. V.P. Owen C. Carr installed the officers. Project - a guide dog for a blind person.

PENN-JERSEY DISTRICT. 3/12/49 held 1st Dist. Convention (Masonry in action), Bridgeton, N.J. H.T.C. hosts. 150 members and guests.

COLORADO STATE ASSOCIATION formed 3/16/49, supported by PIP James Hoffman. The 5 Colorado clubs in attendance were Denver, Boulder, Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Rangeley. First State President F.E. Fields of Denver; Sec. Louis Romano. New club in the making at La Junta; possibly Grand Junction, Sterling, Fort Collins, Greeley and Albuquerque, N.M.

NORTH SIDE, (St. Louis,) Mo. charter party reported as both 3/12 and 3/21/49. 36 members. Wallie speaker and presented charter to Pres. Oliver J. Wehmuller; Sec.-Treas. Joseph Andrysek.

Past International President and Chairman of Expansion Holland FlaHavhan, "Every High Twelvian should ... 1 - Improve his attendance; 2 - Serve on committees willingly; 3 - Assist Program Committee; 4 - Bring in new members; 5 - Help Expansion Committee establish new clubs; 6 - Visit other clubs; 7 - Attend State and International Conventions."

E.C. Wolcott listed as Editor and Anderson Assoc. Ed. after Jan-Feb. 1949 issue. NEWARK, N.J. *charter party 3/7/49. 2nd Int. V.P. J. Wallace Forbes presented charter. PGM Most Worshipful Walter S. Gray spoke. EAST ORANGE, N.J. HTC charter presented 5/23/49. Dist. Gov. Lauderback installed; P.P. Paul M. Trout of Trenton HTC presented charter to 7th club in Penn-Jersey District. Pres. Dr. Richard Davies. 78 members.

PURDUE UNIV. (W. Lafayette) charter issued 3/2/49, 177 members. Eugene F. Thomson, Pres. YPSILANTI, Mich HTC apparently chartered about then, as it was given #134. LEXINGTON, Ky. charter issued 5/20/49, 69 members, Wm. H. Minor, Pres; CLEVELAND, Oh. charter issued 5/23/49, 45 members, Pres. Norman Sanders; JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind. charter issued 5/28/49, 44 members, Pres. Wm. L. McQuary. NEW ALBANY, Ind. charter issued 6/2/49, 34 members, Thomas R. McQuary Pres. UPTOWN LOUISVILLE, Ky. charter issued some time in summer of 1949 with 27 members. Pres. not listed. RURAL DOUGLAS COUNTY, Nebr. charter issued 4/22/49, 81 members, Pres. Frank E. Tracy. *NEWARK, N.J. 1st Pres. Alfred Peer, 47 members.

WEST SUBURBAN HTC, LaGrange, Ill charter presented 5/19/49. Credit went to Fred S. Lynn, 33°, Supt. of Illinois Orphan's Home. E.C. Wolcott gave an inspiring address. Charter presented by PIP Holland F. FlaHavhan. Pres. Fred S. Lynn; Sec-Treas. David Adams. RIVERSIDE, Calif. Htc charter presented by Int. Pres. Leonard Engstrom and Calif. Pres. Franklin J. Ives 4/28/49. Bro. Hopperstead led a group from Pasadena to the affair. Pres. S. C. Billingsley, Sec. Dr. C. J. Lord.

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio HTC charter was presented by International Past President Earl Gullen 4/9/49. Club organized by V.P. Fred Hunt and by the Toledo Club. PIP FlaHavhan gave the address. Pres. H.E. Murlin, Sec. C.A. Loomis.

BRIDGETON, N.J. HTC charter presented by Int. V.P. Dr. J. Wallace Forbes to Pres. F.F. Gaskill; Sec. D. Roger. Camden, Trenton, Philadelphia clubs represented.

ROCKFORD, Ill. HTC gave \$40,000.00 during the Spring of 1949 to the cancer fund (seems more like \$400 or \$40 more likely). 170 members and wives attend Ladies Night at CENTRALIA, Ill. HTC to hear a brief talk on fundamentals of Masonry. OWENS-BORO, Kentucky's Ladies Night was on St Patrick's Day... Irish singers on program.

28th ANNUAL CONVENTION, LOUISVILLE, KY. 6/5 and 6/8/49. Hotel Seelbach. James P. Haynes, General Chairman. Monday: Club Activities Award - The Engstrom trophy for Services Rendered; BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Masonic Service/Degree Team; CAMDEN, N.J. Hospital beds; GRAVOIS (St Louis) Underprivileged boys; OMAHA - Omaha Masonic Home for Boys; PUEBLO - De Molay; NORTHWEST DETROIT - Underprivileged boys; ROYAL OAK, Mich - Work for youth.

Noon Tuesday - Model High Twelve Club - Louisville, Ky. R.W. Chas. Johnson P.G.M. presiding. Wednesday Group Breakfasts - Sec.-Tr; Club Pres. & Officers; Int. Rep. & Expansion; State Officers. Wed. eve. Founder-Executive Director E.C. Wolcott installed officers.

Wolcott reported the following new clubs for 1948-49: Crosstown/St Louis=62 mbrs; Northside St.L.=43; Madisonville, Ky.=48; Atlantic City, N.J.=75; Manila, P.I.=57; Frankfort, Ky.=63; Bay City, Mich.=37; San Rafael, Calif.=27; Battle Creek, Mich.=53; Ferndale, Mich.=61; Newark, N.J.=47; Purdue Un. (W. Lafayette)=177; East Orange, N.J.=47; Cleveland, Ohio=50; Jeffersonville, Ind.=46; New Albany, Ind.=50; Montreal, Can.=35; Lexington, Ky.=69; Mexico City, Mex.=50; Ypsilanti, Mich.=50; Rochester, N.Y.=50.....21 clubs with 1,097 members.

Total clubs 5/31/49 = 169, with total membership of 11,988. Treasurer W.F. Hecht reported dues \$16,765.23, Adv. in High Twelvian \$1,129.68, Gifts to Founder's Fund \$650.11, Supplies sold \$1,351.00 & Misc. \$77.68... Total receipts \$19,972.91. Expenditures... Salaries - Ex. Dir., Secretary and spl. = \$5,438.38, Travel (Int. Officers charter expense, guest entertainment new groups) \$3,829.23, High Twelvian (print & Postage) \$5,956.42, Officers' rent, tel & tel, postage express, supplies, printing \$2,384.80, Saleable supplies \$1,325.43 Trade-Mark, Audit, PrTx \$534.19 = \$19,468.45. CASH ON HAND 5/19/49 = \$6,614.08.

Salaries & Ex. Dir. Travel 27.3%; Int. Travel, guest lunch new clubs 19.2%; Office expense 22.3%; H1 Twelvian 21.2%; Club supplies 6%; Sundry 3%.

JEFFERSONVILLE (Ind.) HTC charter party 5/28/49. Int. V.P. Otto W. Cox in company of PGM Charles Johnson of Indiana chartered and installed Wm. L. McQuary; and on 6/2/49 they chartered and installed the NEW ALBANY HTC under leadership of TOM McQuary, twin. LEXINGTON, Ky HTC and FRANKFORT, Ky. HTC chartered and installed by same team. Organized under leadership of Joe Slocum. Cox's first task was to re-establish the former strong club of RICHMOND, Ind.

First Vice President Owen C. Carr remarked, "We are all elated over our new clubs in Toronto, Manila and Mexico City." Carr had been stricken late in 1948 with a heart attack, which restricted his travelling in the far west on expansion. He recommended: 1 - More inter-club contacts; 2 - Supervisory analysis and counselling by International and State Officers; 3 - Regularly planned officers training schools, based on a skillfully worked-out outline.

NEW CLUBS 1948-1949 - CALIFORNIA: San Rafael; CANADA: Montreal; INDIANA: Jeffersonville, New Albany, Purdue (W. Lafayette); KENTUCKY: Madisonville, Lexington & Frankfort; MEXICO: Mexico City; MICHIGAN: Bay City, Battle Creek, Ferndale & Ypsilanti; MISSOURI: St Louis Crosstown and Norside (sometimes shown as North Side); NEW JERSEY: Atlantic City, East Orange and Newark; OHIO: Cleveland; NEW YORK: Rochester; PHILLIPINES: Manila.

Ten largest clubs (in order): Sioux City; Louisville; Findlay, Ohio; Aurora, Ill; Purdue U. (Ind.); Fresno, Pasadena, Toledo, Denver & Cedar Rapids.

Paul Armstrong, President of the Illinois Association reported 26 active clubs with 2,100 members. The State President was physically handicapped during the year. "The first impression I have....is that an organization with the potential strength of High Twelve does not have enough organization to carry on and reach the height that can be reached. We need more contact between the International Organization and the State Associations." "....In the State of Illinois, we lack organization. That is the program during the 18 months ahead"(He was elected for 1½ terms.)

P.A.Crow, President of the Missouri State Association, "I have with me six vice presidents." "....We want to increase our clubs from 20 to 40." "Also have an advisory committee of three of the finest...." "....We are going to get closer contact between the clubs, State and International. By so doing I am sure we are going to advance. Perhaps 99% of the Masons (in Missouri) do not know what High Twelve is and we are going to educate them this year."

Dr. George E. Varsey, President of the Michigan Association of HTC's reported 20 clubs, approximately 1,400 members. "We issued a 1949 State roster containing 131 pages, net price \$269.00. Our Expansion Fund raised \$1,000.00."

Franklin J. Ives, President of the California Association said it was the "objective that every club send a delegate to conventions, and that the Club Ways & Means Committees had been established for the purpose....the so-called Fresno Plan, which Past State President Allan Mason will explain. 102 delegates attended the California State Convention in Pasadena May 6 and 7."

The California Association recommended the preparation and distribution of distinctive framed membership certificates and statement of objectives. Also recommended that Club Secretaries sign the Traveling Membership to every member who moves to another city. Also urged a directory of member clubs be printed and distributed. As of 5/31/49 the California Convention Committee (for San Diego) has \$1,800.00 in a Pasadena bank, contributed by all California clubs...\$2,500.00 more will be contributed by 2/1/50.

President Fred A. Hung said, "....The strength of our organization is going to lie in the fact that Masons throughout the world by giving value to their lives by attaching themselves to organizations with high motives and purpose." "....There is no doubt in my mind that international understanding would be possible if High Twelvians all over the world showed the friendship and responsibility which are characteristic of HighTwelve International."

Harry C. Buckalew, PIP, Chairman of the Founders Fund reported the fund total at the 1948 Convention was \$1,145.51, received during '48-'49 \$650.11, total 1949 Convention \$1,795.62. "Your chairman asserts with conviction that the Fund will never be the patent International objective it deserves to be, and which we so desperately need, until the Fund is working and the accomplishments well publicized." "When the members see a going concern doing a great job, the contributions will roll

in. An average of only \$1.00 per member would give us \$10,000.00 in a year instead of \$1,700.00 in two years."

Financial summary as of 5/15/49: Dues = \$16,765.23, Adv-Hi 12vian = \$1,129.68, Founders Fund Gifts = \$650.11, Supplies sold = \$1,351.00, Misc. = \$77.68 ..total Rec'd \$19, 972.91. Expenditures - Salaries = \$5,438.38, Travel \$3,829.23, Hi 12vian \$5,956.42, Rent/Supplies/etc = \$2,384.80, Saleable supplies = \$1,325.43, Misc. \$534.19Total Expenditures \$19,468.45. Cash on hand general & Founder's Fund \$6,109.62, Receipts all sources \$19,972.91 = \$26,082.53 less disbursements \$19,468.45 = Cash on hand 5/19/49 = \$6,614.08.

Past International President Holland FlaHavhan, Chairman of Extension commented, "In Indiana I found Otto's (3rd V.P. Otto Cox) footsteps all over the state. There will be many new clubs by next year." "...Michigan very methodically surveyed the situation under the leadership of Pres. Doc Versay, and layed out a program (expansion) for each club."

"We very strongly recommend every State Association follow the example of Michigan by making a survey of your State; select the cities where we should have clubs, assign an existing club to a new city. Michigan is to be congratulated because some of these clubs were chartered during the meanest weather existing during last winter." "...Cleveland is the result of our International President (Fred Hunt), and Mexico City and Manila the work of Bro. Wolcott...also Montreal. Our President, 3rd Vice President and Wallie have been working very hard on extension."

Chairman of the Founder's Fund (promotion) Harry Buckalew asked these questions: "Shall the Trustees begin using the fund now? How much of principal? How much of interest? Shall the aid to a student be a loan or a gift? or gift/loan? Who shall be aided...boys or girls? High School or College? How much? How long? Shall the aid be limited to certain types of training...Medical? Nursing? Teaching? Clergyman? Welfare Workers?" (It was a long time before he got all of his answers. Harry was way ahead of his times on many things, expansion, etc. Eventually, many came to pass.) DLP

Total clubs May, 1948 = 148...new clubs 1948-49 term 21 = total 5/31/49 169. New club member ship 1,097, total increase 1,129. Membership 5/31/48 = 10,859, membership 5/31/49 = 11,988. (NOTE: Without the new clubs, there would have been only a 32 member gain, due to deaths, etc. I have found throughout this history that nearly always there would have been no gain or actually a big net loss if it had not been for new clubs coming in. It was a constant battle from the first down to now. DLP)

"The Convention color guard presented the flags of all nations where we (HTI) have High Twelve Clubs....USA, Canada, Philippines, Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Argentina... and the Christian flag." (NOTE: I find nothing on Cuba, Puerto Rico or Argentina. DLP) The General Convention Chairman was Marvin Fisher.

1949 At the International Convention, Louisville, June 8, Owen C. Carr of Oakland, Calif. was elected President; 1st VP Dr J. Wallace Forbes, Philadelphia; 2nd VP Otto W. Cox Indianapolis; 3rd VP Charles S. Johnson (PGM) Kentucky; Chairman Extension Holland F. FlaHavhan PIP, Chicago; Secretary Delmer C. Gowing, Highland Park, Mich; Treasurer William F. Hecht, St Louis; General Counsel Hugh Allerton PIP, Highland Park, Mich; Executive Director & Editor, E. C. Wolcott PIP/Founder; Associate Editor Fred A. Hunt PIP.

State Associations: CALIFORNIA: Allan S. Mason, Fresno; COLORADO: F. E. Fields, Denver; ILLINOIS: Col. Paul Armstrong, Chicago; INDIANA: Otto W. Cox, Indianapolis; IOWA: Glenn Morris, Ottumwa; KANSAS: W. J. Schoenfeld, Kansas City; KENTUCKY: Robert McGinnis

Owensboro; MICHIGAN: Edward J. Muncie, Royal Oak; MISSOURI: P.A. Crow, St. Louis; OHIO: Howard Malone, Dayton; PENN-JERSEY: Dist. Gov. Harry Louderbach, Camden. (NOTE: above from High Twelvian of the time. Recent list indicates Rol. A. Cook of Des Moines as President of the Iowa Association.)

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN 1949-50: CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS Hugh Allerton; FOUNDERS FUND TRUSTEES Holland FlaHavhan, Hugh Allerton, Otto W. Cox, James E. Dunne, Charles Johnson; STANDARDIZATION & CODE OF ETHICS: J. Knutson, Iowa; FOUNDER'S FUND PROMOTION Allan Mason, Calif; MASONIC SERVICES Earl Delzell, Iowa; OBJECTIVES James F. Hoffman, Colorado.

Pres. Owen C. Car wrote in the August, 1949 High Twelvian, "Brother Otto W. Cox, Indianapolis, our 2nd V.P. gave an enormous amount of his time this past year to the organization of new clubs; most outstanding of which was that grand club at PURDUE University, consisting of 185 members, half faculty and half students. The organization of this club opens an entirely new field which will be explored this year."

"We now have 169 clubs with about 12,000 members. Will you consider yourself a member of our Extension Committee and request your club to make a survey within a radius of 50 to 100 miles of your club? Select a city and then see to it that the Masonic Brothers in that city have an opportunity to charter a club of their own....to enjoy the Masonic fellowship of High Twelve."

"Take an inventory of your club. Are you growing? Are your programs of the project type? Are your committees functioning? Have you a worthwhile project?" The September-October, 1949 High Twelvian carried article by 3rd V.P. Charles S. Johnson, FGM, Masonic Home, Ky. "....If a brother is led astray by the erring propensities of his nature, charity prompts the true Mason to gently remind him of his faults, to whisper good counsel in his ear and assist him in all his efforts at reformation."

November 29; 1949, the Cherokee, Iowa HTC under leadership of James Fitzgerald and the help of the Sioux City Club was presented charter by Bro. Wallie. President Elmer Swanson welcomed 140 members and guests, many from Sioux City. 57 mbr.

HURON, S. Dak. HTC Founded by Leonard Smith of the Fort Dodge Club. Charter presented 11/30/49 by E.C. Wolcott to Pres. E. Leonard Galloway. Sec. C.D. Berry. 90 members and guests present. 44 on charter.

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. Charter was issued Sept. 7, 1949, 43 on roll. Pres. Geo. D. Dickie. The ABE LINCOLN H.T.C., Springfield, Ill. put on a drive for new members and brought in 92 under leadership of Pres. Chas. Bostick.

2nd Vice President J. Wallace Forbes credited Col. B. Victor Cranston, the Philadelphia HTC's International Representative for having carried the gospel of High Twelve through New Jersey, across Pennsylvania and into New England and Virginia... even Ohio. "At present we have only one club in New York State, Granville. Within a few weeks we will charter White Plains and Rochester." see above. 6/49

Wallie reported working on clubs in Buenos Aires, Argentina; San Juan, Puerto Rico and Havana, Cuba. Enthusiastic about formation of HTCs on University campuses following the lead of Purdue. "If I were to name the men of the year in the field of building new clubs it would be Judge Otto W. Cox and Dr. R.G. Varsey (Mich), Fred Hunt, Ohio; C.J. Hyde and Chas. Johnson, Ky; James Hoffman & F.E. Fields, Colo; Col. James Crandall, Pa; Paul Trout (NY & NJ), Gray & Roark (Nebr.); Dr. J. Wallace Forbes Penna. and east and Holland FlaHavhan, Chairman of Extension.

9/30/49 - SOVIETS LIFT WEST BERLIN BLOCKADE.
10/7/49 - NATIONALIST CHINA'S GOVERNMENT FLED TO FORMOSA (Taiwan)

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"Past International President FlaHavhan of Chicago, Chairman of the Extension Committee, has done a fine job," said Pres. Owen C. Carr, "but could do better if he had proper cooperation from the clubs. Since we have no paid organizers, we must depend on our membership to assist the Extension Committee in its drive for new clubs." "...Last year we lost nearly as many members as we gained in new clubs." "...More new clubs are in the process of being organized now than came into existence last year." For objectives: "Here are some tasks that can be seriously considered:

"DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls; Children's wards in hospitals; Masonic Homes; Hospital bed service; shut-ins, Recreation for prevention of juvenile delinquency; aid to juvenile courts; Helping physically handicapped youth; Shriners Hospital; Serving brother Masons in sickness; Salvation Army; Educational Awards for High School students; Building High Twelve's educational fund through pennies at luncheon, etc."

There was considerable exchange of correspondence during the fall and winter of 1949 regarding the registration of the Trade Mark (insignia and name, etc.) summarized as follows: 9/19/49, FlaHavhan to the Board - "When we registered our Trade Marks in May, 1947, Congress had just passed the new 'Trade Mark Act'. I inquired of counsel, who are specialists in trade mark work, regarding the registration of our Trade Marks under this new act and they advised me that because the act was so new it was problematical how it would work out and whether it would be entirely successful. I was further advised that it would be preferable to register our name, magazine and insignia under the old act of 1905. This we did, just getting under the line and as you can see from enclosed letter, we have been successful with these Trade Marks. Frankly, I expected to have trouble with the Trade Mark 'High Twelve' and even doubted that it could be registered, but our good brethren, Roy Olson, has been following this very carefully and has done a very fine job for us."

"The enclosed correspondence from Roy now shows what can be done if we desire to bring our registration under the provisions of the new act of 1947. I am passing this information on to the Board so that you will be in a position to determine whether we would agree to take this additional action for our protection or not. I would suggest that you advise Hugh Allerton how you feel about the matter since he is our General Counsel. The reason this matter is coming from me is that I initiated this action when I was President and before Hugh was appointed Gen. Counsel."

FlaHavhan to Wolcott, 11/25/49, "...I am enclosing herewith statement from Moore, Olson & Trexler for additional work which they had to do in order to get our trade Mark 'High Twelve' through the patent office. It is a difficult matter to trade mark common English words and Roy had a great deal of difficulty convincing the patent office that we were entitled to this trade mark. Frankly, this to my way of thinking is about the most important of the three trade marks we applied for."

Wolcott to FlaHavhan 12/20/49, indicating the processing of trade marks had cost \$520.30 from the beginning. "Now we do not want to seem penurious or interfere with your processes but in conferences with competent attorneys here in St Louis and with the legal members of our Board, we feel that this is a sufficient investment to accomplish our purposes; but at any rate I feel we should have definitely understood what the future charges are to be and for what. Anybody can keep on general personal interviews and have arguments and send a bill for the same and I feel very frankly that we have come to a point now in investing in this matter that we should have a definite understanding, for I want to submit it to the Board for a final conclusion." "General Counsel Hugh Allerton of opinion that having prior adoption and use is sufficient unto our needs...."

Secretary Delmer C. Gowing, Highland Park, Mich. died 11/27/49 from heart attack.

The Mid-Year meeting of the Governing Board was held 12/10/49 - 12/11/49 in Chicago at the Hotel LaSalle. Past International President Hugh Allerton, General Counsel was appointed Secretary to the Board to replace Secretary Delmer C. Gowing, deceased.

Topics discussed: University and College High Twelve Clubs - Conducted by V.P. Cox; International and State Association relationships; International Officers - visitations at State Meetings. "The California Convention Committee (for Convention to be held in San Diego) guarantees and assures a Convention Fund of at least \$3,000.00 cash to assure payment of pre-convention expenses; and have guaranteed 100 paid delegates, alternates or members from California." "....that the California High Twelve Clubs be clearly advised of the grave and serious consequences affecting the general prestige, welfare and standing of International High Twelve resulting from a small delegation attending said convention outside the State of California, a general survey and study of the response from Eastern and Mid-Western Clubs indicating that the maximum number of delegates attending said Convention from Eastern and Mid-Western Clubs will not exceed 100, which emphasized the great and grave responsibility and selling job confronting the California clubs if the 1950 Convention be a success." NOTE: This document was signed by 9 Officers of International, and indicated their lack of faith in having a Convention so far west of the rest of the clubs in High Twelve International. California leaders had been agitating for a Convention for some time to re-kindle interest in the affairs of International. Without a convention soon they knew that eventually the West Coast would be lost to High Twelve International. They met the rest of the country half way by these guarantees.) DLP

"The Founder's Fund," according to E.C. Welcott in the Jan-Feb., 1950 High Twelvian, ".....think that funds shall be used for student loans to students matriculating in American colleges and universities, approved by the Trustees of the Foundation, 1st to seniors, 2nd juniors, 3rd sophmores, lastly freshmen. All things being equal, preference shall be given to High Twelvians, 2 - sons and/or daughters of High Twelvians, 3 - Sons and daughters of Masons, 4 - Protestants....taking into consideration financial need, morality, scholastic ability, liklihood of success in chosen endeavor and adherence to the principles of our government; loan without interest until borrower one year out of college, then 2% for 1st year and 3% thereafter, evidenced by a promissary note, endorsements at discretion of Trustees, who shall use all reasonable means for collection." This answered some of Harry Buckalew's ?

Speaking of the International Convention to be held in San Diego, President Owen C. Carr, Oakland, said, "There are many plans that can be used by the clubs to raise money to help the delegate defray his expnses." "....If the Convention has done nothing else, it has awakened the California clubs to a sense of their responsibility. Every club member is contributing through his club (in California) at least \$3.00 which will put over \$3,000.00 into the Convention Fund."

"The SAN FRANCISCO HTC through Bro. Rody Schwarzmenn, has organized and chartered the GOLDEN GATE HTC with 54 members, mostly of Italian extraction, and in two months it has grown to 80 members." "STOCKTON HTC was responsible for 80 member LODI HTC, Carl Sugar Pres." International records indicate charter issued 1/28/50 with 90 mbrs. (Golden Gate Pres. Charles A. Ertola).

Due to the upcoming Convention, there was a wave of club building in California. MT HELIX (Lemon Grove - near San Diego) charter issued 1/27/50 with 41 members. Pres. Maynard C. Hostetler. PALM SPRINGS HTC charter issued 3/1/50, 45 members. Robt. A. Ellsworth Pres; TRACY, Calif. charter issued 4/15/50 with 50 members. Adrian Taylor Pres. GLENDALE, Calif. HTC charter issued 5/10/50 with 48 members. Robert S. Kreider Pres. SAN DIEGO HTC hoped to have a club in Tijuana, Mex. by Convention time.

VANDALIA, Ill. charter issued Jan. 10, 1950, Pres. Roland Fehn; MADISON, Ind. charter issued Jan. 18, 1950, 57 members, Pres. A.L. Redman. COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa charter issued 1/28/50, 200 members. Pres. Harry C. Crowl. WEST TOLEDO, Ohio charter issued 1/28/50, 38 members. Pres. Harold B. Fetterman.

FEB. 1 - FEB. 2, 1950 - UNITED NATIONS DECLARED CHINA THE AGGRESSOR IN KOREA AND PUSH CHINESE BACK ABOVE PARALLEL.

Wolcott wrote Holland FlaHavhan 2/20/50, congratulating him on completion of work in the patent office on conclusion of trade mark matter; filed with other important papers. "...We are now changing our name and completing our Pro Forma decree in Missouri"..."...we are making it perpetual instead of 50 years."

"....The general consensus of the Board meeting in Chicago regarding the breakfasts was they should be discontinued"....."....therefore I will ask each International Officer to express his opinion on the breakfasts"...."....if you will recall the plan was that we hold a morning session divided into units and covering the subject matter discussed at the breakfasts."

"....we were to put a resolution in some manner to all the clubs....stating our ideas of qualification for officers."....."....I think the brotherhood was considerably disappointed over the drive that was made at Louisville and the confusion resulting therefrom. In my opinion, it is now too great a responsibility to be left to the nominating committee without proper support from clubs presenting a candidate."

"....The foundation laid at Nebraska City, Norfolk and Lincoln by Frank Reark, Al Hemmingson and myself were well done and will result in clubs. It took me over 5 months to get the basic lists in these different cities and Al and Frank are following through in a fine intelligent manner. George Pratt is important and will be very helpful in completion of these clubs..." (NOTE: At an ever increasing pace Wolcott takes over leadership of International. He showed strong likes and dislikes for candidates, clubs and state associations' drive to get their men in office.)DLP

A Pro forma Decree of Incorporation of "The International High Twelve Club", Secretary of State, State of Missouri Feb. 8, 1950 must have been an error on some one's part. Adrian Bushman, Past President of Clayton, Mo. Club has rewritten our Pro-Forma Decree under the laws of Missouri, thus widening our scope and securing for us a life time right of our decree."

The International High Twelve Club, Owen C. Carr, Pres., Hugh Allerton as Secretary, W.F. Hecht as Treasurer and E.C. Wolcott as Executive Director prayed for an Amendment of Pro Forma Decree of Incorporation, in the Circuit Court, St. Louis County, Missouri, changing the name to "High Twelve International". The International High Twelve Club was incorporated under a Pro Forma Decree by the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Mo., 6/20/23. "New Articles of Agreement have remained on file in the Clerk's office of this Court for 3 days since same were first presented to the court," etc. "....said new Articles of Agreement and the purposes of said corporation as therein expressed, are germane to the Charter of said corporation, and come properly within the purview of Art. 10, Chapt. 33 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri 1939 entitled 'Benevolent, Religious, Scientific, Fraternal-Beneficial, Educational and Miscellaneous Associations,' etc. "....The Association shall not be used for either business or political purposes or for the pecuniary gain or profit of its members." New articles of Agreement were attached, showing the correct name. 3/23/50.

The Amended Articles of Agreement of High Twelve International asked for perpetual existence. Its object and purposes under Art. IV, "...are to promote a close alliance among its members in social intercourse and intellectual development; to serve our fellow men; to inspire and encourage the practices of those virtues which will aid in the development and preservation of the principles of good government, locally, nationally and internationally; to strive for the free exercise of religion

and the maintenance of adequate educational facilities, with a guarantee of freedom of conscience and voluntary action uninfluenced by political entanglements, to receive gifts, legacies and donations from any sources whatever and to make gifts and appropriations from any and all of its resources from time to time to carry out its objects and purposes; and to do all other acts and exercise all such powers necessary or incidental to the fulfillment of the objects and purposes herein specified, including the establishment of local clubs....."

On May 5, 1950 "Pro Forma Amended Decreee changed name to "High Twelve International."

The Council Bluffs HTC (Iowa) charter party 1/28/50 was attened by 260 people, including visitors from Omaha. Wolcott started the campaign in the fall; organized by Harry C. Crowl, Pres; Sec. Forrest W. Wakefield. M.W. Don Carpenter, G.M. Grand Lodge of Iowa brought greetings. P.I.P. H.F. Flahavhn was speaker.

Madison, Ind. chartered 1/18/50 with 100 present. Louisville, Indianapolis, New Albany and Jeffersonville in attendance. 3rd Int.V.P. & P.G.M. Charles Johnson of Kentucky presented charter. 2nd Int.V.P. Otto W. Cox gave an address on 'our American Masonic Tradition'. President Lowell Redman; Sec. John Sparks.

4/22/50-4/30/50 - CHINESE OFFENSIVE STOPPED.

6/25/50 - NORTH KOREA INVADES SOUTH...6/27/50 - TRUMAN ORDERS MAC ARTHUR TO AID SOUTH KOREA AND U.S. FLEET TO PROTECT FORMOSA. 6/29/50 - NORTH KOREA TOOK SEOUL.

Wolcott to Hugh Allerton, PIP and Chairman of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee: "I have prepared...the amendments as adopted and the ones up for adoption...along with a set of resolutions received from Penn-Jersey Area." "...These 3 Eastern Clubs, Camden, Trenton and Philadelphia are constantly boring in to find some way to have control of the movement." (Apparently regarding International Representatives.)

Speaking of the International Representative, "....There is grave danger that he would become a super-boss to the President and Board of Directors of the locals clubs." "....we should either strictly define his tasks, limit his powers, or do away with the office all together, which I think is wise." letter dated 4/6/50

"This same set of thinking is applicable to the drive on the part of Gullen (PIP) and Armstrong of Illinois for a state organization empowered to collect all the dues for themselves and for H.T.I. and to have certain power over the clubs in the States." Here again our thought was that the attention of this state group would be given to projects, programs, membership campaigns and presenting charters to new clubs under authority of International. "I am thinking hard, and in my thinking to the region. Take the greater St Louis Metropolitan area. There are some 8 clubs in the Illinois side and some 15 clubs on the Missouri side."...."State lines mean nothing."

There is a letter in the files dated 9/28/50 signed by Governor Adlai S. Stevenson, welcoming Hti to hold convention in Chicago in 1951.

Van Buren, Ark. HTC was dropped from the rolls March, 1950. Mill H1 (Denver) Colo. charter issued 4/27/50. 90 members. Harold S. Capps Pres. South Denver HTC Charter issued 4/28/50. Paris, Ill. HTC charter issued 5/10/50. 40 members. Pres. Harvey Gross. Dixie (Shively) Ky. charter issued 6/15/50. 68 members. A.E. Owsley, Jr. Pres. Algona, Iowa charter issued 6/23/50. 27 members. Stewart A. McFadden Pres.

NEBRASKA CITY HTC charter presented 3/31/50 by PIP Leonard Engstrom. Geo. Pratt of the Omaha Club installed Pres. Lucian E. Smith. W. West Sec. Frank Roarke of Omaha and Lucian E. Smith were credited for forming the club. NORFOLK, Neb. HTC, charter pre E.C. Wolcott 4/14/50. "When Wallie left St Louis it was 78°. In Norfolk

in a snow blizzard it was 24° below zero. The charter was presented to S.P. P.Covert Pres. Sec. LeRoy V.DeVore. Frank Roark & Al Hemmingson braved the weather and came from Nebraska City.

GLENDALE (Calif.) HTC charter party 5/10/50. 85 in attendance. Presentation of charter by President Bruce Dixon of the Pasadena Club; and first President of the Alhambra Club James I. Condie presented the gavel to Pres. Robt. S. Kreide. Pres. Sam Johnson of the Fresno Club and Frank King, Pres. of the Bakersfield HTC installed. Sec. Wm. J. Curry Jr.

CHARLESTON, Ill. HTC charter presented 5/4/50 by James Gram, Pres. of the Illinois Association. Jacob Stump of the Mattoon club helped Pres. Dan McAllister. Sec-treas Lewis Linder. 34 members. PARIS, Ill. promoted by Joseph Stump of Mattoon and Terra Haute. Judge Otto W. Cox, VP of H.T.I. was guest speaker. Pres. Harry Gross. Sec. Dr. David F. Smilie.

HOURLY EARNINGS IN MFG. IND. (yrly avg.) GROSS = \$1.44 (By 1965 = \$2.61).

LINCOLN, Neb. HTC charter presented 5/8/50 by Pres. Harry C. Crowl of new High Twelve Club in Council Bluffs to Pres. Phillip T. Smith. Sec. J. Cecil Way. Wallie was present, as was Frank Roark, Founder-President of the Omaha Club. Grand Master Ernest Schiefelbein was presented an honorary membership.

6/27/50 PRES. TRUMAN SENT 35 MILITARY "ADVISORS" TO SOUTH VIETNAM.

President Owen C. Carr in May-June, 1950 High Twelvian said he had contacted 169 clubs, asking the Presidents to, "1 - Discuss with the club members the most outstanding thing High Twelve can do for members in the years to come; 2 - will your club be responsible for 1 new club?" From 169 letters he got 3 replies. In April he contacted the Club Presidents again, asking them to conduct a new membership drive during May. He had one reply. Early in his administration he wrote each State President suggesting he become a member of the President's cabinet. The idea had to be abandoned after two attempts since only one-half replied.

When the Cedar Rapids HTC celebrated its 25th Birthday, according to the May-June, 1950 High Twelvian, P.I.P. Clark A. Beems, who published the High Twelvian and was Associate Editor for 20 years, wrote in part:

"....We, like other clubs, have allowed our minds to become confused, and have strayed away from the original purpose for which High Twelve was created. We floundered around for suitable objectives for our activities." "....There is a lack of appreciation of the value of following factors which lead to victory..... 1 - Participation; 2 - Integration (between clubs, state, International, etc.); 3 - Indoctrination; 4 - Effective cooperation." "....There are no Grand Jurisdictions criticising openly our High Twelve activities." "...We have a right to feel that we really are making a contribution to our Order, and hope to be considered a sail rather than a barnacle on the Masonic Ship of Justice, Equality, Freedom of Con-science and Individual Responsibility."

"Since Participation is wholly an individual responsibility in all Masonic activities, and the avoidance of that responsibility his individual business, we all have to accept the responsibility for his failure to become integrated and indoctrinated properly in order that he may be eligible to be incorporated as an asset to our cause." The Code of ethics is shown on the back page of the May-June, 1950 High Twelvian.

A CODE OF ETHICS OR PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT FOR HIGH TWELVIANS: By J.W. Whitney and Fred Hunt, Toledo High Twelve Club (P.I.P. '48-49)

"PREAMBLE: Being cognizant of and most willing to re-affirm my obligations as a Master Mason and being imbued with the laudable objectives of High Twelve International, I am most highly gratified and privileged to subscribe to the following principles for personal guidance in my contacts with my fellows:

"FIRST - I will be diligent in my search for Masonic Trust knowing that as I progress in this endeavor, I shall attain a greater measure of freedom from negative attitudes toward my fellowmen and I shall be enabled to live more positively and constructively. SECOND - I will endeavor to rid my heart of all forms of hate, greed, envy and petty resentment by making the Golden Rule my guide and rule of action toward those with whom I come in contact.

"THIRD - I will ever hold in reverence and I will frequently resort to the GREAT LIGHT IN MASONRY, the Holy Bible, as the greatest source of Masonic Truth & Light. FOURTH - I will make diligent effort to strengthen the Cable Tow that binds me to my Masonic Brethern and as a means to this attainment, I shall attend as many High Twelve meetings as possible not alone for my personal gains but for the contributions I may be able to render to the Institutions.

"FIFTH - My business and professional or vocations activities which afford me the legitimate means of gaining economic independence for myself and family shall always be conducted on a high plane of SERVICE to the end that all parties to the transaction shall be benefited. SIXTH - I will endeavor to keep myself alert and informed as a citizen of my country and I will employ my ballot in the interests of humanity and good government whenever an occasion presents itself.

"SEVENTH - Believing in the right of all citizens to an education and being in hearty sympathy and accord with Masonic teachings in this respect, I will use my influence on every occasion to keep the public schools free from domination of any religious sect. EIGHTH - I will take an active part in the affairs of my community and in the promotion of civic virtue and wholesome environment with special emphasis for the well-being of our youth.

"NINTH - In my daily life and conduct, I will ever strive to be conscious of obligations to my God, to my country and to my fellowmen and I will endeavor to discharge the same in full measure. TENTH - I agree to be cautious in carriage and behavior, courteous to my brethern and faithful to my Lodge. I will do all in my power to prevent private piques and quarrels and I will guard against excess or intemperance in my Club.

"ELEVENTH - I agree to foster the general good of society, to cultivate the social virtues and to promote the fine art of human fellowship. TWELFTH - In all my conduct, I will ever remember that I am a MASON."

Clubs as of April 30, 1950: ALABAMA: Birmingham; ARKANSAS: Little Rock & Van Buren (dropped); CALIFORNIA: Alhambra, Bakersfield, Berkeley, Coachella, Fresno, Glendale, Golden Gate (S.F.), Hayward, Mt Helix (San Diego), Lodi, Oakland Downtown, East Oakland, Pasadena, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, San Rafael, Stockton and Tracy. COLORADO: Boulder, Colorado Springs, Denver, Pueblo, Rangely, Mile Hi (Denver) South Denver;

ILLINOIS: Alton, Aurora, Belleville, Centralia, Charleston, Chicago (Ft Dearborn), Decatur, East St Louis, Effingham, Evanston, Freeport, Joliet, Kankakee, LaGrange, Lincoln, Mattoon, Moline, Oak Park, Paris, Quincy, Rockford, Rock Island, Salem, Springfield, Sterling-Rock Falls, Valdalia, Wood River. INDIANA: Indianapolis, Jeffersonville, Lafayette, Madison, New Albany, Richmond, Terre Haute, Vincennes, Purdeau West Lafayette;

IOWA: Boone, Cedar Rapids, Clinton, Council Bluffs, Davenport, Des Moines, Dubuque, Ft Dodge, Ft Madison, Cherokee, Keokuk, Marshalltown, Mason City, Ottumwa, Sioux City, Waterloo and Webster City; KANSAS: Emporia, Kansas City, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Manhattan, Topeka and Wichita. KENTUCKY: Frankfort, Lexington, Louisville, Madisonville and Owensboro; LOUISIANA: Shreveport;

MICHIGAN: Battle Creek, Bay City, Birmingham, Downtown Detroit, Northwest Detroit, Southeast Detroit, Ferndale, Flint, Highland Park, Jackson, Lansing, Mt Clemens, Plymouth, Pontiac, Port Huron, Redford, Roseville, Kalamazoo, Royal Oak and Ypsilanti; MISSOURI: Clayton, Crosstown St Louis, Ferguson, Hannibal, Independence, Jefferson City, Kansas City, Kanss City, Col.O. & S., LeMay, St. Charles, St Joseph, Saint Louis Downtown, St Louis Gravois, MacArthur St Louis, St Louis Northside, St Louis Southside, St Johns Overland, Springfield & Rolla; Maplewood

NEW JERSEY - Atlantic City, Bridgton, Camden, Trenton, Newark; NEBRASKA: Rural Douglas County, Lincoln, Nebraska City, Mexico, Omaha, Norfolk; NEW YORK: Granville, Rochester, White Plains; OHIO: Bowling Green, Cleveland, Dayton, Findlay & Toledo; OKLAHOMA: Bartlesville, Muskogee & Tulsa; PENNSYLVANIA: Philadelphia; PHILIPPINES: Manila; SOUTH DAKOTA: Sioux Falls & Huron; WASHINGTON: Seattle.

Wolcott to International Board 6/14/50, "Long Distance call from (Pres.) Owen Carr this morning." "...slight heart attack, cannot attend convention." "I am quite certain there will be an effort made on the part of the California Association to want someone to take Carr's place on the entire program; and of course this must not be permitted. Carr has informed me he has already asked Holland FlaHavhan to preside Monday afternoon. The rest of the sessions should be divided between Allerton, Cox, Johnson, Hunt and Forbes." He suggested a program steering committee be instituted.

The Penn-Jersey District advocated in June a complete revision of the High Twelve International Constitution and By-Laws.

Founder's Fund balance 5/16/49 \$1,795.62 and contributions \$433.45 = \$2,229.07 (no disbursements). General Fund bal. 5/16/49 = \$4,818.46 and cash receipts \$24,119.48 = \$28,937.94, less disbursements = \$6,764.01; Total cash bal. 5/41/50 = \$8,993.08.

State Presidents as of International Convention, June, 1950: CALIF: Allan S. Mason, Fresno; COLORADO: F.E. Fields, Denver (Troy Pollard of Rangely soon); ILLINOIS: Col. Paul G. Armstrong, Chicago; INDIANA: Otto W. Cox, Indianapolis; IOWA: Glenn Morris, Ottumwa (current Iowa St. records indicate Roland A. Cook, Des Moines for 1949-50 and Karl S. Pantle, Fort Dodge, 1950-51); KANSAS: Richard Long, Wichita; KENTUCKY: Robert McGinnis, Owensboro; Ohio - Howard Malone, Dayton (current Ohio records indicate Malone 1948-49 and Cloyce Dutweiler 19-50); MICHIGAN: Edward L. Muncie, Royal Oak (William C. Maynard, Highland Park took over about this time); MISSOURI: P.A. Crow, St Louis; Penn-Jersey Dist. Gov. Paul M. Trout, Trenton. (NOTE: Often there will be a discrepancy, due to International records or High Twelvian running a few months behind; so the current State information may vary a year. DLP)

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - San Diego, Calif. June 25-28, 1950, U.S. Grant Hotel. W.L. Hopperstead Convention General Chairman. Address of welcome by R.W. Claude Morrison, P.G.M. California, and response by P.G.M. Chas S. Johnson, 3rd V.P.H.T.I. Pres. Owen C. Carr was absent due to illness, so his address was given by PIP Fred Starratt. 1st VP Dr. J. Wallace Forbes presided at Convention sessions. 81 clubs represented at the convention.

Summary of achievement reports: CALIF: "We build High Twelve Clubs; Centrallia, ILL., "We build the blood bank," Findlay, OHIO, "We heal the ears and eyes of children," Omaha, Nebr., "We support the Boys Home"; St Johns (Overland) MISSOURI, "We build a Blue Lodge and a DeMolay Chapter;" Tulsa, OKLA, "We send clothes to our brethren in Germany." (NOTE: At that time many Masons and Lodges in Germany were destitute); Louisville KY, "We send educational lessons and music to the blind children of Louisville;" Oakland, CALIF: "We try to help prevent juvenile delinq'y."

PHILADELPHIA & Penn-Jersey area, "We send boys to camp."

Past International President Holland F. FlaHavhan reported there were 29 new clubs in International during the year. Elsewhere these new clubs were listed as organized at or since Louisville Convention: CALIF: Mt. Helix, Lodi, Coachella Valley, Golden State, Tracy, Glendale; COLORADO: Mile Hi Denver & South Denver; ILLINOIS: Vandalia, Charleston, Paris; INDIANA: Madison; IOWA: Cherokee, Council Bluffs and Algona; KENTUCKY: Uptown Louisville and Dixie (Louisville); MICHIGAN: Kalamazoo; NEBRASKA: Nebraska City, Norfolk, Lincoln, Fremont & Columbus; NEW YORK: White Plains; MEXICO: Tijuana; OHIO: West Toledo; SOUTH DAKOTA: Huron.

As of June 26, 1950 there were 171 active and 11 inactive clubs reported in HTI. Total membership 5/31/49 = 11,903, loss 558, gain 797, plus new club membership of 1,518 = total 13,660. Active clubs 5/31/49 = 144 + 24 new clubs = 168 active and 11 inactive clubs being rebuilt = 179. 38 clubs showing gain vs 81 showing loss. (NOTE: Occasionally there will be conflicting figures. This is due to the reports being issued by two different sources at different times but submitted about the same time.

FOUNDER'S FUND: As of May 31, 1950 Chairman of Trustees was Holland F. FlaHavhan, members Hugh Allerton, Otto W. Cox, James E. Dunn and Chas. Johnson. Total in the Founder's Fund - \$2,229.07, contributions '49-'50 \$433.45. Downtown Louisville won the Founder's trophy for the 2nd year for having the highest average gift per member...\$1.65.

Executive Director E.C. Wolcott reported, in June of 1950, "The brothers from the Omaha clubs submitted a fund-raising plan to be financed by an Omaha Brother based on study of fund-raising accomplishments of Father Flannigan's Boys Town and the Omaha Masonic Home, securing the funds from direct mail."

Wolcott spoke of "Our National Objective...the care and training of under-privileged boys not eligible for such care in our Masonic Homes. It is workable, justifiable, but can never be realized by taxing our small membership. In proper space of time, a chain of such homes across the nation would do for our movement what the Shrine Hospitals have done for the Shrine." "...until the time comes for this larger idea, there are a hundred fine objectives for a local club that does not call for heavy money investment, too large blocks of time and can be done successfully...."

"We have 3 groups or clubs using our name as clubs; all three of which came from our literature mailed out years ago....Enid, Okla, Champaign, Ill. and Hamilton, Ohio." "....Why should they come into a dues paying fellowship when they have an unrestricted use of our good name and no Masonic responsibility as to conduct, membership, etc...." "....The Enid club withdrew 20 years ago on account of dues."

Speaking of work in obtaining new club. Wallie said, "....The faithful few, who number inside of 15 brothers....built 29 clubs (this year), and our net gain was 1518 members." "CALIFORNIA heads the parade with 6 new clubs; Nebraska with 5; Illinois with 3, Indiana 3, Colorado 2, Kentucky 2, I have travelled more miles, made more return calls than in any year since I began in 1944 to devote full time to new clubs."

"President Owen C. Carr, in spite of his serious health condition has at great cost to himself rendered outstanding service as any leader this year. He has lived High Twelve and devoted splendid cooperation to this committee and his Calif. brothers in their many new clubs and convention committee meetings, all at great cost to his physical health."

Wolcott, "I want a firm declaration made at this convention that the standard set up on liquor by the Grand Lodge jurisdictions is our standard."

"In 1944 when the Expansion Fund was completed and I began the building of new clubs, we had 27 clubs and a total income of \$2,300.00. Today we have 187 clubs, and our 1949-50 income from dues and new clubs is \$21,607.02." He suggested considering the raising of dues. He complained of some poor state setups, with ".... no effort to seek voluntary gifts from High Twelvians, but rather to exercise dictatorial powers directed by the officers, who have become very objective minded and a decided tendency to push aside the five objectives of fellowship, Masonic Service and building new clubs, for some personal objective ambition.".....

"The great civic luncheon clubs have studied this problem for 40 years and have not as yet adopted a compulsory national objective to be financed by the way of assessments on local clubs.....

"I have made a very careful study of the State Association plan as against the Regional Plan, and feel we would gain strength in our growth if we had the Regional Plan"... "Therefore I am for an Area Organization, which would be non-legislative, but devote its entire strength to building programs, local club objectives, new clubs, and thus keep out of the hands of a type of individual seeking power..." (NOTE: There was a growing trend among a few of the leaders to centralize the power and, equating it to the national government, substituting a regional organization, responsible to International, and either diluting the power of the States or doing away with them. This concept never got very far. Instead, the State Associations gradually got more power and authority and had their say in the Councils.DLP)

2nd V.P. Otto W.Cox, "....We soon will have reached 200 or more clubs." "...We will have to justify our existence." 3rd V.P. P.G.M.Charles Johnson talked on the importance of enthusiasm.

DURING THE CONVENTION, THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT OF NORTH KOREA ATTACKED BELOW THE 38° PARALLEL LINE. WAR!

Convention activities: Past Grand Master of Masons in California R.W.Claude Morrison gave the address of welcome. President Owen C.Carr was absent so 1st V.P.Dr.J.Wallace Forbes presided. 106 clubs represented at Convention for credentials purposes. Necrology under direction of Franklin J.Ives. & Cary T.Ray. 400 attended the President's Ball and Banquet at Hospitality House, Balboa Park. The Engstrom Achievement cup was won by Dr.J.Wallace Forbes and Dr.Larry Hess for outstanding work of Philadelphia and Penn-Jersey Clubs for underprivileged boys. Founder's Fund Trophy went to Ray Hunning for Downtown St Louis for largest per capita gifts. The Hopperstead attendance trophy for the club out of California with largest delegation to the convention went to J.Nelson Truit for the Denver Club.

Elected to serve for 1950-1951 - Pres.Dr.J.Wallace Forbes, Collingswood, N.J; (a dentist); 1st V.P. Otto W.Cox, Indianapolis,Ind; 2nd V.P. Charles S.Johnson,FGM Masonic Home, Ky; 3rd V.P. F.E.Fields, Denver, Colo; Imm.P.P. Owen C.Carr, Sacramento, Calif; General Counsel & Sec.to Int.Bd. PIP Hugh Allerton, Highland Park,Mi. Ch.Extension Comm. PIP Fred A.Hunt, Toledo, Ohio; Tr. Wm.H.Hecht, Maplewood,Mo; Ex.Dir., Founder & Editor High Twelvian E.C.Wolcott. Int.Office 2683 Big Bend Blvd., Maplewood 17,Mo., Suite 14.

President J.W.Forbes presented a Resolution changing the name of the Founder's Fund to WOLCOTT FOUNDER's FUND in honor of E.C.Wolcott. This was adopted. "To this date less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the clubs have contributed. There is \$2,229.97 in the Fund. Average about \$318.00 per year since Omaha Conv.'48. September set aside every year

hereafter as Wolcott Week, with a special collection 'hopefully' each new member to contribute \$1.00, providing some additional \$2,500.00 per year."
"....to....have the Trustees of the Fund revise this machinery....increase the principal from \$4,000.00 to \$10,000.00. "

The following clubs were to have been chartered by the end of the Convention: De Soto, Mo; Butler Univ; Indianapolis, Ind; Shelbyville, Ind; West Toledo, Ohio; Fremont, Nebr; Columbus, Nebr; Washington, Mo.

Amendments were submitted to the Convention for study.
The Tijuana, Mexico HTC charter was presented 6/26/50 by E.C.Wolcott. 36 members. 400 delegates and wives present. Ricardo Salazar, Pres. San Diego HTC sponsored. Pres. Salazar was at the same time Grand Master of the Northern Mexico District.

It was brought to the attention of the delegates that South Denver had 89 charter members, 4/28/50. They sponsored an all-accordion band, with 110 youth members; accordians provided by Charter member Bro. Lou Simmons of Simmons Music Co. Bro. Hal Mollison, also a charter member, taught and directed. Chairman of Bands and Orchestras of High Twelve International. The club realized over \$500.00 from the band first concert last October.

ALGONA, Iowa HTC founded by Leonard Smith. He presented charter 6/23/50. Smith was President of the Fort Dodge Club. Earl Winders who founded Fort Dodge Club did the installing. Delegations were from Mason City and Cherokee too. RURAL DOUGLAS COUNTY Neb. HTC were guests of the Platte Valley DeMolays 8/7/50 in an impressive ceremony.

WEST TOLEDO, Ohio HTC's charter night was 6/26/50. Over 100 present. 72 Charter members. Lloyd L. Roulet 33° P. Com. Grand Commandery of Ohio was Toastmaster. Aurlie S. Weast 2nd V.P. Michigan Assn. HTC presented charter. Pres. Harold Fetterman, Sec. Harold E. MacDowell.

WASHINGTON, Mo. charter party 7/21/50. Wolcott gave address. Pres. James W. Hauser. Sec. Jack K. Jones. Toastmaster R.W. Judge Ranson A. Brewer, Dist. Lecturer. Rt. Worh. Joseph A. Halley, Past Dist. Lect. installed the officers. During the Fall of 1950 two LINCOLN, Ill. H.T.C. members were honored....Bro. Harry F. Augsburg received International citation for Masonic and Community Service, especially youth. Bro. Geo. R. Shrager received the H.T.I. Founder's citation at the same time.

CENTRALIA, Ill. H.T.C. sponsored a blood contribution drive for a Centralia patient in the Fall of 1950. They met along with many Masons at the Barnes Hospital.

The Convention Committee reported the results of the San Diego Convention last June as follows: Contributions by the California H.T.Cs = \$3,238.90, Deficit guarantee by a Pasadena Mason \$500.00, Conv. receipts \$3,749.35 = Total disbursements \$7,488.25; Refund of deficit guarantee to a Pasadena Mason \$508.00 = \$6,537.04. Bank balance as of 9/9/59 - \$451.21. They refunded the \$451.21 excess to the 14 California clubs (which had contributed \$3,238.50) on a pro rata basis.

There is a reference in the records to the first club in Montana....CORVALIS. No further reference. WASHINGTON, Mo. Charter issued 7/21/50. 26 members. Pr. J. Hauser. CORONADO, Calif. charter issued 8/3/50. 30 members. Pres. Clarence A. Dettloff. ST CLAIR COUNTY, Ill. charter issued 11/9/50. 49 members. Pres. Hulin S. Halcomb. BLOOMINGTON, Ill. charter issued 11/10/50. 42 members. Pres. E.C. Horn.

LOS ANGELES (DOWNTOWN) HTC charter party at Altadena Country Club. Promoted by Pres. Bob Kreider of Glendale HTC, who acted as Master of Ceremonies. Franklin J. Ives, PSP, "Founder" of the Pasadena Club, installed. Delegations from Glendale, Pasadena and Alhambra. Pres. Arthur J. Schifferman; Sec. John L. Harris.

The Committee on Objectives listed over 40 possible objectives High Twelve Clubs could consider. This report resulted in a resolution in effect to:

1. Assist in every way possible the Masonic Lodge and all regularly constituted institutions of the Craft.
2. Actively support free public schools and recognized youth movements, such as DeMolay and Boy Scouts.
3. Sponsor Boys' Homes and other activities for the underprivileged.

Club statistics by states as of June, 1950: ALABAMA 1 + 1 inactive; ARKANSAS 2 + 1 inactive; CALIFORNIA 20; COLORADO 7; ILLINOIS 26 + 3 inactive; INDIANA 9; IOWA 18 + 2 inactive; KANSAS 7; KENTUCKY 7; LOUISIANA 1; MICHIGAN 20 + 1 inact; MISSOURI 21; NEBRASKA 7; NEW JERSEY 6; NEW YORK 3; OHIO 7; OKLAHOMA 3 + 2 ina; PENNSYLVANIA 1; SOUTH DAKOTA 2; WASHINGTON 1; PHILLIPINES 1; MEXICO 1 = TOTAL 171 + 11 inactive. 24 clubs added '49-'50.

Largest clubs in order: Sioux City = 293; Manila, P.I. = 240; Springfield, Ill. = 218; Council Bluffs = 200; Toledo = 193; Louisville = 179; Fresno = 166; Pasadena = 159; Findlay, Ohio = 142 & Topeka = 142. Total membership all clubs 5/31/49 11,903, 5/31/50 13,660.

Total cash balance 5/31/50 \$8,992.08 (incl. \$2,229.07 Founder's Fund); Salary Ex. Dir. (Wolcott) \$2,600.00, Office Secretary \$2,457.90, Ex. Dir. expenses \$1,300.00, Travel, officers, etc. \$4,896.75, Hi 12vian mag. \$6,192.29, Club Supplies \$1,030.66, Rent of office \$699.50.

HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL BOYS HOMES FOUNDATION, INC. There had been discussion regarding the possibilities of establishing a chain of Boys Homes under the auspices of High Twelve International. After the Conv., 1950 a brochure was mailed to all club secretaries, asking various questions regarding feasibility. A summary of the project report follows:

Q, Who will administer the funds? A, Foundation Board, a majority of whom are Board Members of High Twelve Int. Q, How will funds be raised? A, Donations, gifts, legacies and gifts from the general public.

Q, Have any locations been established for homes to date? No, after project well under way, several locations will be considered. Q, When can we expect the first home? A, That's up to participation of interested High Twelve Clubs, and receipt of donations from the public when Foundation has sufficient money, locations selected and blue prints presented.

Q, Will the homes be open to Masonic children only? No, Foundation will aid in establishing homes eligible to any child, regardless of race, religion, creed or Masonic heritage. Q, Will the children in the homes be educated in the home? A, No. The children will go to public schools and the church of their choosing in the community in which the homes are located. The children will not be taken out of society any more than necessary.

Q, Is this an exclusive High Twelve project or is it being shared with another service club? A, Exclusively a High Twelve project, one in which High Twelve Clubs will receive national recognition. Q, What will these homes be called? A, Whenever possible, they will be called the 'High Twelve International Home for Boys (or Girls)' Q, How can my club help the Foundation at this time? A, By having your club Secretary or President return the card of endorsement to Mr. Wolcott today.

Q. What else will be required of us as High Twelve members? A, Your supporting interest, moral and tangible.

A covering letter said that the International Convention at San Diego had unanimously approved a resolution which would start such action. PLAN FAILED TO CATCH ON.

8/27/50 - TRUMAN SIGNED LAW TO PREVENT RAILROAD GENERAL STRIKE.
 9/15/50 - MARINES LANDED & TOOK INCHON, NORTH KOREA. 10/20 50 U.S. TOOK PYONGYONG,
 NORTH KOREA CAPITAL. 11/20/50 U.S. REACHED MANCHURIAN BORDER. 3/25/51 MAC ARTHUR
 WANTED TO PURSUE CHINESE ACROSS YALU TO AIR DEPOTS IN MANCHURIA.
 4/11/51 - TRUMAN RELIEVED MAC ARTHUR OF COMMAND IN FAR EAST.

ECONOMIC REVIEW....DOW-JONES AVERAGES 12/31/41 = \$110.96; Avg.dividends \$7.59.
 12/30/44 = \$152.32; dividends \$6.57; Cost of living 124. Purch.Power of \$ 78¢.
 12/31/48: D-J = \$177.30; Dividends \$11.50. Cost of living 160 ('47); Purch.power of
 \$ down to 62¢ ('39 = 100). 12/31/49 D-J \$200.12; dividenda \$12.79. A man with
 \$17,000 income 6 years ago...taxes took 1/4 of his income...now took 1/3.

DOW-JONES \$ 235.41 as of 12/30/50; dividends \$16.13; cost of living now to 162
 (vs 100 in '39); Purch.power of \$1.00 about 56¢ now, vs 1.00 in '39. A \$500.00
 annuity in '39 would only buy \$290.00 in goods 12/31/51, when the D-J Averages
 hit \$269.23, and dividend avgs \$16.34. INFLATION WAS STARTING TO SPIRAL. WHAT
 EFFECT, IF ANY, WOULD THIS HAVE ON THE GREAT SPURT INTERNATIONAL WAS HAVING IN NEW
 CLUBS AND MEMBERS?

The WOLCOTT HIGH TWELVE EDUCATIONAL FUND is the new name of the Founder's Fund,
 "To correct misunderstanding", according to the Jan-Feb. 1951 High Twelvian. Art-
 icle probably written by Wallie. P.I/P. Hugh Allerton is Chairman. "The Found-
 ation Trustees are studying a plan to give aid and assistance to a youth who is
 physically handicapped and now in a recognized college."

SANDUSKY, Ohio, HTC charter party 1/8/51. 162 charter members. P.I/P. Fred A.
 Hunt, Toledo, presented charter. John W. Whitmer 33° installed. President Clark
 H. Beverly Pres, C. Ralph Strobel, Sec. Bro. Walter Curtiss Reg. St. Oil representat-
 ive personally obtained 106 of the 162 charter members.

ALHAMBRA, GLENDALE, LOS ANGELES & PASADENA HTCS hold a joint installation ban-
 quet, with 350 members, wives and guests present. Fresh flower leis were flown
 UAL from Hawaii to Pasadena for the event. Hawaiian music, dancers and entertain-
 ment. P.S.P. Franklin J. Ives installed officers, and Past Pasadena President
 "Hoppy" Hopperstead was Master of Ceremonies, 1/20/51.

The PASADENA H.T.C. recognized CARY T. RAY as Founder of the Pasadena H.T.C.
 He was given a Life Membership. He had joined the Cedar Rapids Club in "1922", ac-
 cording to the article. He started work organizing the Pasadena Club in 1941.
 First meeting May, 1942. Chartered 1944. (NOTE: Cedar Rapids not admitted to
 the International organization until 1925. Regardless, he was an old timer. DLP)

LAKEWOOD, Ohio HTC charter presented 4/21/51. "First V.P. of Ohio Clubs Harold
 Silvers and Wolcott met seven weeks earlier. Now the group has 200 members. State
 President Cloyse Dutweiler installed officers; Chairman of Expansion Committee
 presented the Charter. Wallie was the speaker. A group of Grand Lodge officers,
 headed by Most Worshipful James J. Harbage, were presented by P.G.M. Judge Stephens.

Wallie stated in the March-April, 1951 High Twelvian that in April, 1944 they
 had only 24 clubs, and in seven years had grown to nearly 200. In the Nov-Dec.,
 1944 issue he had asked, "....Why do we let the club drift until it is dead?"
 "....Is your club loaded down with 'belly' brothers, whose chief pleasure is 'crab-
 ing' about the food, about the day and time of meeting, about the dues, about
 Masonry?" "....Speaking to the club officers,Brothers - your club is your
 responsibility. No one outside of your own group, your community can do the job
 for you. High Twelve at work is a great idea. It will succeed because someone
 sacrifices time and thought."

Mid-Year meeting December 2 and December 3, 1950, Indianapolis, Ind, Warren Hotel. Present: Forbes, Cox, Johnson, Fields, Hunt, Hecht and Wolcott; also there was a meeting of the Foundation Board (presumably Wolcott Fund, not proposed Boys Home Foundation, unless it was intended the latter take over the former).DLP

MANSFIELD, Ohio HTC charter issued 1/11/51, 63 members. Pres. Ralph H. Damlos. CANTON, Ohio HTC charter issued 3/8/51, 49 members. Earl H. Hafer. LAKEWOOD, Ohio HTC charter issued 4/21/51, 161 members. Pres. Eugene A. Sandals, Jr. MISSION (San Francisco, Calif.) HTC charter issued 4/30/51, 45 members. Gus R. Scheppler, Pres. STERLING (Rock Falls) Ill. charter pulled 4/26/51. It had been chartered 9/20/47.

ATLANTIC, Iowa HTC charter presented by Harry C. Crowl, Founder of Council Bluffs HTC 4/23/51. 42 members. President of Iowa Association Karl Fantle installing officer; Pres. Everett Rossmann, Sec-Tr. Kenneth Jackson. Delegations from Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Council Bluffs and Omaha. BROOKSIDE (Tulsa) Okla. charter presented by E.C. Wolcott, speaker. Charter listed 49 members. Article in High Twelvan showed 85 members present. 300 Masons and wives present. Pres. Dr. Richard T. Oliver, Sec-Tr. Roy Conard.

ALBANY & RICHMOND, Calif. HTCs received charters and officers installed in a joint ceremony May 2, 1951; and WALNUT CREEK 5/22/51. Albany 56 members, Pres. Milton G. Gordon. Richmond 54 members, Pres. Carl T. Granzov. Walnut Creek's first president not shown. The BERKELEY HTC was sponsor. Dr. Suren H. Babington, State President, inducted new officers and presented charters.

DE SOTO, Mo. HTC charter presented 6/6/51 by Worshipful Adrian Bushman, Right Worshipful Joseph Halle and Worshipful W.F. Hecht installing officers. Speaker Judge John Witthaus, Clayton, Past Lecturer of Grand Lodge of Missouri gave a strong definition of Masonry and High Twelve. Pres. A.E. Vaughn (or Baughn?); Sec. William Murphy. 30 members.

HONOLULU HTC charter party 6/4/51. Bros. H.L. Tilley and Ralph O. Beck of Sioux City and John H. Morrison of Fresno, at that time residents of Honolulu, founded the club. According to the High Twelvan, there were 46 charter members, but the St Louis records indicate only 16 on the charter. Guest speaker was the Governor of the Territory of Hawaii, H. Oren E. Long, a member of Koaai Lodge #589. Pres. Geo. Hughes, Sec. Thomas E. Ellis.

DAYTON DOWNTOWN (Ohio) HTC, a night time club, charter presented by P.I.P. Fred Hunt, Chairman of the Expansion Comm. Int.V.P. Harold Sivers installed. Pres. Dr. J.E. Miller, Sec. Clayton b. Keeler. EATON, Ohio, HTC charter presented by Harold J. Sivers. Toastmaster Fern J. Blase, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Commandry Knights Templar. PIP Fred Hunt installed. Speaker Judge Otto W. Cox, 1st VP HTI. Pres. Clifford H. Stroh, Sec. Robert Flory. 25 members.

NORTH EAST DETROIT charter presented by P.I/P. Hugh Allerton, General Counsel & Secretary HTI 6/18/51. He also spoke. Pres. Hugh Wynne, Sec. Ralph S. Valade. UNIVERSITY CITY (St Louis, Mo.) charter issued 6/29/51. 27 members. Albert Krause, Pr.

President Dr. J. Wallace Forbes, writing in the High Twelvan of March-April, 1951 stated that to this date, of the 25 elected Presidents, only 19 clubs represented. 2 each from Cedar Rapids, Oakland, Fresno, Des Moines, Berkeley and Highland Park. California had 6 Past International Presidents, Michigan 4, Iowa 4, Illinois 3 and Kansas 2. There were 10 lawyers represented, 8 businessmen, 4 dentists, 2 educators and 1 musician. Re. International Conventions; California, Missouri and Iowa 4 each; Michigan 3; Colorado 2, and now Illinois 2. 7 other states and Canada had 1 each.

2/28/51 - KEFAUVER COMMITTEE (U.S. Senate) MAINTAINED THAT GAMBLING'S "TAKE" WAS OVER 20 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR.

STATE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS. According to information recently received from the State Presidents (or their agents) the following were Presidents about this time:

CALIFORNIA: 1950-51 Dr. S. H. Babbington of Berkeley.
 COLORADO: 1950-51 - Troy Pollard of Rangely.
 ILLINOIS - Grover C. Hoff of Springfield, elected 12/9/50 at Springfield.
 IOWA: 1950-51 - Karl S. Fantle of Fort Dodge.
 KANSAS: 1951 - Floyd A. Flanagan, Topeka Club ('50 was R. M. Long, Wichita Club)
 MICHIGAN: 1950-51 William C. Maynard, Highland Park (Emil G. Lambertson 51-52) Lansing
 MISSOURI: 1950-51 George E. Coffin, Kansas City (51-52 James Bradford, St. Louis)
 NEW JERSEY: 1951 B. Victor Cranston, Philadelphia (Probably actually Penn-Jersey Dist.)
 (GOVERNOR)
 OHIO: 1950-51 Harold J. Sivers, Maumee (Toledo HFC)

(There was no listing of State Presidents in High Twelvians or in files at International for some time; so we are indebted to those who recently compiled these lists. Indiana and Kentucky both probably had State Presidents, but listings as requested not provided me. DLP)

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| Total membership as of 4/30/50 = | 13,660, less lost 940 = | 12,720 |
| - Membership of clubs disbanded | | - 1,130 |
| | | 11,590 |
| + Membership gain | | 560 |
| | | 12,150 |
| + New club membership | | 1,318 |
| Total membership 5/31/51 | | 13,468 |

Club statistics 1950-1951 - CALIFORNIA 26; ILLINOIS 24 + 3 inactive; MISSOURI 22 + 2 inactive; MICHIGAN: 21; IOWA 20; OHIO 14; INDIANA 8 + 2 inactive; KANSAS 7; KENTUCKY 7; NEBRASKA 7; COLORADO 6 + 2 inactive; NEW JERSEY 6; OKLAHOMA 4 + 1 inactive; SOUTH DAKOTA 2; MEXICO 2; NEW YORK 2 + 1 inactive; ARKANSAS 1 + 1 inactive; balance 1 each...ALABAMA, LOUISIANA, PENNA, WASHINGTON, PHILIPPINES, HAWAII...TOTAL 185 active and 12 inactive = 197.

12 largest clubs: Sioux City 291 members; Manila, Philip. 263; Toledo 226; Louisville 202; Springfield, Ill. 198; Council Bluffs 182; Sandusky, O. 182; Pasadena 161; Lakewood, Ohio 161; Berkeley 141; Denver 140; Topeka 137.

Membership by states: Calif. 1932; Iowa 1672; Illin. 1350; Mich. 1313; Ohio 1227; Missouri 1124. NEW CLUBS 1950-51: CALIF: Coronado, Downtown Los Angeles, Albany, Mission, Richmond, Walnut Creek; HAWAII: Honolulu; ILLINOIS: St Clair County; INDIANA: Bloomington; IOWA: Atlantic; MICHIGAN North East Detroit; MISSOURI: Washington, University City, DeSoto; OHIO: Sandusky, Mansfield, Canton, Lakewood, Downtown Dayton (nights); Eaton and Brooklyn-Parma; OKLAHOMA Brookside (Tulsa) and Enid.

FINANCES - Founder's Fund bal. 6/1/50 = \$2,229.07, Receipts/Gifts \$1,4028.79, balance 5/31/51 = \$3,657.86; General Fund - Dues \$20,592.00, Club supplies sold \$1,794.25, HiTw'vn Adv. \$603.45, Expense refunds \$48.58 = \$23,038.28. EXPENSES - Salaries \$7,205.96, Travel \$6,007.49, Magazine \$8,379.93, Club suppl \$1,672.23, Misc. \$3,561.77. Net worth \$26,827.38 as of 5/31/51 \$8,473.52. (notation that was \$2,789.10 'in red').

Treasurer W. F. Hecht, "...I want to commend Wallie for the way he met the problem of rising costs. Only through the long days for himself and Mrs. Diering could all of the necessary work have been so efficiently done at no increase in number of employees or increased office space. These two people handled work when we had 30 clubs, and are still doing it with our 194 clubs."

Fred A. Hunt, PIP, Expansion Chairman, "...On the front of your program is the true meaning of what we are trying to do. 'We are building a great fellowship hour

for the men of Masonry, absolutely free of commercialism or private gain." I want to express my sincere thanks to Brother Sivers, Duttweiler and Morison of Ohio; in California to Bro. Babington, Ives and Ripley; In Missouri to Bro. Brandford; and in Michigan to Bro. Maynard & Versey (for getting new clubs)."

The International Convention July 5, 6 & 7, 1951 was held in Chicago at the Edgewater Beach Hotel. Billed as 30th Anniversary. Hotel rates - Singles \$6.50 to \$10.00; doubles \$9.00 to \$14.00. Registration: Men \$13.50 (incl. banquet & 2 lunches); Women \$9.00 (1 lunch & 1 banquet);

Secretary Hugh G. Allerton PIP presented among other suggested changes to the By-Laws, a proposal for Zoning, with a Director to be elected from each of 5 zones from delegates from their respective zones at the International Convention for 2 year terms. "...Immediately after the elction, the duly elected Board will choose from among the Board of Directors a 1st, 2nd and 3rd V.P., who shall act for the President in his absence in that order. Vice Presidents need not advance ." "The International Director shall supervise the High Twelve Clubs in his zone through the State President (or District Governors)." "...Zone 1 (Pacific Coast) would include Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Alaska & Hawaii.

"Zone 2 -(Midwest) Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin & Illinois; Zone 3 (Southwest) Colorado, Kansas New Mexico Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana; Zone 4 (Northeast) Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, West Verginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Mass., New Hampshire, Maine; Zone 5 (Southeast): Kentucky, Tenn., Mississippi, Alabama, Virginia, North Carolina, South Caro., Georga & Florida.)"

After debate the above proposed Constitution and By-Laws and other changes were referred to committee and for study by the clubs. There was an impressive memorial service conducted by 1st V.P. Chas S. Johnson, assisted by PIP Earl Gullen. Names of 95 brothers who had passed into future life were read. DOWNTOWN ST LOUIS won the Wolcott Foundation Fund cup with a \$2.14 per capita contribution.

President Dr. J. Wallace Forbes said that more than four times as many clubs contributed to the Founder's Fund. 16 states out of a possible 20 (and of those 4 Alabama, Penn. and Washington had only 1 club each). First place in total contributions Berkeley, Calif. \$117.58; tied for 2nd Denver & Pontiac, Mich. \$50.00 ea.

Forbes then spoke on duty to instruct the youth on the danger of drugs. He suggested that the clubs set aside one of the regular meetings in September or October to study this problem...without exciting an interest in youth trying one.

"....When we are a larger organization and fairly well distributed over the country, we may be able to arrive at a geographic zoning plan. Today our only possible approach to this would be to make some use of the natural divisions that have already been set up in the District and State Associations. Even this form of representation should not be established until the several State Associations are properly and uniformly organized within themselves."

He suggested the possibility of having the President elected on the first day of the Convention so he could arrange his committees and plans for the coming year. "...With the present arrangement of electing officers, it would be a little presumptive for a 1st V.P. to request men to serve on committees before he is positive that he is going to wield the gavel for the ensuing year. The result is a disruption of several months until correspondence is exchanged and the new President surrounds himself with functioning committees."

"....The alternate solution to this is to designate an International Pres.-Elect,"

"....a man would be positive that he would be in the President's chair the following year." (Pg 120)

Forbes, "Following the original trend of my earlier remarks as to the possibility of High Twelve projecting itself in the direction of promulgating more Masonic ideals into our Government, I would suggest that we make use of this Fund by endeavoring to establish an annual scholarship for some worthy youth to take an academic course in Diplomacy and Statesmanship in one of the few colleges or universities that offer these subjects."

According to Tallman Trask in the Nov.-Dec., 1964 HighTwelvian, Dr. J. Wallace Forbes was the originator of the Wolcott Foundation, and established the High Twelve Scholarship at George Washington University. (NOTE: Up until this past year, the Founder's Fund by several names was collecting volunteer donations, but had not tied into one definite objective for use of said funds, DLP)

Wolcott on the Wolcott Foundation Fund, June, 1951, "....The Fund has been too small to undertake any assistance to youth. The Board has created a Trust Fund of outstanding safeguards and elasticity." "....The Board has decided to give aid to seriously handicapped youth at the college level." "....Shall the fund be carried on and a small beginning be made?" "....an outright gift....a loan with interest....to High School or College Youth?"

Dr. Forbes again on the Wolcott Foundation, "...During the year, the Wolcott Foundation of High Twelve (formerly Penny Fund and Founder's Fund) made its greatest (growth) in its history. My only regret is that no definite purpose had not been found for its activation." He had set April as Founder's week, and "....It was my hope that each club would take up a special contribution for the Wolcott Foundation." "....16 states have contributed out of a possible 20. Average 80%, California lead with \$216.75, then Iowa with \$199.11 and Colorado with \$97.65, Mich. \$76.15, etc."

Fred A. Hunt, PIP and Incoming President Judge Otto Cox lead during the year in the representation of International in the presentation of charters and giving of charter addresses, and installations at State Conventions. Executive Director Wolcott, "Since the Louisville and San Diego Convention a small group of brothers from two areas have expressed the opinion that I should retire from the movement. Such opinions have never been said to me personally."

"....The first paid Executive Director the movement has ever had, I began in 1944, aided by voluntary funds." "...24 years with only 27 clubs was a death trend." He then listed 5 criticisms directed at him and gave his answers, ending, "...as a result of these conversations, it has been reliably reported to me that I 'act as if I were in control of High Twelve', that it is my 'child', my 'baby'."

It was proposed that the United States be divided into five zones, with an International Director to be elected from each zone. Defeated.

President Cox introduced Grand Master of DeMolay Carl Miller 33°, who introduced the speaker, former U.S. Senator from Illinois C. Wayland Brooks, Past Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, who got a tremendous ovations for his speech attacking overgrown bureaucracy in government. Among the honored guests... Most Worshipful Ben Patton, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Illinois, Judge Edward F. Carter, Nebraska Supreme Court; Past Grand Master of Nebraska; Most Worshipful James M. Bradford, Junior Past Grand Master, Missouri.

No. of clubs by states....: CALIFORNIA 26; ILLINOIS 24 + 1 inactv; MISSOURI 22 + 2 inactv; MICH: 21; IOWA 20; OHIO 14, INDIANA 8 + 2 inact; COLO: 6 + 2 inact; KANSAS 7 KENTUCKY 7; NEW JERSEY 6; OKLAHOMA 4 + 1 inactive; balance scattered. RECAP OF NEW CLUBS: 1950-51: Washington, Mo; Coronado, Calif; St Clair County, Ill; Bloomington, Ind; Downtown Los Angeles; Sandusky, Ohio; Mansfield, Ohio; Canton, Ohio, Lakewood, Oh; Atlantic, Iowa; Brookside/Tulsa, Okla; Albany, Mission, Richmond and Walnut Creek,

Calif; De Soto, Mo; DOWNTOWN Dayton (Night); Eaton, Ohio; NorthEast Detroit; University City, Mo; Honolulu, H.I.; Enid, Okla; Brooklyn-Parma, Ohio - total 1,318 new members. (From official report). Total membership 13,468 5/31/51; 191 active clubs and 6 inactive clubs = 197 clubs.

"The High Twelve Clubs of Toledo, Ohio for the first State Convention 5/25/51 and 5/26/51. E.C.Wolcott was the guest speaker; and International Pres. Judge Otto Cox gave "a masterful address, Masonry and the American Way of Life." State President Cloyse Duttweiler, Vice Pres. Sivers and Hale. Ohio has 14 clubs."

The above is the report as made by Ex. Dir. Wolcott. It does not jibe with the Winter 1975-76 list sent me by the Ohio Association of High Twelve Clubs. This shows the first president as William H. Smith, Toledo #25, 1948; Howard R. Malone 1948-49, Dayton; and Cloyse Duttweiler 1949-50, Findlay club. Harold J. Sivers is listed as President 1950-51, member Toledo #25. George R. Hale is listed as being President 1951-52, member Dayton Club. Is it possible that Smith was a "District Governor" appointed by International? That Malone was the president chosen at a meeting prior to the 5/26/51 Convention? Ohio may desire to research.

The Convention requested that the Boys Home Foundation as proposed in the pamphlet of questions and answers proposed by Frank Roark and A.F. Henningson of Omaha High Twelve Club be further clarified for the benefit of the clubs.

Achievement Luncheon under chairmanship of Col. James Hoffman, PIP included: TRACY, Calif., "The Blood Bank"; FREEPORT, Ill., "We carry on our Hospital Bed Project; CLEVELAND, Ohio, "We publish a bulletin"; Lakewood, Ohio, "We build a Club; BAKERSFIELD, Calif, "A Youth Baseball project."

Prior to the convention, Wolcott had written a report submitted 7/5/51, "The revision of the Constitution & By-Laws has been present at every convention for the last four years." "...Little change has been made from fine thinking of Goodwin Creason and C.D. Royal who wrote the first one, and Hugh Allerton, the 2nd one." "...Our growth seems to have raised the question of controls of the International Board..." "...Brothers..asking radical changes in our Constitution appeared for the first time at the Louisville Convention and reached its highest volume in San Diego."

"The question of objectives began at the Omaha Convention....'Shall it be at the club, state or International level? What will it cost? How shall it be financed? Who shall administer it? Will it meet approval of the Grand Jurisdictions and the various Masonic bodies?' "The attitude I have taken on conventions...on extreme east and west coasts...has brought a lot of very unkind and critical criticism on me."

"Dues ...increased control groups or objectives adopted on State or International level....calls for money." "...This is the most touchy, delicate spot in our whole movement (dues)." "...If the dues are raised to \$4.00 per capita, we will lose 30% of our clubs. Action of this Convention on dues should be referred to the clubs for authorization."

The Nominating Committee presented the name of S.H. Babington of Berkeley, Calif. for 3rd Vice President. He was defeated by Harold J. Sivers of Toledo, Ohio, who was nominated from the floor. When the subject of High Twelve Foundation was raised, as references made to various Grand Lodges, 1st V.P. Chas. S. Johnson succeeded in having the topic of Masonic Foundation not being discussed. A committee was appointed to study the Foundation and its problems. Board listened to complaints of members from Pasadena Club re. situation in California. 3rd V.P. Fields, of Colorado, resigned. Frank Roark of Omaha was appointed to fill unexpired term of Fields until the election (in a few days). (NOTE: above may not be in proper order of occurrence. Unclear. (Information came from various reports, High Twelvian, Minutes, etc; some contradictory) DP

CHAPTER 6
CONSOLIDATION OF GAINS and GROWTH OF THE FOUNDATION

Apparently the July 5 - 8, 1951 Convention, Chicago delegates would not accept a proposed increase in per capita dues; thought the overall and probably expensive Zone division unwise, impracticable and ill-advised for this organization at that time.

J. Wilfred Corr, Vice President of the California Association, Pasadena to Otto W. Cox, President, H.T.I., "...the way things are going now and have been going for some time, this organization can be wrecked by the Founder (Wolcott) and his policies." There was complaint regarding operation of the Chicago Convention. He outlined objections. "Unless High Twelve International quickly comes under the control of reasonable men with capacity for leadership, commensurate with the responsibilities involved, I feel certain there will be much divorcement of clubs and state organizations from International." 7/25/51.

Owen C. Carr, Past International President, to William Hecht, Treasurer 7/31/51, "Never in all my life have I gotten more interested in a movement than I have High Twelve. However, all that inspiration and enthusiasm has been crushed out of me. When Wallie, who I considered a very dear friend for 25 years dropped my name into a group who he said were planning to wreck the Chicago Convention, I considered my usefulness to the organization as over."

Carr bitterly condemned the organization as "run by small clique in a dictatorial manner." He objected to the work on proposed Constitution and By-Laws done by Dr. Babington as not having been voted on by the Convention. "From what Wallie had said in one of his letters, the man from Toledo was picked long ago for 3rd V.P. The election of Truitt as 2nd V.P. was illegal because all names for V.P. must be in the hands of the Nominating Committee 90 days before the Convention. Now that I no longer have any connection with High Twelve I feel free to tell you how I feel and you are at liberty to show this letter to whoever you desire." 7/31/51

President Cox to J. Wilfred Corr, 8/17/51, "... (Chicago) was a convention run by the delegates and not by the International Board or any small clique or so-called 'brass. Every action by the Convention was the action of the delegates." "...The election of a 3rd V.P. from a nomination was from the floor and not the nominee recommended by the Nominating Committee. The movement to start a Scholarship Foundation was (as your report states) resoundingly defeated."

President Cox to PIP Owen C. Carr, 8/51, "Irrespective of your future course, I shall always be your friend."

The above rather heated exchange of correspondence between California members and President Otto Cox was sent to Executive Director Wolcott 8/17/51 by Cox with the notation, "I put it to all his critical kith and kin to either put up or shut up."

7/10/51 - NEGOTIATIONS FOR TRUCE COMMENCE
9/4/51 - TRANSCONTINENTAL T.V. INAUGURATED

GLENDALE (Calif.), "The Glaze Masonic Youth Breakfast was a tremendous success. More than 1,200 tickets sold. However, it looked like a High Twelve Convention." 8/51
TRENTON, N.J. Most Worshipful Lewis M. Parker, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Masons in New Jersey spoke on "Merry-go-Rounds", referring to the Brothers who, after getting their degrees go to various Masonic organization, "not getting anywhere." He expressed his appreciation of Masons in High Twelve (among others) in creating additional interest and activity in Masonry and the principles for which it stands. 9/10/51.

State Presidents listed in the Sept-Oct, 1951 High Twelvian were, CALIF: S.H. Babington, M.D., Berkeley; COLO: Troy Pollard, Rangely; ILL: Grover Hoff, Springfield; IND: Dr. E.J. Willis, Terre Haute; IOWA: G.A. Royal, Des Moines; KANSAS: Floyd A. Flanagan, Topeka; KENTUCKY: Marvin J. Fisher, Louisville; MICHIGAN: E.G. Lambertson, Lansing; MISSOURI: James M. Bradford, PGM, St Louis; OHIO: Harold J. Sivers, Toledo; PENN-JERSEY DISTRICT Governor B. Victor Cranston, Philadelphia, Pa.

CEDAR RAPIDS HTC was host to many High Twelve International officers, including Judge Otto W. Cox, PIP Dr. Ed Hruska, PIP Clark A. Beems and Masonic dignitaries, including Earl B. Belzell, Grand Sec. of Iowa Masons. Occasion... the presentation to the Masons of Iowa by HTI Founder Wolcott of a portrait of E.C. Wolcott, Founder and moving spirit for 30 years... "to be placed in Iowa Grand Lodge Masonic Library and Museum as a testimony of his devotion to the philosophy and principles of our teachings; for his untiring efforts; for the constructive contributions in showing good Masons how to apply the influence of their lives in the world at large, and building upon our Institutional Foundation a superstructure step by step toward the consumation of our high purpose..."

STORM LAKE, Iowa charter issued 10/23/51, 23 members, Robert (Smitty) Smith, Pres. EMPIRE (Denver, Colo.) charter issued 10/27/51, 55 members, Kenneth E. Pool, Pres. "Empire built by Past Int. V.P. F.E. Fields, who presented charter P.I.P. Col. James R. Hoffman was the M.C. Past Int. Treas. Graham R. Miller introduced distinguished guests, including M.W.C. Wheeler Barnes, Gr. Master Grand Lodge of Colorado. Francis J. Knaus PGM and Justice Colorado Supreme Court among others present. Int. Pres. Cox gave the address." STORM LAKE HTC was built by Leonard Smith of Ft Dodge, assisted by Brothers of Sioux City and Ft Dodge Clubs. Delegations also from Cherokee, Des Moines, Webster City and Council Bluffs. Wolcott presented charter. Installation by Harry C. Crowl, founder of Council Bluffs. Speaker Int. Pres. Judge Cox.

FOUNDERS CLUB #1, Sioux City 10/24/51 had Honor Party "commemorating 30 years since original founding at Mayfair Hotel. 300 present, including ladies. President J. LeRoy Nelson presiding. Other clubs attending included Sioux Falls, Council Bluffs, Nebraska City, Storm Lake and Huron. Over 100 letters of congratulation received from International Officers and clubs. A.H. Bolton, founder and 2nd President was M.C. Judge Otto Cox, Pres. of H.T.I. was guest speaker, "Masonry and the American Way of Life." High Twelvian

"The High Twelve Club of LAKEWOOD, Ohio on 10/24/51 honored 3 great Ohio Masonic leaders... Wm. G. Pringle PGM 33°; Judge Alpheus A. Stephens PGM 33°; and C.B. Pontis, Dist. Dep. G.M. Ohio State High Twelve Association Pres. Harold Sivers, who is also International 3rd V.P. represented the State and International High Twelve." High Twelvian.

ENID (Okla.) HTC re-presented its original charter (organized in '24, admitted to International in 1926). Wolcott principal speaker. Pres. Benno A. Fener, Sec. W. Anderson.

Clark A. Beems, Cedar Rapids, PIP, wrote an article for the Sept.-Oct., 1951 High Twelvian entitled WHAT WE ARE, summarized herewith:
OUR GOAL for ourselves and the World is the Masonic Way of Life as expressed by our Masonic Philosophy; WE BELIEVE in Universal Brotherhood... in love of man for man, regardless of color, creed, nationality and racial status.

WE BELIEVE in our Republic form of government... in the inherent worth of the individual and his inalienable right of self development and self expression. WE BELIEVE in an economic system operating on the Masonic principles of cooperation and service. WE BELIEVE in a dynamic world-wide effort to meet the problems of physical need... to conquer poverty, eradicate disease, raise living standards, extend education, and the training of people for creative employment.

"WE BELIEVE above all in developing a moral system which honors God, revers tru. and justice, challenges men to lives of service, and teaches people to love their neighbors as themselves.

"WE ARE ENGAGED in a world-wide struggle for the hearts and minds of men. We regard the HighTwelve purposes a sail on the Masonic Ship of State, as a potential cooperator in this struggle against Communism.

"WE ARE WORKING among people everywhere on the grassroots level of action. We operate in a field of constructive activities with countless other groups who seek to ameliorate the less fortunate in their needs.

"WE HAVE AN OPEN CHANNEL to the masses of the world through the three and one-half million loyal members of our Masonic institutions scattered all over the world, except in totalitarian governed peoples. All we need now is a wholehearted faith in our cause and a sacrificial courage and zeal to carry through to a glorious victory for God and Freedom.

"LET US UNITE IN A CRUSADE to save America and Masonry from the clutches of the enemies of God and man. This is a friendly brotherly organization that believes in FRATERNITY AND NOT FORCE.

"ALL MASONS are welcome at our meetings."

On November 16 and 17, 1951 a California State Conference was held in Glendale. There was a long discussion regarding Past International President Owen C. Carr. "Everything was prepared by Wallie, and no one else really had any voice in how things were to be done. He (Carr) suggested that Wallie should have stepped aside long ago as did Paul Harris of Rotary.

"...one time Wallie came to his office (Carr's) in East Oakland after failing to start a club in Richmond and told him that he would forget Richmond...too hard to start, but we have a club in Richmond. Wallie asked him if he'd start a club in East Oakland. Wallie had tried but failed. Carr went to work and when he got the charter it had 175 names on it." "Carr (when president) was only a figure-head. He tried for four years to have a pamphlet printed with standard Constitution and By-Laws (for clubs?) but did not succeed."

"He worked hard to get an annual budget each year to be approved on the floor of the Convention...never done to his knowledge." "...President (Babington) of the California Association had few clubs when he started, but now has 28 and deserves much credit." "By-Laws say 'Council of Past Presidents shall meet on call of its Chairman.' This has never happened."

"Wallie seems to use the officers, then pushes them aside. (Several named.) Dr. Forbes was the next to feel Wallie's iron hand. Dr. Babington had no chance to get elected 3rd V.P. Wallie told Carr in April, before the Convention who was going to be 3rd V.P." "...Stage was set for nomination from the floor."

Carr..."Lately I received a nasty letter from President Cox. I was tried before an unseen jury and never had a chance." "...I think we should keep up our good work, add new clubs in the State. I am going to work for several in the Sacramento District, where I now live, if my health permits." (NOTE: Earlier he had written he was quitting. Rightly or wrongly, many in California felt they had been "had". The California Association grew rapidly in spite of a clamor to drop out. Apparently that State was at odds with the Eastern and Midwestern clubs for years thereafter, for there was a lapse of 8 years (1950-1957) before California provided High Twelve International with another International President, W.L. Hopperstead. DLP)

The Mid-Year meeting December 8 and 9, 1951 was held at Detroit, Michigan, Statler Hotel. Excerpts from article by 3rd V.P. Harold J. Sivers, "A report and meeting of the Trustees of the Founders Fund was held, corrections in the Foundation Charter and a plan submitted by Dr. J. Wallace Forbes, PIP on a plan for a scholarship to be awarded to George Washington University was formulated and will be presented in detail to the Convention at Cleveland."

The achievement award was given to Bakersfield, Calif. HTC. Wolcott reported. Discussions re. method of handling Achievement Award luncheon at Convention in Cleveland. "If rationing of food and gasoline is ordered, how will it effect us?" Discussion of convention breakfasts by office. "...one for building of new clubs." "...if they can be held to a fixed purpose by an International Officer as Chairman, they can be worth while."

"....How can we keep our Convention sessions clear of disturbing discussion of Constitution & By-Laws? This factor is hurting our morale and will hurt attendance at conventions. Can a standing Jurisprudence Committee be a safeguard to suggestions?" E.C. Wolcott.

"States rights, trends and powers. Discussion of California actions. Right of State Objectives. Right of State to assess clubs. What limits...what will endanger International dues?" ECW.

"Has the time come that it is necessary to set up, by amending our corporation Act to give absolute control and governing powers to a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees, to protect us through all time against exploitation and sectional trends?" "...who would have the powers of a Grand Master in lifting charters, calling recalcitrant groups to accounting for misuse of our purposes?" E.C. Wolcott

"Will the long established practice of the Grand Lodge, with Masonry contained in Standard Patterns, be our final form: And a meeting of State Presidents, similar to the Grand Masters' meeting held in Washington, supercede our present plan of an International Board? What effect on growth and service to Masonry? As we are now organized, we do not have the powers of certain Civic Luncheon (clubs) controls or Grand Lodge controls." E.C. WOLCOTT. (NOTE: A struggle of many years between some of the State Associations and their feeling of 'authoritarian rule' on the part of International Officers, especially St Louis Headquarters was beginning to surface.) DP

INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS 1951-52: President Otto W. Cox (Judge), Indianapolis, Ind; 1st V.P. Charles S. Johnson, PGM, Elmhurst, Ill; 2nd V.P. J. Nelson Truitt, Denver; 3rd V.P. Harold J. Sivers, Toledo, Ohio; Im. P.P. J. Wallace Forbes, DDS, Philadelphia; General Counsel - Sec. to Int. Bd. Hugh Allerton, Highland Park, Mich; Treas. Wm. F. Hecht, Maplewood, Mo; Ex. Dir. Founder & Editor E.C. Wolcott, Suite 14, 2683 Big Bend Blvd. Maplewood, 17 Mo., Asso. Editor Charles H. Nicholson, St. Louis; Chairman Expansion Committee Fred A. Hunt, PIP, Toledo.

At the Mid-Year Meeting, Detroit, the Wolcott Fund balance was reported as being \$4,105.29. Dr. S.H. Babbington, Pres. Calif. Assn. discussed the possibilities of organizing High Twelve Clubs in Arizona. He was cautioned to first be sure there was no edict against High Twelve in Arizona.

Pres. Cox referred to meetings in Iowa with Earl B. Delzell, Grand SEc. Grand Lodge of Iowa and others in October; the Kentucky State Association; the Chartering of Storm Lake, Iowa 10/23/51; and chartering of Empire HTC, Denver, 10/27/51; and meetings in Indiana. In January he would visit Sandusky, Ohio, Tulsa and Enid, Okla.

There was deliberation on the California Resolution adopted at Glendale November 17, 1951; and the Board was addressed by Bro. Fred Hunt, PIP, Hugh Allerton PIP and others. Copies of the California resolution were directed to be mailed to Presidents

of all State Associations without comment except to state it had been referred to the Constitution & By-Laws Committee for study and report at the International Convention, June, 1952.

190 Masons and guests attended the Mid-Year, 1951 banquet, Saturday evening at Acacia Temple.

It was voted to send the clubs changes approved by the Constitution & By-Laws Committee for comment. Work being done at George Washington University was discussed; and approved the Wolcott Foundation providing funds for a Junior and Senior student. The Wolcott Fund balance at that time was \$4,105.29.)

"Moved by Hunt, seconded by Hecht, that the tenure of E.C.Wolcott is entirely in the hands of the International Board.

"Trustees of Wolcott Fund....Allerton, Chairman; Johnson, Cox, Hecht and Forbes earmarked sum of \$1,800.00 for scholarships at George Washington University," ".... to be used exclusively for the education of a Master Mason, a son or a daughter of a Master Mason in the School of Government there." (NOTE: Thus The Wolcott Fund (Foundation) started its great program at George Washington University inconspicuously.) DLP

PASSAIC, N.J. on 12/13/51 was presented charter by PIP J.Wallace Forbes. 94 Masons and wives attended. Pres.Henry Stubba, Sec.F.J.Von Suskil. FREEMONT, Ohio charter presened by V.P.Harold J.Sivers to Pres.Paul Kridler; Sec-Tr.Arthur O. Dittman. 52 members.

During the winter, '51 "Glendale High Twelve Club under the leadership of President Thomas Pickering, became sponsors of DeMolay. Glendale High Twelve Club members were on the Advisory Board, Lyle Pickering Chairman. February, 1952 the Pickerings, who owned a large laundry and dry cleaning establishment, offered the entire 2nd floor of their plant to the DeMolay, which was accepted. According to DeMolay history available at the time, this was the first hall set aside entirely for both chapter and recreation." Jan-Feb 1952 High Twelvian.

EAST CLEVELAND (Ohio) HTC charter issued 3/29/52 with 176 members.Pres.H.S.Weaver. OKLAHOMA CITY charter night 1/24/52 for AMARANTH HIGH TWELVE CLUB. Founded by Sam Gill. 40 members. 150 charter members & wives and friends present. Sam Gill Toastmaster, Pres. Cox presented the Charter and was speaker. Pres.Gareold G.Antene, Sec.J.Harold Land.

Cedar Falls CAMPUS (College Hill) HTC started by Homer Hale and the Waterloo Club. Delegates present from Waterloo, Webster City, Des Moines, Ft Dodge, Mason City, Cedar Rapids and Marshalltown. State President G.A.Royal gave the address; and he, Homer Hale and Wolcott presented the charter.

ACACIA High Twelve Club; Glendale Calif. joined the multiclub group. 40 charter members. Words of International President Cox were heard by loud speaker at the Chevy Chase Country Club, who presented the charter long distance from Indianapolis, Ind. Geo.W.Colvin, Master of Ceremonies. Pres. Wm.H.Sherwood; Sec. Carroll M. White.

President Otto W.Cox, writing in the March-April, 1952 High Twelvian said, "1, Our movement is fundamental; 2, Our clubs everywhere are sponsoring commendable projects; 3, Our clubs are lending every aid and assistance to the Masonic Bodies by encouraging Masonic attendance and fostering and promoting greater interest in the zeal for things Masonic; 4, Our clubs are taking an interest in civic and community affairs; 5, As our clubs meet from time to time and build their rich and precious hours of fellowship for men of Masonry.....we are putting Masonry into action." "....I believe the future of High Twelve is beyond the reach of disturber and destroyer...."

During 1952 the California Association of High Twelve Clubs established the "HOUR",

by Wallie, fine lists from Grand Lodge brothers and help of Peter Laguens Jr., Grand Secretary of the Louisiana Grand Lodge, and inspirational visit by Jerry Royal, President of H. T.I. and a fine piece of organizational work by Mr. Verne Bentley, who was employed by International to complete these clubs, we have 6 fine new clubs in Louisiana."

Wolcott to Royal 3/13/56, (Bentley paid \$200.00 a month starting 1/2/56 to follow up on organizing club leads Wallie had developed in Louisiana. So far has worked Kansas and Louisiana) ..." says it's too costly because these clubs will not move fast enough. He is trying to bring the New Orleans group to a charter night, but is very discouraged, so will close his work with us the last of the month." "...too hard and nerve wracking work."

"....Study of new club work in California, Michigan, Missouri and Kentucky reveals same problem...high cost of meals, auto parking, difficulty in attendance, work, telephone calling, personal visits and travel too big a job for average High Twelve brother; and the south's slowness, made it a losing battle for Bentley."

"....We are bound to have clubs die on us, and unless we can replace with new clubs, we are facing declining income." "...When you see the hours, visits, telephone calls and luncheons I put in at Everett, Tacoma and Portland, and not a single plan or promise made me has been kept by the brothers named temporary officers, I too know the high cost of such failure."

"....Our hope is 100% on our brothers in our State Organizations and clubs, and at this moment not a single brother is working or following through on a new club. Ninety percent of the new Masons are industrial workers who have no noon hour, and will not attend evening meetings....another phase of our growth problem." "...if our anticipated income from new clubs fail, it will effect our balance (\$1 ,617.93)."

(NOTE: I am lumping five of the Louisiana club charterings together for convenience.DP) TWIN CITY HTC (Monroe and West Monroe) HTC charter presented 4/11/56. This was later changed to the LOUIS S.DANIEL HTC. Pres.Royal installed; Wolcott gave the charter and was the speaker. Pres.Leo M.Baer, Sec.Calton Yeager. 63 members.

The ALEXANDRIA HTC charter presented 4/9/56 by Pres.Howard Kirby of the Shreveport HTC. 24 members. Pres.Frank O'Neal; Sec. W.N. Berlin. WEST SHREVEPORT HTC received charter from Int.Pres.G.A.Royal. 16 members. Pres. Gordon M.Carr.

BATON ROUGE (Noon) HTC charter presented by Wallie, who was speaker and installed. 38 members. Pres.Dr.James R.Kidwell; Sec.Fred S.Lodner. BATON ROUGE (Night) HTC chartered at the same time. 31 members. Pres.Falvey C. Barr; Sec.Russell B.Nettles. NEW ORLEANS HTC charter presented 6/8/56. 79 members. Wallie presented charter and installed. Pres.Harold Bomboy; Sec. Dr.Louis A.Legett.

In June, each club sent a delegate to a meeting called to form a State Association; constitution adopted, and temporary officers elected. (Not clear where this was.)

CHICO (Calif.) HTC charter presented by Pres.William Worthen of the California Assn. 3/31/56. 49 member. Over 125 members, wives and guests attended. Jack Rose of Yuba City was M.C. Worthen installed Pres.Ted.Zackney, Sec.Edward R.Watson and officers. The FRIENDSHIP (or FELLOWSHIP?) HTC of Owensboro, Ky. meeting nights, was presented charter 4/19/56 by 3rd Int.V.P. Hicks Griffiths, who was speaker. 50 members. The Louisville Club was well represented. Organized by Robert McGinnis of Owensboro Club. Pres. James Ballard; Sec-Tr. C.W.Cranor.

Dr. L.A.Legett wrote in the Jan-Feb.High Twelvian 1965,"It seems that our beloved Wallie Wolcott made a tour of Louisiana in 1956, and it resulted in 5 new clubs being

formed...." "This gave our state enough clubs to form a State Association. In Baton Rouge on 6/18/56 the Louisiana Association of High Twelve Clubs was formed with Bro. W.D.Smith as our first president, and Bro.J.E.Steffek, Sec-Tre."

SAN LOUIS OBISPO, Calif.HTC sponsored by the Hayward HTC. 60 charter members (according to High Twelvian, but 44 as per charter roll)Int.2nd V.P.W.L.Hopperstead presented the charter and installed the officers with the help of State President Wm. Worthen and State Sec.Tallman Trask; delegates from many clubs. Pres.O.B.Paulsen, Sec.Walter O.Laird. 5/26/56.

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. HTC charter presented by PIP J.Nelson Truitt 5/25/56. PSP F.E. Fields installed officers. 24 members. Pres. Henry Gosch. CONCORD, Calif.HTC chartered 6/16/56. 33 members. Pres.Clyde D.Bird Jr.

CLUBS BY STATES Late Spring of 1956: ALA: 1; ARK. 1; CALIF. 42; COLO. 9; ILL. 13; IND. 5; IOWA 16; KANSAS 7; KENTUCKY 5; LOUISIANA 7; MARYLAND 1; MICH. 19; MISSOURI 21; MONTANA 1; NEBRASKA 4; NEW JERSEY 6; NEW YORK 2; OHIO 20; OKLAHOMA 4; PENNSY. 2; SOUTH DAKOTA 2; WASH.1, HAWAII 1. MEMBERSHIP 5/31/56 = 12,121 in 195 clubs.

International Convention San Francisco, Calif., Mark Hopkins Hotel, July 4-7, 1956. Wallie Wolcott celebrated his 75th birthday at the Convention. The Richmond, Calif. HTC, Fred Doty narrator and a star cast in a humorous rendition of "This is your life" surprised Wallie.

The Convention breakfasts were divided into these discussion sessions: 2nd V.P. Hicks Griffiths leading - Club Presidents and Directors; 1st Int.V.P.Milton W.Hardy leading - Secretaries and Treasurers; PIP Harold Sivers leading - State President and Past Int.Presidents. Each club secretary was mailed a copy of these meeting reports.

Outgoing President G.A.Royal said he travelled 17,500 miles, mostly by car, during his year, visiting 50 clubs and most State Conventions. "In the year ending 1953-54 our membership dropped 277; ending 1954-55 dropped 667; term ending 1955-56 increased by 376." The financial picture was as follows: Gen.Fund Rec. - Cash bal.6/1/55 = \$6,750.13; Receipts from club dues, supplies,etc. \$25,397.75 = total inc. \$31,967.88. Expenses - Travel,etc. \$12,954.37, Hi.12vian Mag. \$6,353.18, Tel.,Rent,Supplies,etc. \$5,607.89; \$24,915.34, balance \$7,801.49. INVENTORY,Furn.,Fix \$1,634.72, Retail val.suppl.for sale \$2,115.55, Pamphlets - free for distr. \$295.00, O.S./Printing \$14.25 - tot = \$4,059.52. Wolcott F. Cash on hand 6/1/55 = \$10,599.89, gifts 6/1/55-5/31/56 = \$6,051.43, Expend. \$16,217.32. Expenditures - Com.S & L Bonds \$10,000.00, Tuition for Geraldine Gabby \$240.00, Books for G.G. \$50.00, Spr.Tuition Norma Hetrick \$144.00, S & L B(Hamilton) \$2,000.00; Roosevelt S&L Bonds \$2,000.00 = \$14,434.00; Cash Merc.Bank \$2,217.32.

The Dean of the Faculty of George Washington University, O.S.Colclough gave an address on the present trends in colleges and universities. The Thursday morning welcoming address was given by L.Harold Anderson, Deputy Grand Master California; Noon address by PGM Lloyd E.Wilson Grand Sec.Grand Lodge Calif, "Masonry South of the Border." Friday A.M. group breakfasts.

During the Necrology Services tribute was paid to William Hecht, former Treasurer of High Twelve International. The William Hecht Memorial Class of Ritenow DeMolay received First Degree, Overland,Mo.Masonic Temple 5/18/56....the largest class in years, because Bro.Hecht was founder of the Ritenour Chapter 5 years ago.

Dr.J.W.Morton of Rock Island called attention to the 455,000 boys and girls brought to attention of juvenile authorities in 1954. Prospects for the future were serious. It was deemed desirable that when an activity is chosen of a community activity it be of benefit to youth, through both support and personal attention, applying intelligence and Masonic ideals at International, State and Club levels.

Wolcott said that in spite of increasing problems in building new clubs, "we lost few clubs and gained 15 new ones, and have an over all increase in membership. By a master sales trip by Jerry Royal, a tough, driving organization job by Verne Bentley, plus my own work with Louisiana Grand Lodge leaders, we have 6 new clubs (in Louisiana)."

"We cannot build clubs by hiring it done. It demands the endorsement and personal contacts of live wire High Twelve brothers from nearby clubs. A new club is waiting for your leadership in the city next to your home city, an auto trip, sales presentation, a meeting, and you have a club. Go! my brothers."ECW

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: Credentials - Thos.Eastin, Calif; Resolutions - Otto W.Cox,PIP Ind; Pub.Rels. - Charles H.Nicholson, Mo; Youth - James Stewart, Iowa; Const.& B-L William Kent Fenton, Ohio; Project - Franklin J.Ives,Calif; Nominating - Hugh G. Allerton, Mich. WOLCOTT FOUNDATION of H.T.I. - Trustees - Chairman J.Nelson Truitt; Sec.A.C.Moldthan; Dr.J.Wallace Forbes; Joseph H.Henion, Fred P.Kissler.

1955-56 Zone Officers G.A.Royal: Colo., Iowa, Kan., Minn, Neb.,S.D.; Milton W.Hardy Okla; Alabama, Ark., Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas; W.L.Hopperstead Arizona, Calif, Hawaii, Mont., Nevada, Oregon, Washin., Phillippines; Hick G.Griffiths Illinois, Ind., Ky., Mich., N.J., N.Y., Ohio, Penna. & Washington,D.C.

Reporting to the Convention, Vice President Hopperstead said, ".....I feel 90% of our time, both at the International and State level should be spent in personally promoting the maximum in pure Masonic fellowship, combined with constant and everlasting efforts to increase the membership of present clubs and the organization of new ones.

"Secondly, I feel that a well organized system should be maintained at both the International and State levels to keep track of High Twelvians who become decentralized. Many new clubs could and have been formed by those Masons in their new found homes if proper 'follow up' is maintained."

In Hopperstead's 3rd point, he suggested dividing California into 2 separate State organizations. "....It is impossible to expect High Twelve officers to be able to spend time and money under one state organization to adequately develop our very rich field. State is 750 miles long." Suggested dividing California just above or below Fresno, allowing about 20 clubs in each section.

The Annual Report of E.C.Wolcott, Executive Director said in part, "...California, Colorado and Missouri are on the march again in new clubs." "...Joseph Henyon, California Trustee on the Wolcott Foundation visited entirely at his own expense, with his wife Virginia as chauffer, our clubs all over the states....15,000 miles by auto, telling the story of our high purpose, the Wolcott Foundation."

"There is somewhere in our great membership a brother whom God has blessed with money.we can have a plain but good looking, one story building with some space for rental income.....a gift of \$35,000.00 would make a permanent home possible."

Elected President for the 1956-57 term ... President Milton W.Hardy of Tulsa, Okla. (His father was Pres. '30-'31); 1st V.P. W.L.Hopperstead, Pasadena; 2nd V.P Hicks G. Griffiths, Detroit; 3rd V.P. Marvin J.Fisher, Louisville,Ky; Genl Counsel and Secretary to International Board , Hugh G.Allerton,PIP, Highland Park,Mich; Treas.James E. Gram, East St Louis,Ill; Ex.Dir,Editor - E.C.Wolcott; Asso.Ed.Chas.H.Nicholson; Im.P.P. G.A.Royal.

President Hardy's goals (June-Aug.1956 High Twelvian)1, to establish a permanent home . Council of Past Presidents "...is making a survey and will report. I suggest

ownership by the High Twelve Corporation of an income producing home or office. It should be of sufficient size, and beauty to command inquiry and respect." "...A continuous advertisement of our existence and principles." "...income if possible, should be sufficient to provide for administrative overhead, maintenance and retirement of the principal and interest of its indebtedness. Initial financing plans might be accomplished by donations, endowment, trust, wills and issuance of evidences of indebtedness."

"2, Administrative Manuals..."Former committee headed by PIP Silvers was reappointed to complete final draft for review at Mid-Year meeting. 3, Publicity. Apparently 1st such committee." "...As High Twelve is the fifth largest of its type of club in the world, its name and reputation should be better known and understood...."

1956-57 International Zone Officers: Milton W.Hardy - Colo., Iowa, Kan., Minn., Mo., Nebr., Okla, S.D., Texas. W.L.Hopperstead - Ariz., Calif., Hawaii, Mont., Nev., Ore. & Washington. Hicks G.Griffiths - Ill., Ind., Ohio, N.Y., N.J., Pa., Mich. & Washington, DC. Marvin J.Fisher - Alabama, Ark., Florida, Louisiana, Miss., Tenn. & Kentucky.

5 largest clubs summer of 1956: Sioux City = 300; Toledo = 293; Springfield, Ill. 252; East Cleveland, Ohio 233; Topeka, Kan 230.

There were resolutions asking the International Convention Committees to hold down expense of Conventions (which the Resolutions Committee said they couldn't do much about it except to keep in Mid-West and stay at cheaper hotels.). That more information be made available to local clubs regarding Wolcott Scholarship Foundation as to what is required of the clubs besides raising money and securing candidates; also activities and condition of the Fund. Another resolution recommended that all State Presidents be made full members of the Governing Board (voting rights).

8/7/56 Wolcott to the International Board, "1953 gross inc. \$25,626.85 with expenses \$22,876.28; 1954 Gross inc. \$24,142.39, exp. \$23,751.76; 1955 Gr.Inc. \$25,192.29 exp. \$24,147.50; 1956 Gr.Inc. \$25,397.75, expenses \$24,915.44; no increase in salaries, but rent went up \$25.00 per month."

"The question at club level heard increasingly is, 'Why pay International dues?' Our Chicago effort for a 50¢ raise per capita dues almost lost us 25 clubs." "...There is high resistance in all Masonic organizations to dues increases." "...Visitations of Vice Presidents when at expense of International? Also overlapping into other Vice Presidents' districts." "...They should confer with the Board on certain trips."

"An important matter to discuss at the Mid-Year...Actual relationship of State Presidents to the International Board. The manner of selection of State Presidents has not always provided International size leaders." "...Do we want Manuals of from 2,500 to 9,000 words set in a hard and fast pattern for local High Twelve Clubs, State Organizations and International Board?"

"Is it necessary to rewrite the whole Constitution & By Laws again? A time consuming and discussional time taker....robs conventions of program time." "...Are the Foundation Trustees to meet with International Board at Mid-Year meeting?"

Wolcott Foundation Finances: 5/31/56 \$2,217.32, rec'd 6/1/-6/28/56 = \$695.00, rec'd at Convention \$2,228.23, Interest on Bonds \$195.00 = \$5,335.55 - expenses \$371.66 = \$4,963.89

7/26/56 - EGYPT SEIZED THE SUEZ CANAL.

High Twelve International had 200 clubs at this time. SIOUX CITY..."The present owners of the old YMCA Building, where Wallie did some of the early organizational work with High Twelve, has consented to make available a sufficient amount of wood from bldg.

in which the club was founded to be processed and made into souvenirs for sale to club membership...." "Proceeds will be added to the Wolcott Foundation." HTvn 10/56.

"Dr. Evans, a busy M.D. built the Hap Arnold Club on the great March Air Base, and will result in clubs all over the world; a warm hour for our brothers in the Service. Why not you? Ohio, Indiana, Iowa and Missouri?" Article apparently by Wolcott.

BOONE, Iowa HTC gave its first annual Jr. College scholarship to Gerald Smith. WILLMINGTON, Delaware charter issued 11/20/56. 30 members. Wm. Noble Kinnard, Pres.

Clark A. Beems, President of High Twelve International 1934-35 and Historian for many years, passed away at 85 years of age 9/22/56. A resident of Cedar Rapids, he was a Masonic and Civic leader. He published the High Twelvian Magazine in his Cedar Rapids printing plant during many of the early years; and was Associate Editor for years.

Wm. Penn (Glenside, Pa.) HTC charter presented 10/17/56 by J. Wallace Forbes, PIP. Club organized by the Philadelphia HTC. 45 members. 79 members and guests attended party. Past President Stephen D. Green of the Philadelphia club installed... Pres. M. Howard Orpen; Sec. Charles A. Wiseman.

At the California State Association Oct. 19 and 20, 1956, San Jose, outgoing President Wm. Worthen and Mrs. Worthen were presented a silver serving set. 1st V.P. Ernest A. Ford reported that the new California Officers' Guide Book would soon be ready for distribtn. HAPPY HIRAMS (Covina, Ca.) HTC charter presented by Pres. Wm. L. Worthen of the California Association 10/13/56. Dr. Robert E. Schrock, Pres. and Sec. Robert Flotten and officers installed by Worthen.

The September, 1956 issue of the High Twelvian carried this article by J. Nelson Truitt, Chairman of the Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation. It is very important in the light of future events. "The University and Trustees are preparing a written agreement to cover our working relationship, which is really needed." "...Every club should have Wolcott Committees, and one function of the committees should be to investigate and pass on all applicants....."

KEARNS MEMORIAL High Twelve Club of Temple University, Philadelphia was sponsored by the Faculty High Twelve Club of Temple University. Dr. J. Wallace Forbes, PIP, gave the address. Pres. Carroll Gerry Stinson (class of '57); Sec. Dwight Chester Swimley, ('57); 34 members. 11/2/56.

"....When you, Mr. President, stand up before your club and say, 'No program', you admit failure...you flunked....you stole the luncheon time of every member present. You killed the next meeting....raised doubts about your love for and leadership of the club." High Twelvian Nov-Dec., 1956.

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA HTC (Calif.) charter presented 11/24/56 by Int. 1st V.P. W. L. Hopperstead, Pasadena. St. Pres. Ernest A. Ford Installing Officer. 58 members. Of the 130 persons present, 50 were from out of town, including a group of 25 from San Jose, under the leadership of the Rev. Phil Barrett, sponsors of the new club. Pres. Carl Patnude; Sec. Ralph W. Thompson.

Back to the Wilmington, Dela. HTC. PIP Dr. Wallace Forbes presented the charter. Present were Paul H. McQuinn, Gov., H. Sidney Booth, Sec. of New Jersey State Assn. and Arthur R. Less, Past Trustee, East Orange Club; Paul Trout Past Gov. Penn-Jersey Dist. and Pres. Howard Orpen of William Penn, who presented the bell and gavel and installed.

Life Magazine week of October 3, 1956 had a big write up on American Masonry, showing U.S. membership 4 million strong, double that of the rest of the world. H1 12 mentioned.

E.C.Wolcott, Executive Director to G.A.Royal, PIP, answering inquiry re. building a "home" headquarters. Wallie cited increasing constructions costs. He estimated the lot cost at \$5,000.00, building \$35,000.00, including air conditioning & automatic heat. He suggested that without calling on a club's treasury, maybe 150 bonds could be sold @ \$100.00, 50 @ \$250.00 and 25 @ \$500.00 (\$40,000) @ 6% \$2,400.00 with two tenants \$125.00 per month and High Twelve @ \$100.00 gives gross of \$4,200.00; interest \$2,400.00, taxes and maintenance \$1,000.00 would leave \$800.00 as bond retirement funds. Estimate in a 10 year period gifts of 50% of outstanding bonds.

MID-YEAR BOARD MEETING Dec.1 & 2, 1956 St Louis, Mo., Hotel Statler. PIP Dr.J.Wallace Forbes gave the address. The Council of Past President, working on assigned tasks of policy and responsibility, now were working on the proposed new home of High Twelve International. Completing work on the Administrative Manuals, PIP Harold Sivers, Chairman. Publicity Committee now operating.

There was considerable discussion re. credentials problems and proxies. Clarified no limit on proxies of a club where it is represented; but limited to 5 if for another club. Credentials to be delivered to Credentials Committee before or at least during first session. Wolcott corresponding with prospective clubs in Washington, D.C., Monroe, Dearborn, Holland, Erie, New Buffalo, Muskegon and Niles, Mich; Clearwater, Fla., Oregon City, Philippines; Charles City, Iowa, Beloit, Wisc; Buffalo, N.Y., Pittsburgh, Pa; Ft Dix, N.J; Cincinnati, Ohio; Indianapolis Evening Club; and a club of Chinese persons in San Francisco.

Wolcott reported these rebuilds: Joliet, Kankakee, Perioria, LaGrange, Ft Dearborn, Alton and Camp Jackson, Ill; University City and LeMay of Mo; and Rochester, N.Y. Correspondence, pamphlets and some telephone calls. 3 clubs in Missouri failed....Mt Vernon, Bowling Green and Lebanon, "The small city problems to make a club successful are exceedingly difficult."

"Since our effort to hire clubs built in Louisiana by our Bro.Verne Bentley, Ohio & Illinois groups have given a lot of consideration to this plan. The Louisiana test was very costly, and would have been a failure without the great help of the Shreveport Bro., Jerry Royal and my own trips, lists, etc."

Cost of new clubs in Louisiana: Wolcott (1st trip, guest meals, RR, Hotel, Tel. & Taxi) = \$156.82; Bentley 1/2/56 to 4/14/56 salary \$700.00; Hotels, meals, RR & Tel. \$1,036.00; = \$1,736.00; Jerry Royal's trip, charter & club vis. = \$285.56; est'd. Long Dis. Tel & Tel. \$35.00; Wolcott - Presenting charters to 1 club in New Orleans, 2 in Baton Rouge (Hotel, meals, taxi, organizing State Assn.) = \$155.74 - total = \$2,369.12; Income from new clubs \$532.00 = net cost \$1,837.12. Net cost per member \$6.90 + time required 3½ months. (NOTE: I think Wallie was unduly pessimistic, considering most of these clubs still in operation 20 years later.DLP)

Wallie then went on to say how much more difficult it was to start clubs than in former years. "With a stranger like Bentley, the great difficulty of avoiding local Masonic jealousies, Masonic honor climbers, discovering a local leader the Masons will follow, who has time, ability and social following is a fearful time consuming task. Much of this does not occur when a nearby, successful High Twelve Club group or leader goes to a nearby city where he is known and can at once spot a leader, and in short order have a meeting and a club." "Bentley had fine lists of names for each city, and he handled some very difficult situations with great skill. Only 1 of the 6 clubs he built will fail."

"My own experience of the past 15 years in entering a new city unaided by a nearby High Twelve Club is a long, difficult task. The delay between the first meeting and the next meeting is often a death road....killed by delays or some foolish local Masonic

objector or question raiser. Looking at California's outstanding success, it's the power of personal influence, contact and follow up." "...We can afford another test, but with no hope of securing income from new clubs to meet the cost of the work. Illinois has a situation of rebuilding 7 cities all within 75 miles of each other, but travel must be by auto.

"Ohio - If basic work will be done and some High Twelve Club or leader will make the first contact, and follow through to charter night, a group of nearby Cleveland area cities would justify the cost. INDIANA - A group of cities near Chicago are good places for club building, but if no Indiana High Twelvers will help, it will fail. ILLINOIS - I would contact former members by letter. Set up luncheon by telephone, with agreed leadership. Bentley would spend the day before the luncheon contacting and procuring signed applications up to 15 members. First meeting secure temporary officers and set date for next meeting; time 60 days. Joliet, Kankakee, La Grange, Peoria, Decatur, Jacksonville, Aurora and Elgin."

IRVINGTON, Ind. (Indianapolis) HTC formed by PIP Judge Otto W.Cox and the Downtown Indianapolis HTC. State President A.C.Moldthan presented the charter 1/11/57. Cox installed officers. 56 members. Merrill Sheets Pres; Leonard Shugert Sec; Wolcott spoke.

At the Mid-Year meeting, an "Emergency Operation" Committee was set up to operate the St Louis office if and when needed (NOTE: Recall, Wallie now 75) composed of PIP G.A. Royal, Des Moines; Pres.Milton W.Hardy, Tulsa; James Gram, St.Louis; ChasH.Nicholsen St Louis and Mrs. Lucille Diering, St Louis. To meet immediately in event of emergency to continue office operations.

President Milton W.Hardy (Tulsa) reported in the Jan-Feb. High Twelvian, 1957 on the California State Association. He referred to the 48 existing clubs in that state and the many new ones in process of organization. He attended the two day Spring Conference which he said was so big it took on the proportions of an International Convention, with 77 delegates, plus other Twelvians and wives present.

Dr. Howard Evans, Expansion Chairman, presented his "Hoster" plan based on Biblical idea of the "Hosts", not only to help in expansion, but, "Should a club need assistance in membership, programs or otherwise, a call to another club brings forth a delegation for the purpose. I was astounded at the time many members put in the travel over the State of California at their own expense." "...Wallie, you really have founded something."

11/4/56 - SOVIET CRUSHED HUNGARIAN REVOLT. 11/5-11/6/56 U.S.CONDEMED ISRAEL ATTACKS ON SINAI OF 10/29/56.

MT VERNON (Mo.) HTC charter lifted 11/20/56 (Was founded 12/17/53). At the Mid-Year meeting, St Louis 12/1/56, Wallie, speaking on the Wolcott Foundation Scholarships, said, "The action of Miss Gabbey and Miss Hartnett point clearly that we should not risk our meager funds against a woman's desire for a man." Wallie on dues: "I deeply appreciate the loyalty of our clubs in the payment of International dues - yet a mere \$2.00 per year is a very minute sum with which to publish a magazine free, distribute free pamphlets and to maintain an office. Yet, too often some member says, "Why pay dues to International?"

"California's success in State Association accomplishments has been due to a well-planned district (area) set-up and a careful selection of District Chairmen (later area vice presidents). Results are healthy local clubs, new clubs, successful projects, fine attendance at District and State meetings and outstanding charter nights."

Pennsylvania area has 5 clubs, enough for formation of a Pennsylvania State Associat-

ion (Due to leadership of Dr.J.Wallace Forbes FIP and the Philadelphia and Temple University clubs)."

There was a luncheon honoring Dr.Marvin and Trustees of the Foundation. Pres. Milton Hardy reported (for benefit of prospective candidates to go up the line) expenditures since July of \$1,300.00 approximately in excess of funds advanced for travel, etc. including taking Mrs.Hardy along (not counting loss of business but including additional office expense). "Do not misunderstand. I understood this requirement before accepting a nomination." "....It should be given serious consideration."

First Vice President Hopperstead reported that California had lost two weak clubs, East Pasadena and Nevada City (later reorganized though) "Honolulu and Seattle are floundering; and unable to contact Corvallis, Mont. To offset these problems, seven new clubs have been chartered." "....I believe International should continually sell and show the State Associations and clubs how to organize new clubs. Then when the local groups get a few interested Masons who seriously desire to start a new club, the State and International officers should move in, offering every assistance possible."

Wolcott, in answer to a letter from Dr.J.Wallace Forbes, Philadelphia, "There is no question of the value of an International Convention being held in Philadelphia now that any opposition of your Grand Lodge will not forbid its support by members of the Philadelphia Blue Lodges." "....Your problems are yet difficult. Too much feeling still exists in nearby New Jersey clubs for cooperation." "....Much can happen to correct the problems before 1958." (apparently referred to creation of Penna.as Assn.) Hugh Allerton, Michigan, was appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

E.C.Wolcott to James Dunne, Phoenix, Arizona 3/7/57, "....The Hiram Club in Phoenix is the last of a group of clubs that took our idea by a former member of the Sioux City Club. each officer was to have \$1.00 from each member for himself. Wish you could visit them. Judge Marx, FGM belongs."

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS - With the cost of living in 1939 100, it was about 193 now. Purchasing power of the \$ in '39= 100, now about 51. The Dow-Jones Averages 1/31/56 = \$499.47, and avg.dividends \$22.99 (vs \$280.90 D-J 12/31/53 and Avg.Div. of \$16.11).

84 year old Herbert Towner, whom Wolcott often referred to as one of the early stalwarts of High Twelve, was given a plaque during an early 1957 Kansas City, Mo. Club meeting for his 35 years service as Secretary of that club. He was made President Emeritus of the club. Presentation made by Ex.Dir.E.C.Wolcott, Founder HTI.

G.DICK RICHARDSON HTC of Castle AFB, Calif. charter presented 2/9/57 by Int.1st VP W.L.Hopperstead. 78 charter members. 300 Master Masons and their ladies attended. Pres.M/Sgt Edmund L.Wilson, 1st VP Lt/Col.Joseph Martin; Sec. M/Sgt Dateliff Swarts. Address by Ernest Ford. Membership included 22 Grand Lodges in the United States, 3 foreign countries and 4 U.S. possessions.

ST MATHEWS HTC chartered 3/2/57, Louisville, Ky. 84 charter members representing 43 Lodges from all over the United States. 158 Masons and wives present. 2nd V.P. E.P.White, Jr. of the Kentucky-Alabama State Association presided. 3rd Int.V.P.Marvin J.Fisher presented the charter and installed officers. Many Masonic dignitaries were present. Pres.Theodore Helm; Sec.Henry E.Gerlach.

2nd V.P. of H.T.I. Hicks Griffiths brought greetings from HTI to the banquet meeting of the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay held in Detroit, Mich., March 9, 1957. The March-May 1957 High Twelvian reported the death of Charles H.Nicholson of St Louis, for many years Associate Editor of the High Twelvian.

"For those who would seek International Office, there are times when most of us

have considered resignation because of expense in time and money. Our service has been a burden upon our professions or business. There have been conflicts in the demands of economics and fraternal dedication to our purposes."

New clubs since 6/30/56 (as of 3/5/57)...William Pen (Glenside) Pa; Hap Arnold (March AFB) Ca; Happy Hiram (Covina) Ca; Carmel, Ca; Wilmington, Dela; Kearns Memorial (Phila.) Pa; G.Dick Richardson (Castle AFB) Ca; Irvington (Ind.); Clearwater, Fla; St Mathews (Louisville) Ky.

The CLEARWATER, Fla. Charter was presented 4/4/57 by PIP Earl K. Gullen. There were 16 present at the first meeting. Chartered with 56 members. Organized by former Michigan High Twelver Robert V. Eley, Pres; Sec. A.M. Ducate. This was the great breakthrough in Florida.

FORBES AIR FORCE BASE HTC, Kansas Charter party was 5/8/57. Club built by Pres. Kenneth W. Scott of Topeka Club and W.A. Benson, formerly Secretary of HTI, and for 29 years Secretary of the Topeka Club. HTI's 3rd Air Base Club. Pres. Milton Hardy HTI gave the address. Charter presented by Arthur D. Conrad, Pres. of the Kansas Association. Kenneth Wilson did the installing. Pres. M/Sgt Thomas McLain, Sec. Major Reese Evans III.

M.J. FISHER (of St Matthews, Ky - Louisville) HTC CHARTER issued 3/2/57. 72 members. Pres. Theodore J. Heim; OELWEIN, Iowa charter issued 4/27/57. 64 members. Pres. Roger R. Northrop; SANTA ROSA (Calif.) HTC charter issued 4/27/57. 42 members. Pres. Wesley W. Daniels; CLEARWATER, Fla. Charter issued 4/4/57. 56 members. Pres. Robert V. Eley. FORBES AFB (Topeka, Kan.) HTC charter issued 5/8/57. 73 members. Pres. Thomas N. McLain. DELCO (Lansdowne, Pa.) charter issued 5/22/57. 37 members. Kimber E. Vought. TRAVELER (Button Willow, Calif.) charter issued 5/24/57. 29 members. Pres. Hardy H. Hair. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY (Rosemead, Calif.) chartered about here. TUJUNGA VALLEY (Sunland, Ca.) charter issued 5/22/57. 25 members. Pres. Charles Roy Calhoun.

PARADISE VALLEY'S CHARTER Party 5/18/57 had W.L. Hopperstead, 1st VP of HTI presenting the charter, and Pres. Ernest A. Ford as installing officer. Pres. Gerald R. Knight, Sec.-Tr. L.R. Brandanger. 35 members.

BUTTONWILLOW (Calif.) HTC charter presented 5/24/57 at Taft by W.L. Hopperstead, Int. 1st V.P. Installing officer Calif. Assn. Pres. Ernest A. Ford. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY (Rosemead, Calif.) HTC Charter party at Eaton's 6/12/57, sponsored by Temple City HTC. Pres. Chester B. Anderson; Sec. Roy McNeil. GEORGE BLOSS HTC (Atwater, Ca.) charter presented 6/8/57 by Int. 1st VP W.L. Hopperstead. Master of Ceremonies Arthur Buss, Area 5 Chairman. Pres. Ernest A. Ford of Calif. Assn. installing officer. The High Twelver Magazine at the time showed Leonard E. Corey as Pres., whereas charter lists Allan Good as Pres. However, Air Force Brothers moved through these Bases so fast, Good was probably gone by installation night. Sec.-Tr. Harold B. Holman. 63 members.

MEDIA (Pa.) HTC organized by PIP Dr. J. Wallace Forbes and Dr. Larry Hess. Installed by Past Dist. Gov. New Jersey. Pres. James N. Robertson....and Frank A. Snear, Jr., Pres-Elect. Sec. Lewis M. Evans III. 58 members.

ACACIA (in Glendale, Calif.) HTC and Bethel 168 Job's Daughters celebrated another Secret Daughter, Secret Dad Day Program. The identity of the Secret Daughter was unknown to the Secret Dad, but he was kept aware of her existence by a near constant arrival of birthday, wedding anniversary and sundry holiday cards. At the last weekly meeting in June and last regular meeting in December the Secret Daughters and Bethel Guardians were luncheon guests of Acacia, at which time the identity of the Secret Daughter was made known and gifts exchanged.

E.C.Wolcott to 2nd Int.V.P.Hicks Griffiths 3/7/57, "While it is none of my business, I feel the Trustees set up is very weak, and their awarding scholarships on the meager information from our present application blank is dangerous. We know so little about these youth. I think their selection and award should rest entirely with George Washington University..." He then decried the lack of background or qualifications for this work on the part of most of the Trustees.

Wallie was quite upset because Tom Cambell tried to organize a separate Michigan Wolcott Foundation to work directly with George Washington University...he questioned his motives. Wolcott to Griffiths 3/20/57, "....There were some very rough spots and feelings hurt when almost without notice, the Philadelphia clubs walked out and ended the Penn-Jersey District Association."

Apparently a Grand Master wrote Ex.Director Wolcott, complaining of the inaccuracies in the recent LIFE Magazine article on Masonic structure, purposes and so-called affiliated bodies. The Grand Master (who was also a High Twelvian) was upset regarding references to the womens' organizations, the fun side of some Masonic oriented organizations and failure to show what Masonry did for the Masonic Home, relief of members, their widows and orphans; and that the author was a Catholic young woman. (NOTE: There was a reference to High Twelve, and apparently to Wolcott Foundation).

Wallie replied he'd heard many Masons laud the article, and that it contained this statement, "The Masons are earnest, pious and dedicated men believing in helping each other as brothers." that "...apparently information and pictures must have come from a Masonic source." 3/26/57

Vice President Hicks Griffiths on 4/16/57 after attending the Pennsylvania and New Jersey High Twelvians on 4/5/57-4/6/57 felt that the Association was strong and healthy; meetings well attended.." "...The Association will change the name of their Overnor and Lt Governors to Presidents and Vice Presidents in order to be consistent on nomenclature with other State Associations.

"The International Representative is not responsible for the statistical and routine communication where information is submitted or exchanged between local clubs and other High Twelve organizations. He is the officer responsible for personal visitations to other clubs or groups of clubs at the State and International levels. His duties are performed by word of mouth...." "...International can only urge the selection of the club member best equipt to perform the duties of the office." "...The proposed club manual could supply the International Representative with considerable guidance." 4/23/57 letter from 2nd Int.VP Hicks G.Griffiths to Don Bailey, Moline,Ill.

On May 8, 1957 2nd V.P.Hicks Griffiths wrote a club president in another state, and refused to participate in a chain letter for the purpose of raising funds for the Wolcott Foundation. 1st, lotteries were not permitted by the Grand Master in Michigan; 2, Postal laws of the United States prohibit use of mails for this purpose.

HISTORY OF HIGH TWELVE IN OKLAHOMA....An undated letter about 1957 written by E.C. Wolcott is in the Milton Hardy folder, which explains in painful detail why the Oklahoma clubs failed. This is a 3 page letter and, summarized says substantially as follows (NOTE: I have toned it down considerably and have left out most reference to personalities.....

1. Tulsa and Enid (#4 and #5 resp.) organized by Wolcott and Creason in 1923 (other records indicate 1925 and '26.DLP).
2. Tulsa gave a great Convention in 1953. Severe difficulties since. Now improving under Curtis L.Cory, Pres., aided by Hardy and Allen.
3. Enid - A Blue Lodge Secretary became club Treasurer and got it to leave International for 6 years. A Blue Lodge split added to the problems. Hardy and Tulsa revived it.
4. Newell George of Kansas City organized Oklahoma City, and it had 200 members. 5 years later, during dissention between Masonic Bodies, the club President disbanded it

without consulting members or International....and have been unable to revive it. The present small club organized by Sam Gill, Judge Rittenhouse and Wolcott. Members mostly husbands of Amaranth.

5. Muskogee built from lists furnished Wolcott and Walter Essman of Tulsa HTC. It was taken over by a collateral organization. Through good friend P.G.M. Wilson, Wolcott tried and failed to break through. 6. Bartlesville also organized by Wolcott and Essman. Many wealthy members, and only \$3.00 dues....failed because of finances. 7. Okmulgee very old club, held International Convention in 1924 (NOTE: Wallie was constantly getting dates mixed up. That was 1931. DLP) Wallie claimed an important member of one of the concordant bodies "took over" and made it a selling group for that organization. The Blue Lodge and members of the other Body then left. Wolcott said he got 5 young Masons and had a list of 30 names. The local Mason who was to follow through (Cottle) failed to.

8. Claremore built by Manley Fort of Tulsa. He got 60 members and \$5.00 each in one day. "April, 1954 Cottle and I met two brothers, and telephoned 20. No interest - no money - no equipment." 9. Brookside (Tulsa) built by Tulsa brothers. Members all in new Blue Lodge. "Hardy saved it." 10. "Some contacts have been made in Ardmore, McAlister, Vista, Stillwater, Norman, Sapulpa, Drumright, Cashing and Lawton. None too promising."

"We made a serious mistake when we set up the State Organization by electing Cottle. He has resigned." "....There are very serious roadblocks to High Twelve in Oklahoma." Wolcott then went on to enumerate the rivalries ("bitter and intense") between (I am leaving out the names of organizations.DLP) them." "....also politics between Democrat and Republican." He cited examples. "For the above reasons, High Twelve is needed in Oklahoma. How to get it under way is a deep, difficult problem." ECW

MEMBERSHIP of High Twelve International as of 5/31/57 = 12,199 in 194 clubs. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION Sioux City, Iowa, June 16,19, 1957. Hotel Mayfair. Convention Chairman Wm.A.Shuminsky. 30th Annual Convention....the "Welcome Home Convention."

STATE PRESIDENTS listed in Convention issue of High Twelvian: CALIFORNIA: John L. Shaw; COLORADO: F.E.Fields, Denver; ILLINOIS: Don A.Bailey, Moline; INDIANA: Clarence W.Deeg, Evansville; IOWA: Edgar King, Cedar Rapids; KANSAS: Arthur D.Conrad, Clay Center; KENTUCKY-ALABAMA: J.V.Lindsey, Louisville; LOUISIANA: Dr.Louis Fox, Baton Rouge; MICHIGAN: David Thompson, Livonia; MISSOURI: Norman W.Remley, Jefferson City; NEBRASKA: Leonard A.Mangold, Bennington; NEW JERSEY: Rulon D.Brooks, Bridgeton; OHIO: Rev.C.J.Bradbury, Eaton; PENNSYLVANIA: Dr.J.W.Forbes, Philadelphia.

The Honorary chairmen of the Convention, Sioux City was MW Edwin L.Lunde, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa and E.C.Wolcott, Founder of H.T.I. This convention was incorporated. Study groups were divided into Club Pres., VPs. & Directors; Sec-Treasurers, International Representatives; and Council of Past International Presidents. The Necrology was conducted by Bishop Stephen Robinson, Des Moines.

President Milton W.Hardy suggested that dues not be raised as some wanted. He complimented Col. Edwin Popkess and Charles Nicholson of St Louis for getting good publicity for H.T.I. He discussed possibility of taking over an 8 story office building with Federal backing. He hoped that the study of the Constitution and By-Laws be continued by Hicks Griffiths another year; and to operate under present proposed changes as it takes up so much time at conventions. He appointed an Emergency Committee to provide continuation of operation of the office. Manuals ready to be printed. He recommended that a History of H.T.I. be developed. Also recommended erection of some sort of memorial in Sioux City.

Wallie was given the great surprise and honor of welcoming 87 new members into the

Founder's Club #1 at the Wednesday luncheon. The Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation presented Wallie with a beautiful bronze plaque, which stated, "E.C.Wolcott, Founder of High Twelve International has been selected Honorary Life Member of the Board of Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation of High Twelve International. Trustees J.Nelson Truitt, J.Wallace Forbes, Fred A.Kissler, Joseph H.Henion and C.A.Moldthan - Sioux City, Iowa, June 16, 1957".

In his address to the Convention, Outgoing International President Milton Hardy said, "....We know that any organization, to live or carry out its ideals, must have a basic business organization within itself. It must have a system of operation. As it expands, it has new problems, and every one of them, we have the problem of financing. I want to talk to you about these things....dues, a permanent home, a publicity committee, our manuals, our work with DeMolay, and the compiling of a History of High Twelve International....."

"I want to point out too that for the first time in the history of fellowship clubs, and similar civic clubs, we have inaugurated and established Military Clubs as a part of a civilian organization." "....Our staff may need to be increased. We need funds." "....It is a question of raising dues or financing ourselves."

"I have recommended....that Wallie Wolcott write...a History of High Twelve." 1st V.P. Hopperstead reported, "...In this short 6 month period, the California Assn. of High Twelve Clubs has chartered 6 new clubs and 3 to go before vacation. Our average attendance (in Calif.) is up 35%." 2nd V.P. Hicks Griffiths of Detroit commented that California had added 10 new clubs since the last Convention, and that 5 new clubs were being chartered on the East Coast; and suggested scheduling an International Convention there soon.

3rd V.P. Marvin Fisher (Louisville) had visited many clubs east of the Mississippi, and reported that Grand Master Oscar Brockman, 33° of Grand Consistory, Louisville was collaborating with the 18 Scottish Rite clubs in Western Kentucky to assist in the formation of High Twelve clubs to work for the educational programs of both. He mentioned how often articles on High Twelve appear in the Masonic Home Journal of Kentucky.

"I know that I will make myself unpopular with many when I advocate raising the International dues so as to have money in the Treasury to spend on expansion so that the International Office can direct the nearest and most qualified International Officer or other loyal and qualified High Twelvian to make visitations as needed."

PIP J.Nelson Truitt, Chairman of Wolcott Foundation said that the Trustees plan on meeting in Washington, D.C. Feb. 2 & 3 of 1958 and the early part of February every year thereafter, at which time all applications would be considered. "....Commencing with the Fall term of 1958, the value of the Scholarships will be a maximum of \$1,800 each. In addition to the tuition, a sum not to exceed \$100.00 a month for 12 months will be paid to the student if required and needed for living expenses."

Wolcott reported that contributions to the Wolcott Foundation for the year were \$2,217.32. Disbursements \$6,709.66. Total assets \$23,046.10. General Fund as of 6/1/56 \$7,052.44 as of 5/31/57 = \$5,201.50. Total expenses \$30,482.14.

A resolution was passed urging State Officers and Area Chairmen and Club Presidents to study the Wolcott pamphlets, with a Wolcott Committee in each club; to alert colleges in the area of needs of scholastic needs for Wolcott Scholarships.

Ernie Ford, submitted for the California delegation a resolution that "each High Twelve Club be authorized to issue a class of membership designated as ARMED FORCES member on active duty and stationed on a "permanent" basis within the area where such issuing HTC is situated. ... that the issuing club shall be charged with the State &

International per capita tax," "...and no dues or other charges shall be assessed against or collected from such member in any other club to which such member shall transfer during the year...."

Part of Convention report, June 1957: CLUB STATISTICS: Alabama 1; Arkansas 1 inactive; Calif. 53 + 1 inactive; Colo. 1 + 1 inactive; Delaware 1; Florida 1; Illin. 14; Indiana 6; Iowa 17; Kansas 8; Kentucky 7; Louisiana 6 + 1 inactive; Maryland 1; Michigan 16 + 4 inactive; Minnesota 1; Montana 1 inactive; Missouri 17 + 4 inactive; Nebraska 4; New Jersey 5 + 1 inactive; New York 1 + 1 inactive; Ohio 19 + 1 inactive; Oklahoma 4; Pennsylvania 6; South Dakota 2; Washington 1; Hawaii 1 inactive = 201 active and 16 inactive.

New Clubs by states: Pennsylvania 4; Delaware; Florida 1; Indiana 1; Kansas 1; Kentucky 1; Ohio 1. New clubs in order chartered: Hap Arnold, Ca; Happy Hiram, Ca; Wm Penn, Pa; Wilmington, Del; Carmel, Ca; Kearns Memorial, Penn; Irvington, Ind; G. Dick Richardson, Calif; St Mathews, Ky; Oelwein, Iowa; Santa Rosa, Ca; Clearwater, Fla; Forbes AFB, Kan; Paradise, Ca; Delco, Pa; Buttonwillow, Ca; San Gabriel Valley, Ca; Geo. Bloss (Atwater) Ca; Media, Pa; Sunland-Tujunga, Ca.

E. Irvin Fenton, Calif., Chariman of Youth Services Projects suggested that inasmuch as projects cost money....money raising affairs would help, such as:

Serving breakfasts - car washing - theatre ticket sales - Christmas tree sales - and check room service....some of these utilizing the help of the youth group.

Elected to serve 1957-58 term - President W.L. Hopperstead, Pasadena, Ca; 1st V.P. Hicks G. Griffiths, Detroit, Mich; 2nd V.P. Marvin J. Fisher, Louisville, Ky; 3rd V.P. Wm. Kent Fenton, Toledo, Ohio; General Counsel-Sec. to Int. Board Hugh G. Allerton, Highland Park, Mich; Treasurer James E. Gram, East St Louis, Ill; Executive Director & Editor E.C. Wolcott. 2683 Big Bend Blvd., St Louis, Mo.

1957-58 Committee Chairmen: Credentials- James R. Hoffman, Colorado; Constitution & By-Laws - Hicks G. Griffiths, Michigan; Resolutions - Holland F. Flahavhan, Illinois; Youth - Rosslyn L. Bodine, Iowa; Projects, Chas. L. Johnson, Illinois; Budget - Milton W. Hardy, Oklahoma; Expansion - F.E. Fields, Colo; Publicity - Col. G. Edwin Popkess, St. Louis.

1957-58 International Zone Officers: W.L. HOPPERSTEAD: Ariz., Calif., Colo., Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Wash., Wyoming, Hawaii. HICKS GRIFFITHS: Canada, Connec., Maine, Mass., Mich., Minn., New Hamp., N.J., N.Y., N.D., S.D., Pennsy. Rhode Is, Vermt, Washington, D.C. MARVIN J. FISHER: Alabama, Fla, Ga., Ky., La., Mississippi, North Car., South Car., Tenn; WM KENT FENTON: Dela; Ill., Ind., Myd., Ohio, Va., W. Va; MILTON W. HARDY: Ark., Iowa, Kan; Mo., Nebr. Okla, Tex. & Wisconsin.

A newly printed 24 pg. 9x4" Constitution & By-Laws of High Twelve International, INCORPORATED, "This is the status as of the 1957 Convention." It shows the emblem on the cover, however as still INTERNATIONAL HIGH TWELVE. (This was to be a problem for years.....and still is. Many clubs still use emblems that our many years outdated. DLP)

It is interesting to note that the surplus from the 36th (Homecoming) Convention at Sioux City amounted to \$406.30. Registration 192 men and 70 women = 262. International President Hopperstead made an extensive trip during October through the Mid-West.

The Kentucky-Alabama Association of HTCs at Ken Lake Hotel, Kentucky....Resolution asking that pamphlet, "What is the High Twelve Club International" be re-written to under the International objectives the Wolcott Foundation Scholarship be included.

The CRESCENTA-CANADA HTC charter was presented 6/29/57 by Int. Pres. Hopperstead. Calif. V.P. John L. Shaw installing officer. Greetings from Calif. Past Pres. Wm. Worthen and Irvin Fenton Past State Sec-Tr. 30 members. Pres. Wm. Rorick.

SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES HTC charter presented by State Pres. Ernest Ford 7/12/57, Victor Hugo Rest. Long Beach. Introductions by John L. Shaw, 1st VP Calif. Assn. Wm. Worthen PSP installed the officers. 41 members. 124 present. Walter A. Bailey, Reg. Dir. organized the new club. J. Lloyd Barker, Area III VP was the M.C. Pres. Lloyd Barker, Sec. Harry Raabe. Monte Shirley helped install.

A letter from the Treasury Department 8/1/57 gave the Wolcott Foundation a tax exemption for educational purposes.

KIRK R. MITCHELL (Travis AFB) Ca. chartered about August-Sept. 44 members. Pres. Henry C. Deavers. CINCINNATI, Ohio charter presented in Sept., 1957. 25 members. Pres. Allen H. Metzger. VULCAN (Birmingham, Ala.) charter presented 9/21/57. 26 members. Pres. Claud Miller. ARMY MEMORIAL (Fort Ord) Calif. Charter issued 9/7/57. 58 members. Pres. Don A. Carlisle. AUDUBON (Louisville, Ky.) HTC charter issued 10/3/57. 69 members. Al E. Orton (Louisville) Ky. HTC charter issued 10/10/57. 49 members. Pres. Wm. S. Roser. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay (Anderson AFB, Guam) 11/22/57. 50 members. Carl W. Shomo Pres. (more).
8/26/57 - SOVIETS ANNOUNCE SUCCESSFUL TESTING OF ICBM
9/4/57 - LITTLE ROCK SHOWDOWN ON ADMISSION OF BLACKS TO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL.
9/23/57 - EISENHOWER SENT FEDERAL TROOPS TO LITTLE ROCK TO ENFORCE COURT ORDER.

10/4/57 - SOVIETS LAUNCH SPUTNIK 1, FIRST MAN-MADE SATELLITE.
11/3/57 - SPUTNIK II WITH DOG LAUNCHED.

Some time in 1957 apparently FERGUSON, Mo. HTC was dropped. (founded 6/27/46) ARMY MEMORIAL (Ft Ord) HTC charter was presented by State Pres. Ernest Ford. Pres. Edmund L. Wilson of G. Dick Richardson HTC installing officer. Many visiting High Twelve dignitaries from north and south. Pres. Don Carlisle; Sec. Glendall O. Bush.

The amazing Wagon Wheel Club, Wentzville, Mo., with only 15 rural members, was able to reactivate the Blue Lodge that had been dormant. The Club air conditioned their Blue Lodge Hall, organized a junior baseball team, and a DeMolay club of 33 members. They were working on a minstrel show in the fall; and a money maker was their box socials.

The FOURTH ESTATE (Los Angeles) High Twelve Club was greatly honored during the Fall of 1957 when the Publisher of Los Angeles Examiner (a member) Franklin S. Payne presented a check for \$1,000.00 for the Wolcott Foundation to P.S.P. William L. Worthen. C.C. "Slim" Barnard president of the club.

The Temple City HTC was honored by being the home club of Int. Pres. W.L. Hopperstead State President John L. Shaw, its charter president. Mark Schrock is club President. Under latter's leadership 2 clubs were formed during the year... Happy Hiram of Covina and San Gabriel Valley of Rosemead. One of its big activities... participation in the Annual Camelia Festival, where they always have a booth.

REVIEW OF 1957 FOREIGN AND BASE HIGH TWELVE CLUB CHARTERS:

England - Suffolk (ARNOLD PAGE); France - INGRANDES (M.P. Depot); Spain MORTON AFB San Pablo; TORREJON AFB, Torrejon; HAP ARNOLD (March A.F.B.) Riverside, Calif; GEO. BLOSS, Atwater, Ca; G. DICK RICHARDSON, Atwater, Ca; FORT ORD (ARMY MEMORIAL) Carmel, Calif; TRAVIS A.F.B., Calif; BEALE A.F.B., Calif; VANDENBERG A.F.B., Calif; CURTIS E. LE MAY, Agana, Guam; FORBES A.F.B., Topeka, Kan; BARKSDALE A.F.B. Bossier City, La; WALKER A.F.B. Roswell, N.M; CARL JORDAN H.T.C; FORT WARREN FRONTIER, Cheyenne, Wy. (NOTE: Some of these were written up; for some there is no further ref.) DLP

SANTA ROSA (Calif.) HTC apparently received its charter some time during 1957. GEO. WASHINGTON (E. St. Louis, Ill). charter issued 3/20/58. 35 members. Pres. H.W. Black.

Executive Director Wolcott made a 17 day swing through California October 18-November 2, 1957. He visited many clubs. President Hopperstead of HTI, PSP Ernie Ford, PSP William Keller and Ralph Thompson, Sr., the founder and secretary of Carmel-by-the-Sea, drove him 1,200 miles to visit and speak to clubs and the State Convention in Los Angeles (10/19). Wallie reported that Cap. Ward, first president of the HAP ARNOLD HTC (March Air Base) was building a club or two in London, Eng.

I believe that the creation of the High Twelve Club on Guam makes an interesting story, herewith. DLP. First, Dr. H.T. Evans and Int. Pres. Hopperstead handed T/S and Bro. S.C. Sowder, Hdq. Sgt. 22nd Bomb Wing, March Air Force Base, Calif. some brochures and asked him to start a club in Guam.

Between 3/29/57 and 7/5/57, when Sowder completed his stay, contacts were made with many Masons on the island. These included Major Rud Morley, Bro. Whitaker, Base Adjutant Bro. Womack, who started calling men in Agana and Anderson Air Force Base. 1st meeting was 1st week in June, with 2 representatives from each organization on the base. "....As I came back to March Air Base, Bro. Les Witcher, a charter member of Hap Arnold HTC was on his way to Guam, not for just 3 months, but for 3 years, and he agreed to help Bro. Womack organize." "....The Russians may have Sputnik; we've got High Twelve, right Doc?"

The Mid-Year meeting of the International Board was held Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 1957, St. Louis, Mo., Coronado Hotel. Wolcott reported there were 207 active clobes. Loss since June, 1957 Canton and Lincoln. 13 new clubs since 6/1/57. He reviewed charters assigned: Sunland-Tujunga Valley, Ca. 6/1/57; Geo. Bloss (Atwater) Ca. 6/8/57; San Gabriel Valley, Ca. 6/12/57; Media, Pa. 6/12/57; Crescenta-Canada, Ca. 6/29/57; South East Los Angeles, Ca. 6/29/57; Ft. Ord (Army Memorial) Ca. 5/7/57; Cincinnati, Ohio 9/11/57; Vulcan (Birmingham) Ala. 9/21/57; Kirk R. Mitchell (Travis AFB) Calif. 9/28/57; Audubon (Louisville), Ky. 10/3/57; L.B. Orton (Louisville) Ky. 10/10/57; Genl. Curtis E. LeMay (Guam) 11/22/57.

The Wolcott Trustees reported that there were now 11 students enrolled. The Publicity Com. recommended enlargement of the committee from a total of only 3 to 1 for each state, and provision of a \$400.00 budget for publicity. There was debate on contents to be included in the manual. Pres. Hopperstead was instructed to attend the Board of Trustees meeting with George Washington University President Marvin Feb. 3, '58, while Pres. Hopperstead was visiting clubs in the East.

Hopperstead had visited many clubs in the midwest, having left Los Angeles International Airport Thanksgiving and returned Dec. 14, 1957. Most of his visits were east of the Mississippi. Norman W. Remley had reported 11/30/57 that the High Twelve outlook in Missouri was not good. Hopefully, N.E. Kansas City was to charter in January. Kansas City club was doing well, but others just holding on; one nearly folded in the summer. Two others in "bad health". Many officers of clubs and association taking course of least resistance. "Six Association officers resigned after it was too late to replace them. One club has been trying at least 3 months to get some one to accept its presidency."

Pres. David P. Thompson of the Michigan Assn. reported that the Trust Fund of Michigan Association of High Twelve Club had been set up, now amounting to about \$1,500.00 to be used if needed for expansion of new clubs, distressed clubs and other worthy special projects recommended by the State Association and the Trustees. Three Trustees were elected for a term of 3 years, one member leaving and 1 elected yearly.

It was reported that on 12/9/57 the GATEWAY (New Buffalo, Mich) HTC charter was presented by Michigan Association President David Thompson, who installed officers. Pres. Joseph P. Campbell; Sec. Martin Littlejohn. The Louisville, Ky. area clubs organized a High Twelve party honoring Int. Pres. "Hoppy" Hopperstead 12/7/57 at Zachary Taylor

Post, American Legion, Shelbyville Rd. 300 guests from all over the area. 2nd Int. V.P. Marvin J. Fisher was the moving force behind the great event.

At the Mid-Year meeting, the International Vice Presidents met with the Presidents of the Associations in their zones to plan a study of the California type State Association and for selection of State Chairmen for Expansion and the Wolcott Fund.

Ex-Dir. E.C. Wolcott asked for an "Associate", cost for salary, travel and secretarial help \$10,000.00. "Must be a gift.....will earn his way second year."

"The meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Lodge of Washington, D.C. is first week in December. Pres. Marvin, PGM Wm. Pringle of Ohio and Eminent Com. Sir Knight Geo. W. Nilsson 33° of Long Angeles are in personal contact with Grand Master Harris and ask all the rest of us to leave it to them." ECW

DEARBORN, Mich. charter issued 12/3/57.

1/31/58 - FIRST U.S. SATELITE LAUNCHED.

ASHLAR HTC, Rapid City, South Dakota charter presented in January, 1958 by Frederick Johannsen of Sioux City, representing International. Elvin Strain, President of the Gavelers, Sioux Falls was installing officer. Pres. Jerry K. Thomas, Sec. D. Hedin. PASO ROBLES (Calif.) HTC charter was presented by Int. Pres. W.L. Hopperstead. State Pres. John L. Shaw installed. 50 members on charter. Guests from various clubs, including State 1st V.P. Art Buss of Escalon. Ted Chiappari, PM Paso Robles #286 was M.C., and he received the charter for Pres. Carl W. Shomo, who was ill.

Wolcott foundation Trustees, Pres. W.L. Hopperstead and 2nd V.P. Fisher met with Dr. Cloyd H. Marvin, president of George Washington University and Max Farrington, his assistant at the university to discuss problems and possible solutions. The foundation would make every effort to provide 5 scholarships each year. Dean Edward Burns of the school of government called at the meeting and expressed the desire to cooperate fully with the Trustees. It was authorized to order 1,000 Applications for scholarship forms and 500 financial assistance forms.

"High Twelve is not a Civic Club," said E.C. Wolcott in the March-May 1958 High Twelvian. "We are building a fellowship hour for the men of Masonry, absolutely free from commercialism or private gain, a fellowship of unselfish service."

EL CAJON (Calif.) HTC charter issued 4/19/58. 109 members. Pres. Eugene O. Muth. ST PETERSBURG, La. HTC charter issued 5/7/58. 51 members. Frank A. Bobel, Pres. MERIDIAN (Claremont, Calif.) HTC charter issued 5/9/58. 29 members. George D. Lober, Pres. SALINAS HTC reorganized and charter presented 3/29/58 by Int. Pres. W.L. Hopperstead, Pasadena. 35 members. 150 members and guests present. Club sponsored by Army Memorial HTC and Carmel-by-the-Sea. State Pres. John L. Shaw installed officers. Active in promoting club were Cloyd Farmer of Taft and Ralph W. Thompson, Sr. Reg. Dir. and Sec. of Carmel Club. Pres. Chester E. Dunn.

ARNOLD PAGE HTC (Lakenheath, Eng.) had 30 members on charter. Charter party 5/23/58. Charter issued 5/7/58. Major USAF, Dir. of Personnel installed officers. Pres. Wm. H. Ward. Sec.-Tr. R.H. Christopher, PM, Thet Lodge, Thetford, Eng. 51 charter members by charter night. Sec.-Tr. Ira T. Lowe. Over 100 English and American Masons gathered for the chartering of the first High Twelve club in the United Kingdom. Had been in the making since Wm. H. Ward, Past Pres. of the Hap Arnold Club (Calif.) arrived in England. He had promised Pres. "Hoppi" Hopperstead a new club there.

During the Spring. Pres and Mrs. Hopperstead, after the Washinton, D.C. meeting with the Wolcott Trustees, University President and Scottish Rite leaders, visited High

Twelve Clubs in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and back again to Philadelphia, where he heard of the untimely death of Vice President Marvin Fisher. They immediately went to Louisville for the services. A hasty meeting was held with 3rd Vice President William Kent Fenton of Toledo, Wallie Wolcott and Harold Sivers PIP. Final plans were made for the Toledo Convention.

International 2nd V.P. Marvin J. Fisher Louisville, Ky., an attorney killed in his car at a railroad crossing by a freight train near his home 2/8/58. In 1957 he had suffered heart trouble and was hospitalized. He had been very active in establishing clubs in Kentucky and Alabama. In Kentucky he was known as "Mr. Hi 12." "He was a diligent worker in the Masonic Temple of Brotherhood." Very large funeral.

3/26/58 Nominations were closed for International Officers. C.J. Hyde of Kentucky and Don A. Bailey, Ill. were nominated for 2nd V.P. Wm. Worthen of Calif. and Bailey of Illinois, Thos. E. Campbell, Mich; and Wm. N. Kinnard, Delaware for 3rd V.P.

6/1/58 - DE GAULLE NOW PREMIER OF FRANCE.

LONG BEACH (Calif.) HTC chartered 5/10/58. 18 members. Sandy N. Freberg Pres. CHAR MARV (Guam) HTC charter issued 6/7/58. 65 members. Pres. Harrison F. Thrapp. WALKER AFB (Roswell, N.M.) charter issued 6/19/58. 43 members. Pres. Harold J. Minehart.

HOLLYWOOD HTC (Calif.) organized by Rev. W. E. R. O'Gorman, who was a Catholic Priest in his early years. (NOTE: A good Lutheran and Mason, I talked with him nearly every Sunday after church for years until the last few months after he suffered a series of heart attacks. A very God fearing man and devoted Mason. DLP) President Hopperstead presented the charter. Pres. John L. Shaw of the Calif. Assn. was installing officer. Gifts presented by the Fourth Estate and Burbank HTCs. Pres. W. E. R. O'Gorman; Sec. H. Huntsman. 25 members.

International Convention, Toledo, Ohio, June 22-25, Hotel Commodore Perry. Harold Woodruff Convention General Chairman.

The following unsigned, undated material was found in the 1958 file in the St Louis office, which seems to have bearing on subsequent events. 1942 Wolcott "left a salary of \$10,000.00 a year plus travel expense and turned his full time to complete what he thought was God's Call to a noble task. Due to the great leadership of Andy Anderson, who from clubs and personal gifts secured the Expansion Fund to cover costs, Wallie was given \$100.00 a month to cover a share of office expense, telephone, stenographic help. Then this was increased to \$200.00, then \$300.00 a month as the new clubs he was building demanded more work.

"Then \$100.00 a month was added for expense. Then a salary was set at \$400.00 per month for the heavy load as Executive Director & Editor. He drove his new auto 195,000 miles (LaSalle), and only gas and oil (expense) were ever taken. No repairs, tires or service costs were ever charged during these 16 years. He has contributed 3 automobiles. His last Buick had 90,000 miles of travel"....."During these last years he has been offered up to \$15,000.00 a year by corporations, but again and again he and Mrs. Wolcott have turned away from the offers to the the task they dedicated themselves to."

"....Due to Wallie's thrift and wise investment of savings, they are in comfortable circumstances and have no need of gifts. Wallie still is a 15 hour a day man as Executive Director at 76 years, but wants this home building (general office) to make safe and sure his investment."

Tom Campbell and Andy Anderson, along with gifts of the Michigan Association of a total of \$210.00 in the building fund (have a start). "...Someone in your club has the high ability to discover these sources of wealth, to arrange and hold interviews, to make a top presentation and to ask for a gift." (sounds like Wallie writing).

The following committee was appointed to handle the drive for the new building: Chairman Andy Anderson; members Thos.A.Campbell, Birmingham, Mich; G.A.Royal, Des Moines; Milton W.Hardy, Tulsa; Franklin Ives, Pasadena; Ralph Thompson, Sr., Carmel. A drive was made to build a permanent home for High Twelve International in St Louis on a main trans-continental highway. "Need for additional office space and more convenient location, a permanent home gives strength to continue."

"One story 40x 80 brick and tile on a lot 200x300 (for parking) cost \$35,000.00. Not to be financed by club or members or assessments, but through large gifts of wealthy individuals. Persons with income of \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00 are in 50%-90% tax brackets and can make substantial gifts as standard deductions."

In Wallie's Annual Report, he wrote, "....Our size and importance as a Masonic Body will be of a higher value if we have a permanent home." "....The Michigan Assn., Andy Anderson and Tom Campbell gave gifts of \$230.00 to start the fund."

Referring to clubs requesting International Officers attendance at meetings and special occasions, "....A speech without purpose means nothing. Each inviting group must bear a part of this expense and have a definite reason for the invitation." "....State Associations cannot operate on 25¢ or 50¢ dues per member if they are to accomplish anything in a well edited State Bulletin, visitation by State Officers, Mid-Year and State meetings.

"Dues are a very touchy and delicate question, not only in High Twelve but in all Masonic bodies....yet Civic Clubs at \$25.00 to \$75.00 per member come easy. Civic Clubs with 90% attendance, Blue Lodges with 5% to 10% attendance." "....(in speaking of failure of once successful clubs) You have but little idea of the volume of letters, telephone calls, telegrams and personal visits poured into such clubs to rebuild them. Look at your own state. Is it in projects? Adequate financial income from dues? Weak leadership?"

"....I can tell you it is not in changes in the Constitution and By-Laws during the past 5 years. Our printing bill on new issues of the Constitution & By-Laws cost us \$1,500.00....and for what? We have spent hours of valuable convention time in endless discussion. Has it become a Convention Sport?...." "To meet the challenge of the future in new clubs and successful projects, I need an Associate. The only problem is not who....but the money. For fair salary, travel and promotion expense, a minimum cost will be \$10,000.00. Our membership of 13,380 gave us an income of \$26,139.00. If we can build through new clubs to 20,000 membership, we can have adequate finances to meet the requirements of the future. That means 100 new clubs. California has proven it can be done."

Wallie continued, "....Speaking of politics in conventions," "....Our danger in in a loosely governed meeting in in the power of the bedroom. Such does not belong in our idealism." (NOTE: He often referred to a few men getting together 'in a back room' and politicing. DLP)

It is interesting to note how the hotel rates have inched up over the years. The bedroom rates for the Commodore Perry this convention ranged from \$7.50 singles to \$14.00; \$11.00 to \$16.00 doubles; \$18.50 conventional suites; \$27.50 parlor and extra bedroom.

During the Necrology Services, P.I.P. Hugh G.Allerton gave a moving eulogy of Fred A.Hunt, President of H.T.I. during 1948-49. P.I.P. Milton W.Hardy gave the eulogy for Vice President Marvin J.Fisher.

There were breakfasts for Presidents, Secretaries and State Presidents and International Representatives. NEBRASKA: Pres.Fred Dinkle, "Due to Grand Lodge restrictions in

Nebraska, the clubs we have can continue, but we cannot have any extension programs. But this year we have a new Grand Master, and he is leaning over our way."

OHIO: Pres.Dr.C.J.Bradbury, "I have divided Ohio into 4 areas with the three vice presidents in charge of certain areas." ILLINOIS: Don Bailey, "We have had a miserable situation in Illinois for 10 years...a downhill movement. We lost half of our clubs. Last year one started on the upgrade. The attitude, atmosphere is changed and we made considerable progress. Every club in the state received at least one official visit from a State Officer. Prior to this year only 4 clubs filled out monthly reports. Now all do. We established a State Bulletin....4 issues."

J.Nelson Truitt, PIP, Chariman of the Wolcott Foundation said only 76 clubs contributed to the Wolcott Foundation (an increase) out of 216 clubs. He referred to the Memorial Cards for \$10.00 in lieu of flowers. "They've had 50 applications since Sioux City meeting." He set forth rules on obtaining and processing applications. "We agreed to give the University 5 students a year. (7 this year). Because of difficulty in qualifying they will process 11."

Retiring member (of Foundation Trustees) Dr.J.Wallace Forbes recommended increasing Trustees from 5 to 6. 2 to be elected each year for 3 years. "No Trustee to serve more than 2 consecutive terms." At the Trustees meeting 6/25/58: Chairman J.Nelson Truitt, V.C.Stephen Robinson, Sec.Alfred C.Moldthan, Joseph H.Henion and Fern J.Blose. (Fred P.Kissler and Dr.J.Wallace Forbes were retiring members.)

The Youth Committee Chairman, Arthur N.Diehl of Iowa wanted a Youth Committee in every club; a periodic program centered around youth in every local club. Support of DeMolay, Rainbow Girls and Jobs Daughters; a time be set apart for youth on International and State Convention programs. The International Representatives Breakfast meeting recommended specific duties for the International Rep. be published.

R.W. Jr.Grand Warden of Grand Lodge of Ohio, Charles Strayer said Ohio was celebrating its Sesquicentennial of formation of Ohio Grand Lodge.. "150 years ago in Chillicothe, Ohio with 6 founding lodges with 150 to 200 Masons. Now 650 Lodges and in excess of 283,000 members...second largest jurisdiction in U.S.A." "....I know that you are going to leave an impression that will create on the minds of some a desire to join our Masonic fraternity."

CLUBS BY STATES: CALIF. 60 + 3 inactive; OHIO: 20; MICH.18; IOWA 17; MISSOURI 17; ILLINOIS 14 + 1 inactv; COLORADO 10; KANSAS 8; KENTUCKY 8 + 1 inactive; INDIANA 6; PENNSYLVANIA 6; LOUISIANA 5 + 1 inactive; NEW JERSEY 1, OKLAHOMA 4, NEBRASKA 3 + 1 inav. SOUTH DAKOTA 3; ALABAMA 2, FLORIDA 2.....Balance 1 each: Delaware, England, Guam, Maryland, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York and Washington. Total = 216 active and 8 inact'v.

LARGEST CLUBS 5/31/58: Sioux City 347; Toledo 324; Springfield, Ill.252; E.Cleveland 220; Topeka 210; Forbes AFB (Topeka) 193; Clearwater, Fla. 189; Downtown Louisville 166; Birmingham, Mich. 162; Pasadena 151; Alhambra 150; Riverside 144; San Diego 144.

MEMBERSHIP: 5/31/57 = 12,400; 5/31/58 = 13,380 = gain 980. New clubs - Calif.9; Kentucky 2, Michigan 2. Following 1 each: Alabama, England, Florida, Guam, Ohio, S.Dak. High Twelvian Magazine costs 6/1/57 -5/30/58: 5 issues \$7,385.13 (4 @ 13,00 copies, 1 @ 14,000) 1 @ 20 pages and 4 @ 12 pages. Add plates & mailing = \$560.73; membership file and address changes \$503.17. Postage \$125.00; Total \$1,188.90...Total \$8,574.03. Total copies printed 66,300.

Chairman of the Nominating Committee P.I.P. Hugh Allerton, in commenting on considerations in nomination, "We have to give consideration to their age...and to geography." "1.What he has done in his local club; 2, Did he do a good job in his State Assn., especially as President. High Twelve can only function as these State Associations function. We take the long view...what is the best thing for H.T.I. as we see it?"

Officers elected for the 1958-59 term were ...President, Hicks G.Griffiths of Detroit, Mich; 1st V.P.William Kent Fenton, Toledo,Ohio; 2nd V.P. C.J.Hyde of Louisville, Ky; 3rd V.P. William L.Worthen, Glendale,Ca; Im.P.P. W.L.Hopperstead of Pasadena,Ca; General Counsel-Secretary to International Board, Hugh G.Allerton, Highland Park, Mich; Treasurer James E.Gram, East St Louis, Ill; Executive Director and Editor of the High Twelvian, E.C.Wolcott.

Wolcott Foundation Trustees Chairman, J.Nelson Truitt, Colorado; Sec.A.C.Moldthan, Indiana; Fern J.Blose, Ohio; Joseph H.Henion, Pasadena and Bishop Stephen Robinson, Iowa.*

President Griffiths divided the Zone responsibilities roughly as follows: Griffiths: Canada, New England and East Coast; Fenton: Delaware, Ill., Ind., Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin; Hyde: Southeast (except Florida); Worthen: West Coast; Hopperstead: Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, England, Guam, Hawaii; Hardy: South Central and Florida; Royal: Colorado and prairie states.

*Re. nominations for Trustees, "....Fred Kissler was elected last year at Sioux City for a 5 year term. He has tendered his resignation in writing (leaving 4 yr. term to fill). Dr. Wallace Forbes has expressed his unwillingness to continue to serve. He served a 5 year term and possibly 2 years before that. This makes a 5 year term for Trustee. The committee submitted Bishop Robinson and Fern Blose for 5 and 4 year terms respectively.

A little over 1/3 of the clubs had contributed to the Wolcott Fund. 76 out of 216. The last foreign Service exam was in December, 1957. Retiring Board Chairman PIP Dr.J.Wallace Forbes recommended increasing Trustees from 5 to 6, 2 to be elected each year for 3 years; and no Trustees to serve more than 2 terms.

The Delegates had voted in favor of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee continuing its research on the feasibility of consolidating the Constitution & By-Laws into one instrument, or of treating the Articles of Agreement by which High Twelve was incorporated and chartered in the State of Missouri as the Constitution.

General Fund Cash balance 6/1/57 \$5,201.40, Receipts \$29,915.16, total = \$35,116.56. Some expenditure detail...Ex.Dir. \$4,800.00, Office Sec. \$2,784.00; Travel, Charter nights, Conv. \$6,091.86; Pamphlets & reports gratis to clubs \$1,722.95, other expenses \$1,141.83. Total \$26,810.64 less \$15,398.81 = \$11,411.83. Cash in Maplewood Bk & Tr \$8,305.92.

Wolcott Foundation 6/1/57 to 5/31/58 - Gifts & Int. \$8,801.44, bal.on hand 5/31/57 \$5,046.10 = \$13,847.54....Disbursements - students,etc. \$2,472.10; Cash Merc.Trust \$11,375.44, Sav.Cert.Com.Fed S&L \$10,000.00, Roosevelt S&L \$4,000.00, Hamilton S&L \$4,000.00. Total \$29,375.44.

At the St Petersburg (Fla.) HTC chartering 5/7/58, E.C. Wolcott made the presentation and installed officers. 200 members and visitors present. Pres.Frank A.Bobel, Sec. Carl Bauer. It was reported that California had 61 clubs and had increased membership.

Pres.Hicks G.Griffiths said, "We need the prestige, power and finances which will come with the achieving of this goal of 300 clubs. Inasmuch as California Association has shown the greatest increase in clubs during the past few years, I have appointed our Immediate Past President W.L.Hopperstead as Chairman of the Club Expansion Comm."

1st V.P.Wm.Kent Fenton, speaking of the coldness of some Blue Lodges he's visited. "They're interested in the work, but they're not interested in each other." "...if I hadn't been the kind of person that keeps trying to talk to people, I could have been there and sat through the whole evening and left and never said a word. Now it seems to me this is the real reason for High Twelve....."

General Counsel and Sec.to Bd.Hugh Allerton,PIP, referring to Constitution & By-Laws of Military Clubs, "I think that thought should be given by the High Twelve Clubs forming these military clubs that some effort be made to have their Constitution & By-Laws approximate at least the Constitution & By-Laws so far as possible of the other constituent clubs of the community."

"We hope that when these men are discharged from the Army, will go back to their home, will establish a High Twelve Club there, and if they have seen the pattern of HTI in the Constitution & By-Laws of their military organization, I think there is a better chance of doing a better job...in their own community....." Also noted that Guam now had 2 High Twelve Clubs.

Executive Director Wolcott reported on the difficulties of the clubs finding good, reasonable places to eat....indifference of hotel dining rooms and chefs because of extra work at little or no profit to them for time and effort. He mentioned one large hotel in a chain which lost \$32,000.00 in the Food Department and made a profit of \$43,000.00 in the Liquor Department. "We are closing our year with greatest number of active clubs...216 and largest number of members...13,380."

MERAMEC VALLEY HTC (Fenton,Mo.) charter presented 7/25/58 with 61 members by Walter Alton, President of the Missouri Association. Int.Treasurer James E.Gram installed the officers. Many Masonic and High Twelve leaders present. President Clarence A. Pitman, Sec. Garrett Hitzert.

The Sept-Oct.High Twelvian, 1958 reported that International 2nd V.P. C.J.Hyde of Louisville, Ky. was now Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

State presidents as of Sept.,1958 as per High Twelvian: CALIF: Arthur Bus, Escalon; COLORADO: Gaines Greene, Denver; ILLINOIS: Louis C.Huebner, Quincy; INDIANA: Byron Sawyer, Bloomington; KANSAS: Arthur D.Conrad, Clay Center; KY-ALA: E.P.White,Jr., Louisville, Ky; LOUISIANA: Howard E.Kirby, Shreveport; MICHIGAN: Wallace J.Niemiec, Detroit; MISSOURI: Walter A.Aton, Springfield; NEBRASKA: Fred Dinkel, Omaha; NEW JERSEY: John J.Finnegan,Jr; PENNSYLVANIA: James N.Robertson,Media; OHIO: Lawrence Bauer, Miamisburg.

VALLEY FORGE HTC charter presented 10/7/58 in Norristown,Pa. by Pres.James N. Robertson of the State Assn. Dr.J.Wallace Forbes introduced the speaker E.C.Wolcott. 77 members on charter; limited to 100. Pres.Raymond Hunsberger; Sec.Geo.C.Rittenhouse.

1st V.P. Wm.Kent Fenton, in discussing the roll of religion in the Nov-Dec 1958 High Twelvian, "....It is not contemplated or intended that Masonry is a substitute for religion, but it is contended that Masonry will have a tendency to strengthen the religious principles of its members. In the support of the foregoing, I offer the following.....1. We open and close our Lodges with prayer; 2, We invoke the blessings of the Most High on all our labors; 3, All members must have a trusting belief in the existence and superintending care of God; 4, All members are taught to bow with humility and reverence at the mention of God while His Holy Law is open on our alters. It is interesting to note the dependence which we, as Masons, have upon the Book of Law."

STURGIS (Mich), HTC charter was issued 11/12/58. 96 members. Pres.Raymond B.Crawford.

CHAPTER 8
WALLIE'S RETIREMENT

The Committee chairmen for 1958-59: Publicity - Dr. Laurence E. Hess, Pennsylvania; Expansion - W.L. Hopperstead, Calif; Youth - Rev. C.J. Bradbury, Ohio; Constitution & By-Laws - Wm. Kent Fenton, Ohio; Resolutions - Hugh G. Allerton, Mich; Credentials - F.E. Fields, Colorado; Budget & Future Planning - Milton W. Hardy, Oklahoma. Nominating - G.A. Royal, Iowa.

E.C. Wolcott's evaluation of the 1958 Convention held in Toledo....in a letter dated 7/1/58 to new President Hicks G. Griffiths, "....Very high in Fellowship and enjoyment by delegates and families, very low accomplishment in club help on problems, new club building, club projects, Wolcott Foundation. California politics dangerous and disgusting."

Wallie then attacked the work of the Nominating Committee under Chairmanship of Hugh Allerton. "....We must remove him as Chairman. I nominate Jerry Royal...far superior to Allerton. Can we vote by individual ballot, supervised and tallied by the International Past Presidents? Can we send out formal nomination blanks to cover personal history, Masonic relationship and High Twelve, to be signed by the club presidents and state presidents, with record of place, date and time of meeting at which nomination was made?"

Wolcott to President Hicks G. Griffiths 8/5/58, "....Our Grand Lodges limit voting powers, control finances, dues, meetings and have the right to suspend charters, etc. I feel for our future permanency, we must set up such controls." "....Giving the right to anyone attending our Convention to speak on any matter before the Convention without declaring before the Convention his right and purpose has become a dangerous trend at our meetings."

"....I feel we must come to a system covering nominations, only to be made at regular and properly constituted meetings of a club, and final authorization by the State Association...." "....Printed ballot copy for each delegate, sign, fold and place in sealed ballot box." Again Wallie tore in to Hugh Allerton, PIP, Sec. to Int. Board, General Counsel, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. "....When he was President in 1946 we had only 32 clubs." (present duties) "....calling for more time."

"....I had hoped when I asked W.F. Hecht to make the motion at the Cleveland Convention to make our State Presidents invited members of the International Board, we would tighten the control of the movement and have help. It has not proven so. Not a single State President has made a helpful contribution. They act like school boys, seeking praise. Their knowledge and worth of the movement and Masonic relationships has been pitiful..."

Wallie then "took out after" California. Re. "...the Mid Year meeting", "to hold or not to hold one is the question. The last one held in St Louis was a total failure and not worth the time given by the International Officers." Wallie then was very caustic regarding the activities of Hopperstead, Fisher, Truitt and Shaw (NOTE: The records clearly show they each did yeomen work.DLP)

"Sivers and his manuals...and as to date no copy has been received from him, talk, talk, talk, and the cost of travel." (NOTE: Sivers had been a loyal supporter.) "I made a fearful mistake in valuation of Don Bailey. He checked in all the values high but a total failure in Public Relations. (NOTE: Bailey was a very dedicated worker.DLP)

"....We have saved the Foundation from failure in selections made at Toledo, and if Truitt is replaced at Philadelphia, we will be safe...." (NOTE: Soon it would be some-

one else on whom he would vent his ire, probably a starwart of many years who had supported him faithfully; and he was to become increasingly critical of leadership and any signs of independence.DLP)

President Hicks Griffiths wrote E.C.Wolcott 10/20/58 regarding ST PETERSBURG, INC. He questioned the constitutionality of this as High Twelve presently constituted.

Back on 10/29/53 Attorney S.W.James, Jr. wrote E.C.Wolcott re. Declaration of Trust of the Wolcott Foundation, "....it was not sufficient within itself to constitute the basis for a separate pro forma decree corporation...." "....also insufficient to constitute an ammendment to the present incorporation of High Twelve Int., which is also incorporated under a pro forma decree...." "Consequently, I was forced to merely file the Declaration of Trust in the corporate file of the High Twelve International," and "...handle - 1, As an amendment to the Corporate Chapter of H.T.I; or 2, As a separate pro forma decree Corporation under the name of the Wolcott Foundation or Wolcott Foundation of High Twelve International."

"....If the Foundation is to operate entirely within High Twelve International, the Foundation should be handled as an amendment to High Twelve." He proceeded to outline the legal procedures. He enclosed a copy of Declaration of Trust filed in office of Secretary of State." "....I am surprised that steps have not heretofore been taken to correct this situation long ago."

Hugh Allerton, PIP, on 11/1058 asked Wolcott why he mailed him a copy of the 10/29/53 letter from Attorney S.W.James, Jr. re. Declaration of Trust." "....the only action (I can recall) taken in respect to incorporation of H.T.I. was the action taken by Adrian L.Bushman.....on or about 5/5/50 we amended the Articles of High Twelve International CLUB henceforth to be known as HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL."

Wallie to Allerton 11/17/58, "....it does seem as General Counsel you should have been fully informed by Dr.Forbes or Gullen." "...You were sent a copy because copies of letters from Truitt to James Gram, Treasurer and to Mercantile Trust where Foundation Funds are on deposit. Both Cram and Royal said you, as General Counsel, should have it."

During the fall of 1958 Wolcott urged a complete restudy of operations of the Wolcott Founmation. "....Is it a creation of High Twelve Clubs? Will it be if all controll passes to a group of 5 men who in the future could be entirely out of touch with the clubs and no longer a true project of High Twelve International?" He urged inclusion of more departments at George Washington University.

Wolcott urged that High Twelve International no longer finance expenses of the Immediate Past President to Mid-Year and International Conventions. Instead to pay expenses of Chairman of Council of Past International Presidents....that all PIPs belong to said Council, that the Chairman be for 3 years and a member of the Nominating Committee. "....We need to enlist more men in our International group, but they must NOT BE LEFT TO CLUB SELECTION AT A CONVENTION."

He objected to PIP Allerton holding 3 positions (Sec.to Int.Bd., Ch.Nominating Committee and General Counsel....."should be handled by 3 PIPs." Wallie then went after PIP Truitt, Chairman of the Foundation as wanted (Trustees that is) full control of the money. "....The basic cause for complete failure to put a youth into a position with Foreign Relations is not a money problem, it is a youth problem." "....None of the members of the Trustees have a youth experience or knowledge of these problems, except Bishop Robinson and Fern Blose." Wolcott was especially harsh on Truitt and his apparent lack of campus experience and youth leadership.

"My conversation with many club leaders has shown that if we let the Foundation be-

come independent of the clubs and the International Board, the clubs will no longer contribute but will, by State Associations, set up their own youth educational projects as California and Michigan Associations have done."

"....The action I took in returning the beautiful Honorary" plaque presented to me at Sioux City was for two reasons....1, The Trustees had no powers or right to name me as an Honorary Trustee. That is a power of the International Board and International Convention....2, To avoid criticism from Truitt and because of experience in Foundations, I have been consultant to, naming a Foundation in honor of a person is a roadblock to larger gifts. Who wants to give a gift to honor the memory of an unknown? So I returned the plaque and asked that my name be removed from the Foundation." "....If this project fails, it will be years before we can enlist the clubs in another great project, and it could destroy their confidence in the Board's judgement...."

P.I.P.Hopperstead to President Hicks G.Griffiths 11/10/58, "....1, I believe we have sufficient Constitution & By-Laws for some time, and Mid-Year Conf. and Convention time can be better used in other business. 2, Until Wallie and the Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation can corelate their differences and we are successful in putting some men in Foreign Service, it will be impotent. 3 (He was optimistic re. 1959 Convention in Philadelphia with help of New Jersey) "...Dr.Forbes and his very capable committee will leave no door locked to fellowship and enlightenment."

Hopperstead rejected the implication that California could and would use its voting strength to the disadvantage of High Twelve International...." "If they ever extend their voting strength it will be for the benefit of the entire movement and not for a selfish reason." "....Inasmuch as the International Office is not going to print the manuals, I believe the other states should follow California's lead and print one for themselves...."(NOTE: From correspondence in files, too "hot" to quote, there had been a difference of opinion between E.C.Wolcott and Hopperstead regarding the value of "socializing" or "fellowship" vs work at conventions. DLP)

NORTHERN LIGHTS (Stephenville, Newfoundland) charter issued 11/8/58. 80 members. Pres. Earl C.Brown. Chairman of Expansion PIP W.L.Hopperstead had sub-chairmen in 14 states of which California, Michigan and Nebraska were split into two parts in order to continue his big drive for new clubs.

Seven High Twelve Clubs in Area III met 11/12/58 at the Oakmont Country Club, Glendale, Calif. to participate in a presentation to Jr.Past Grand Master Leo Anderson of an award given by the Glendale High Twelve Club. In addition to Glendale, the other clubs were Pasadena, Acacia, Burbank, Temple City, Downtown Los Angeles and Hollywood. Past State President John L.Shaw of the California Association was Master of Ceremonies. Junior PIP W.L.Hopperstead made the presentation on behalf of Glendale. State President Arthur Buss, Stockton, officiated. Lyle Waterman, President of the Glendale Club originated the plan.

"The Little Red Schoolhouse" was an idea born out of the fertile mind and agile hands of Bro.Delmar S.Neville, Chief Warrant Officer, USA, 1958 President of Army Memorial HTC, Fort Ord, Ca. and presented to 1959 Pres.Major Ward W.Williamson, USA to help raise funds painlessly. In the 1st 2 months \$40.00 was collected. He said it (the idea) should be adopted as an International project and used in all High Twelve Clubs.

MID-YEAR meeting Nov.29-30, Chicago, Ill., LaSalle Hotel. No social affairs due to the press of business to be handled. Group composed of the International Board, State Presidents, P.I.P.s and Foundation Trustee Bishop Robinson. Discussion re. Constitution & By-Laws, Trust Agreement; Max Farrington spoke on George Washington University standards for Wolcott Foundation and its financial setup; the use of proxies; invitations from California and Kansas-Missouri clubs; the Philadelphia Convention, etc.

Sunday morning session was on local club problems....why clubs die, club leadership

- programs, projects, membership, new club building, State Associations, Wolcott Foundation, costs of food, parking, dues - both local and state - Masonic relationship, our military clubs (latter committee composed of PIP Col. Milton Hardy, Col. James Robertson, Major Chas. Mattson, Major Grover T. Holbrooks and Capt. Ward to create Constitution and By-Laws for these military clubs.)

"The Manual, a top job. Due to the very fine work of Bro. Harold Sivers PIP and his hard working committee.... Hicks Griffiths, Chas. H. Nicholson (deceased) Harry Buckalew, G. A. Royal, Wm. L. Worthen and E. C. Wolcott, the Club Manual has been completed and a copy mailed to each High Twelve Club secretary. Great credit is due Bro. Sivers and the members of his committee for the fine and much needed Manual. If used, it will be of great benefit in the direction and management of the clubs." Probably by Wolcott.

There was a discussion in depth as to the relationship between the Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation and the Governing Board, the 1953 Declaration of Trust at Tulsa Convention and matter of drawing checks on funds of the Foundation. It was started with the question, "What is the relation of the Wolcott Foundation to our Pro Forma Decree? Powers of International Board over Trustees? Legal Status of Funds?"

Wolcott and Treasurer Gram were directed to deposit funds to Mercantile Trust, St. Louis, to be drawn (upon proper warrant from Trustees) on the draft or check of the Treasurer of High Twelve International. "He is the only one who may draw checks, and the Trustees are the sole judges of amount to be paid students. Checks to be countersigned by Chairman of Trustees or Secretary or Vice Chairman."

Referring to the new clubs in Florida, Skycrest (Clearwater), Miami, St. Petersburg, "....When these clubs are completed, we will form a State Association."

Bishop Stephen Robinson, Trustee of Wolcott Board, wrote 1/7/59 to PIP J. Nelson Truitt, Denver, regarding difficulty in finding out if the Treasurer Gram had obtained a bond. Apparently Truitt had urged the Trustees to resign, and Robinson felt they should not. He pointed out that under the Declaration of Trust the International Treasurer was custodian of all funds of the Trust, to be kept separate from other funds, and "shall disburse on written order or warrant of said Trustees; and that the Treasurer was the only person authorized to write a check. If there were to be any counter signatures, they would be of a Trustee, not an International Officer."

Robert Vorhes wrote January 7, 1963, "....the Mid-Year meeting of HTI held 11/30, 1958.....I offered a resolution which was seconded by Fenton "....Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation by Resolution instructed the Mercantile Trust Co. of St. Louis, Mo. to issue signature cards and withhold payment of any monies of the Wolcott Foundation Fund, except in accordance with the terms of said resolution" ".....there was nothing in the resolution indicating that the Governing Board ever intended to change the name of Wolcott Foundation to that of Wolcott Foundation of High Twelve International. It is my personal opinion that the reason that the use of the words 'Wolcott Foundation of High Twelve International' were used in these instances was due to the fact that in the 1957 Constitution no thought was given as to whether the name was the correct name or not."

MAPLEWOOD, Mo. HTC charter lifted about January, 1959. (Issued 9/17/45)
POMONA (Calif.) HTC charter issued 1/17/50. 60 members. Pres. Don E. Mooney. SKYCREST (Clearwater, Fla.) HTC charter issued 3/2/59. 40 members. Pres. Leslie H. Cutler.
CHESTER (Pa.) HTC charter issued 2/16/59. Pres. Leslie E. Crabbs. RARKE COUNTY (Rockville, Ind.) charter issued 2/25/59. 15 members. Paul F. Hanebutt, Pres; OVERTON BROOKS (Barksdale AFB) La. charter issued 1/16/59. 135 members. Pres. Gilbert Kenmonth.

DOWNTOWN ST. PETERSBURG (Fla.) HTC charter issued 3/2/59. 77 members. Pres. N. Alfred Winn; LARGO, Fla. charter issued 3/2/59. 66 members. Pres. Wm. C. Buck; LAKE WORTH, Fla. HTC charter issued 3/17/59. 30 members. Pres. Earl K. Gullen PIP; EUSTIS (Fla.) HTC charter issued 3/21/59. 40 members. Rev. C. Ralph Strobel, Pres.

BIRMINGHAM (Mich.) sponsored Camp Oakland project in the amount of \$2,300.00, which helped reclaim boys, some of whom were considered hopeless delinquents, with in some cases, criminal records. A rewarding experience. Jan-Feb., 1959 High Twelvian.

POMONA HTC chartered. Wm. Worthen, 3rd Int. V.P. presented charter. 275 persons attended from all parts of the state, with most state officers present 1/7/59. A joint installation of Pomona and Happy Hiram's clubs by St. Pres. Arthur E. Buss, assisted by State 1st V.P. Don Snider, San Diego and 2nd V.P. Arthur Gonzales of Fresno, who were introduced by John L. Shaw, Junior Past St. Pres. Honorary Chaplains State Secretary Tallman Trask and Don Mathewson. Guest speaker was Phil N. Myers, Grand Master of Masons in California.

Three new Florida clubs on the west coast held a banquet March 2, 1959.... Skycrest (Clearwater), Downtown St Petersburg and Largo all chartered. Clearwater and St Petersburg participated in the charter party at Clearwater Municipal auditorium. Int. Pres. Hicks Griffiths presented the charter.

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Lake Worth (Florida) chartered in the spring of 1959. Guest speaker 2nd Int. V.P. C.J. Hyde, who also presented the charter and installed the officers. Pres. Earl K. Gullen (PIP-1939-40) Sec.-Tr. Dr. Lloyd Woffenden. Howell HTC chartered. Charter presented by Int. Pres. Hicks G. Griffiths. Installation by Wallace J. Neimiec, Pres. of Mich. Assn. Pres. Ralph A. Seelye, Sec.-Tr. Wm. F. Anderson.

CHESTER, Pa. HTC charter presented by State Pres. James S. Robertson, who installed officers. 108 members, with goal set for 150. Pres. Less Crabbs, Pres.-Elect Thomas Ridington, Sec. Wilbur C. Kriebel.

LEBANON (Ohio) HTC received charter 3/19/59 from Ohio State Pres. Larry Bayer, who helped start the club. Pres. Marion Snyder, Sec. Dale H. Nicholas. 115 members and guests from various Ohio clubs. EUSTIS HTC Fla. received its charter 3/21/59 from 2nd Int. V.P. C.J. Hyde of Louisville, Pres. Rev. C. Ralph Strobel. 43 charter members.

Outgoing International President Hicks Griffiths in a report in early summer, 1959 said, "....We introduced work shops or panel discussions at our Mid-Year Conference. A Club Manual has become a reality." Referring to a move to build a headquarters building, "The vast majority of our membership has been definitely opposed to setting aside funds for this purpose by any increase in dues or the leveling of a special assessment. I am in accord with this thinking...." "It can become a reality only through the efforts of donor-members and gifts of other masons."

Griffiths mentioned that Bro. Hubert F. Hahn had investigated "purchasing without down payment and with F.H.A. assistance the Roosevelt Hotel." "....Bro. Hahn reviewed the FHA supported program with the Council of Past Presidents, and everyone agreed that Government red tape and controls imposed on the operational aspects of the use of the building made it inadvisable to proceed with the plan." He mentioned the \$3,200.00 raised by solicitation of the members of the Michigan clubs during the year. He estimated \$100,000.00 needed for such a project.

Referring to meetings with Max Farrington of G. W.U., etc., "....We were all concerned with our failure to provide the Foreign Service of our State Department with any recruits, although we have awarded at least 15 students with scholarships." "....George Washington University has handled assignments beyond reproach. High Twelve has provided all funds required. The Trustees have conscientiously performed their duties. The real handicap is the difficulty our students have in obtaining the prerequisite undergraduate courses in the preparatory college" "....The State Dept. does not solicit new employees with any great frequency or regularity...."

12/10/58 - FIRST DOMESTIC JET PASSENGER SERVICE NEW YORK TO MIAMI.
1/9/59 - FIDEL CASTRO POWER IN CUBA.

HOWELL, Mich. HTC charter issued 3/7/59. 19 members. Pres. Ralph A. Seelye.
LEBANON, Ohio, HTC charter issued 3/19/59. 27 members. Pres. Marion Snyder.

Wolcott wrote G.A. Royal on January 14, 1959, "We have made several attempts to find a relationship with the Hiram Club International from 1929 at Topeka, and later have had brothers attend the meeting of the Phoenix Club, but nothing resulted. There are only two clubs living, Lincoln, Neb. and Phoenix. He explained how he felt the division of dues might go to officers eventually.

"We have never had such a volume of mail in our history. I have wrapped, weighed, stamped and mailed 170 packages to clubs since Mid-Year..... "Florida is booming. 2 clubs in Clearwater and new clubs forming in Largo and a big Trailer Camp near St. Petersburg and a club near Miami. I think we have the Grand Master in line and no adverse action will be taken due to so many sojourners in Florida cities. (NOTE: Careful there Wallie. Those Mobile Home Park owners don't like their homes to be referred to as "Trailer Camps." DLP)

"Looking at the many great changes that have taken place in our National affairs with other nations, the basis for the presentation used by Dr. Forbes in 1952 at Cleveland, the whole basis and task has changed in the Diplomatic offices but in the field of service by American youth, a new challenge has come.

"I would love to have an off the record breakfast or night meeting with the following founders and builders of High Twelve - Royal, Hardy, Sisk, Hunter, Hoffman, Hruska, Anderson, Allerton, Starratt, FlaHavhan, Forbes, Cox, Johnson, Sivers and a few of our later brothers, to restudy and reset our whole valuations as a movement."

Referring to publicity "no Foreign Relations examinations will be given for 18 months and our efforts on our plan now for 6 years and no youth anywhere near a job ... and now with the entire thought of the Chairman (Truitt) of the Foundation Trustees looking at money control, disturbing our banking set up and the University relations, is it not time a group of you founder brothers had a meeting and gave an impartial restudy of the project and reset the objectives?

"A change to the four plans now followed by Scottish Rite and as suggested by Farrington will call for a very different type youth away from clerical public relations to living with rural people, educational groups in villages, etc. for youth with very different backgrounds and home life."

"....Steve Robinson....told me that Truitt is carrying on a campaign both by telephone and correspondence demanding that all of the Trustees resign"...."but....Bishop had advised Truitt that he had made a mistake and he himself would not resign".

Pres. Hicks G. Griffiths to Wallie re. Florida, "The newspaper reporter wrote there were 600 present at the banquet Monday night when the Skycrest Club, Downtown St Petersburg and Large Clubs were chartered. I would say there were at least 500 attending" "I am really impressed the the organizational ability of some of these men, and particularly Wallace Clark and Frank Bobel. With about 500 members on the West Coast of Florida and 2 clubs about to be chartered on the other side of Florida, a tremendous future growth seems very likely in this state...."(NOTE: Understatement of the Century).DLP

E.C.Wolcott to members of the International Board 3/12/59 re. Foundation, "....Due to the disturbance caused by Nelson Truitt, Chairman of the Trustees, to take over the management of the funds from International and the bonded Treasurer of International, creating some disturbance and question at the bank where these funds are deposited, and as you know the matter was fully handled by the Mid-Year meeting of the International Board and the management of these funds are to be handled as they had been...." Since June 1, 1958 gifts and interest amounted to \$3,602.46 and tuition paid \$3,524.00.

Rather sharp exchange of correspondence between Executive Director Wolcott and President Hicks Griffiths 3/18/59-3/24/59 regarding investment of \$10,000.00 in a company (S&L?) or split in half, resulting $\frac{1}{2}$ interest. Griffiths, "....Since our exemption is for educational purposes, under Internal Revenue scrutiny, we could lose their exemption if we conducted ourselves in a manner in which (they) felt was inconsistent with our avowed purposes. The crucial test applied by Internal Revenue is based on degree of control we exercise over these funds."

Hugh Allerton to E.C.Wolcott 3/27/59 referred to Wallie's letters 12 and 17 to International Board. He couldn't see any harm in depositing \$4,000.00 each in Roosevelt and Hamilton S & Ls.

Some time during 1959 the St Louis Tax Attorneys advised High Twelve International Board that indenture of Trust of 6/17/53 was defective and was considered by the State of Missouri as having no legal force or effect, and that the tax exempt status of the Foundation under Internal Revenue Code was most questionable. (NOTE: While I find references to above, I cannot find actual communication....must have been in person.)DLP

WALLIE BECAME 78 years old April 22, 1959. He had originated the concept of a multi-club organization of Master Masons in Sioux City 38 years previous. He had carried the seed of the idea to Kansas City, and had nourished it through its toddling stages. He was relatively inactive for a number of years, only to re-enter the fray in earnest in the spring of 1944 with his great expansion drive. Several years later he was placed in or assumed virtual control of the organization as the paid Executive Director. He had nurtured the organization to a truly International one in scope. In later years, in his quest for a bigger, better and more respected High Twelve International, he had become increasingly more emphatic in his ideas, often brooking no opposition from others, even those elected to run International and the Wolcott Foundation. The stage was being set for a showdown, the repercussions from which would be felt organization-wide for many years.DLP)

BLOOMFIELD HILLS (Mich) HTC charter issued 5/20/59. 24 members. Pres.Arno L.Hulet.
WEST END (Louisville,Ky.) charter issued 5/8/59. 30 members. Pres.Charles V.Morris.
ARLINGTON (Calif.)HTC charter issued 6/6/59. 38 members. Albert Beckwith pres.
POTTSGROVE (Pottstown,Pa.) HTC charter issued 6/22/59. 126 members. Pres.James J.Kessler.

International Convention June 27-July 1, 1959 Philadelphia, Warwick Hotel.
"Freedom's Shrine in '59" the 38th Annual Convention of High Twelve International.
J.Wallace Forbes,PIP, General Conv.Chairman. Twin bed room - single \$9.00-\$12.00; double \$12.00-\$15.00.

Pres.Hicks G.Griffiths in June, 1954 reported, "....In striving to provide High Twelve with an energetic, purposeful program, we introduced work shop or panel discussions at our Mid-Year Conference, at which we analyzed club projects, our scholarship program under the Wolcott Foundation, development of leadership at the club level and club expansion (21 new clubs)."

"The publication of a club manual became a reality. Its acceptance by the clubs gratifying." "....There is no substitute for local leadership and, unless such leadership is good, it is no leadership at all...."

"...They (members) are opposed to increase of dues, special assessment or long term obligations." "...The vision of a new building (home office) can become a reality only through the efforts of donor-members and gifts of other Masons." Re. possible purchase of Roosevelt Hotel, High Twelve using one floor and renting out five floors, "Bro. Hahn reviewed the FHA supported program with the Council of Past Presidents, and everyone agreed Governmental red tape and controls imposed on the operational aspects of the use of the building made it inadvisable to proceed with this plan (FHA to provide up to 90% of reproduction cost - and offer to sell was less than 90%).

"Michigan clubs raised \$3,200.00 toward construction of new offices. Griffiths felt \$100,000.00 necessary of a National Headquarters. There was concern "with our failure to provide the Foreign Service of our State Dept. with any recruits, although we have awarded at least 15 students with scholarships." "...impossibility of having coordinated expert counselling service for undergraduate students at the club level. Nevertheless, we can provide at least one expert counselor in each state (an educator)."

"....We should strive to make officers of the Grand Lodge Line members of High Twelve. If not active members, then honorary members." He received a letter from Rex P. Sackett, MW Grand Master F&AM of State of Michigan....an edict which for the first time in Chicago officially recognized High Twelve as a member of the Masonic Family."

"....The Chairman of the Trustees (Wolcott Foundation) and our Executive Director have disagreed over policy matters. Each one claims the other refuses to meet with him and exceeds his respective authority. All but one of the Trustees have tendered jointly their resignations. I have rejected their resignations and urged them to fulfill their responsibilities during the term of office to which they were elected."

"....Since the original Declaration of Trust was drafted establishing the Wolcott Foundation, no effort has been made to define the rights and responsibilities of the Trustees and the Officers of High Twelve International. Underlying all of this, of course, is the fact that the fund will lose its tax exemption if High Twelve asserts its retaining an interest in the money itself. As a matter of law, Trustees are considered managers of a foundation, such as ours, and generally exercise control over the foundation's operations and assets."

President Griffiths recommended expanding the scholarship coverage of the Wolcott Foundation from a Foreign Service career to a Federal Service career, adding Public Administration, Personnel Administration and Business Administration and into other Departments and Agencies besides Foreign Service. "...I recommend the Council of Past Presidents and Constitution & By-Laws Committee suggest a clear definition of the rights and duties of the Trustees, The Executive Director and the Board."

He further recommended that no person hold more than one office (except committee assignments), and all working committees to file written reports with the Secretary for background; and that more time should be allowed for the work shop breakfasts.

"We should strive to make our By-Laws grammatically sound, easy to read and understand, eliminate verbosity and inaccurate references. For instance, the International Governing Board has seven different names in the present Constitution & By-Laws; Board of Governors, Board of Directors, Governing Board of International High Twelve, International Governing Board, the Board, International Board, and the Governing Board."

Griffiths urged High Twelve taking a very active interest in DeMolay, "...In Michigan last year the Grand Lodge's budget for DeMolay was \$5,000.00. During the same period the Knights of Columbus in Michigan poured \$136,000.00 into their organiz-

ation, the 'Squires'. The Knights of Columbus have a membership of 50,000; while our Grand Lodge has 175,000 members."

There was a Sunday trip to Valley Forge; also a Necrology. The welcoming address on Monday was by R.W. Charles H. Nitsch, PGM, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. There was the appointment of a Parliamentarian, Monta Shirley of California; Sergeant-at-Arms E.P. White of Kentucky.

Wolcott divided his report into 3 parts... 1st as Executive Director; 2nd as Founder, and 3rd as Editor of the High Twelvian. 1. "Have manuals for sale. Need for close relations with Grand Lodges; and a permanent home.

2, Wallie's investment in High Twelve, "...Not because of members assembled alone, but because of his belief that God gave him the idea of using a dedicated man, a task he could not do alone, but with brothers motivated, he could do the impossible tasks that are necessary in making a better world."

Wolcott reported a large number of clubs were without projects, and that their attendance was below 25% of their membership. "...the operation of a successful club is not a simple problem, and our clubs are facing some very new, deep problems unknown in the past years of our growth." "...In contrast, many clubs are making great success, growing in membership, doing top projects and 50% to 65% attendance at weekly meetings." He then listed many things a club could do, projects, etc. mentioned many times before.

Presentation was made by PIP Otto W. Cox to Ralph Slippy, PGM of Royal and Select Masters of the Grand Council of the State of Iowa. Response by Bro. Slippy... the need to awaken Masons to combat the influence of Catholicism. Hugh Allerton, PIP, said that too often clubs did not appreciate the need for frequent meetings of the Board of Directors to provide leadership.

Max Farrington (GWU) reviewed the history of High Twelve scholarships at George Washington University.

"MINUTES: PIP Truitt, commented on the report that there is a possibility of the Wolcott Foundation losing its Tax Exemption, and reported on the matter that the Foundation is tax-exempt; that he had a letter from the Treasury Dept. dated 8/1/57, giving the Wolcott Foundation a tax exemption for educational purposes. That there is a possibility of the tax exemption being lost due to the method of handling the Wolcott Foundation. He further stated it is necessary for the Trustees to file a report at the end of each fiscal year, and recommended that something be done so that the report could be properly filed.

"Truitt commented on the conflict of the jurisdiction of High Twelve International and the Wolcott Foundation, and expressed the thought that all jurisdictional questions could be ironed out; that they were merely the growing pains of a new organization such as the Wolcott Foundation." "It was voted to have a panel discussion."

"President Hicks Griffiths announced that 4 of the 5 Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation had turned in their resignation as of Monday; that he had refused their resignations because he did not think it was good to have 4 resignations at the same time. He talked to them about their resignations and they were firm in their decision to resign. As a result there will be four vacancies to fill in the Board of Trustees. 3 of these to run after the Convention, and one for Jim Truitt, which expires at the end of the Convention. When Chairman Royal of the Nominating Committee made his report on nominations for Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation, Bro. Moldthan of Indiana and Bro. Henion of California withdrew their resignations."

A resolution was approved to endeavor to rotate convention bases so as to avoid

favoring of one section over another, and to equalize as much as possible the expense incurred to be travelled in attending the Convention by all clubs in International. A resolution was approved to establish a Convention Site Committee of 5 members to be appointed yearly to screen and recommend the time and place of conventions. Hicks Griffiths was elected Trustee for 5 years; Leonard Vorhees, Ohio, for one year.

Retiring President Hicks G.Griffith "had the privelege of chartering 3 clubs in Florida. During his term of office the Grand Master of Michigan officially recognized High Twelve as a member of the Masonic Family." Tallman Trask, High Twelvian 11/12/64

New clubs by states: FLA. 5; MICH. 3; CALIF. 2; PA. 2; and 1 each GUAM, IND., KY., LA., MO., NEWFOUNDLAND and OHIO. TOTAL CLUBS BY STATES: MICH. 21; OHIO 19, MO. 18; CALIFORNIA 60; IOWA 17; ILL. 13; KY. 9; COLO.8 + 2 inactive; PENNA. 8; KANSAS 8; FLORIDA 7; INDIANA 7; LA. 6; OKLA.3; NJ 5; So.Dak.3; ALABAMA 2; GUAM 2; NEBR.2 + 1 inav; ALABAMA 2; and 1 ea. in following: ENGLAND, MARYLAND, MINNESOTA, NEWFOUNDLAND, NEW YORK and WASHINGTON. 1 ea.inactive in Delaware & New Mexico....= 223 active & 8 inactive.... total 231.

PIP Hopperstead's report on expansion recognized a debt of gratitude owed to Major Wm.Ward among others, who 2 years prior brought High Twelve into the armed forces. He reported there were now 223 clubs. Total membership 14,251, 19 clubs formed and 8 lost during year. (NOTE: As usual club statistics vary by who reports and cutoff dates.DLP) MEMBERSHIP 5/31/59 = 14,251; 5/31/58 = 13,380 = net gain of 871.

Contributions to Wolcott Foundation 6/1/58 to 5/31/59 = \$4,016.12. Interest earned \$665.00, total incr. \$4,681.12; bal. on hand \$29,375.44. Disbursements G.W.U., tuition and books \$4,196.75; cash in bank & SL \$29,859.81.

Genl.Fund. Bal 6/1/58 \$8,305.92, Income \$31,622.82 = \$39,918.74. Expenditures Ex.Dir. \$4,800.00, Office Sec. \$3,328.00, other \$21,269.40 = total \$29,397.40. Cash in Maplewood B & Tr.Co. \$10,521.34.

Bldg.Fund gifts: \$3,439.75; Cost of plastic "bricks" etc. \$322.91, letters \$74.16 = \$397.07. Bal.in Maplewood bank \$3,042.68, "E" Bonds \$260.00 = \$3,302.68.

R.A.Webb of the Royal Oak Club, Mich, "....I have talked with a great many other delegates who feel as I do about the handling of this convention. Philadelphia had it planned well." "....Why was the fight of the Wolcott Committee in the open and not getting together? When they all put in their resignation I jumped a couple of them in the lobby whether this was anything to do. I see a couple of them went back on the Board...."

The Council of Past International Presidents recommended employment of Tax Counsel in St Louis due to the various problems arising from operation of the Wolcott Foundation, new building fund, incorporation,etc. Also recommended to International Governing Board the amendment of the By-Laws of International to increase dues from \$2.00 to \$3.00, and that all clubs be notified necessity for increase.

Among the speakers were Hon.Theodore R.McKeldin former Governor of Maryland, and at the Womens' Luncheon Hon.Martha W.Griffiths, member of Congress, 17th Dist.,Mich.

The Birmingham, Mich.HTC proposed a resolution favoring turning over approximately \$4,000.00 to the International Board for the special Bldg.Fund. to carry the drive to completion.

NEW OFFICERS: 1959-60 TERM: Pres.Wm.Kent Fenton, Toledo,Ohio; 1st VP C.J.Hyde, Louisville, Ky; 2nd VP Wm.L.Worthen, Glendale,Ca; 3rd VP James N.Robertson,Media,Pa; Im.P.P. Hicks G.Griffiths,Detroit,Mich; Sec.to Int.Bd.HaroldJ.Sivers,PIP, Toledo; Tr.James E. Gram,E.St.Louis,Ill; Gen.Coun.Hugh Allerton,Highland Park,Mich; Ex.Dir.& Ed.E.C.Wolcott.

WOLCOTT FOUNDATION TRUSTEES: Ch.Hicks G.Griffiths,Mich; Sec.A.C.Moldthan, Indiana; Joseph H.Henion,Calif; Bishop Stephen Robinson,Iowa; Leonard Voorhees,Ohio.

Newly installed International President Wm.Kent Fenton, while not downgrading the importance of projects, felt clubs should not lose sight of fellowship. "....There is one project that I feel is even more important, the project of so conducting our meetings that we make them attractive to all Masonic Brethren, young and old alike."

"It is odd that we as Masons do such a beautiful job of fostering and assisting such youth organizations as DeMolay and Rainbow Girls, but fail to provide attractive programs for our younger Masons. Our organization also does an excellent job maintaining the interest of our older Masonic Brethren. Indeed our clubs are made up almost entirely of retired Masonic Bro." "I approve....; but I feel there is a definite need on the part of most of the clubs to make their meetings more attractive to younger Masons." "....As we grow older, we have a tendency to provide programs which are attractive to our age group." "....it is natural (we) elect older men to office." "....If we do not maintain the interest of younger men....our organization shall cease to grow."

"....The officers should consult with younger members," "....encourage them to take committee assignmentspromote them to office....as they show ability..." "When E.C.Wolcott organized the 1st High Twelve Club, he was a young man." "....My day is passing, but we must do everything in our power to provide for continued growth of our organization....This will depend upon the youth, vitality and progressiveness of our younger members."

"To the Birmingham, Mich. club went credit for pushing the new building fund first mentioned by PIP Milton Hardy, Sioux City. Convention, 1957. Birmingham was going to sell "transparent plastic bricks" but the initial cost would be too great, so the Michigan Association "bankrolled" them with \$500.00 to develop the idea. PIP Walter Anderson, Chairman of the Drive, with star salesman Harry Cook. The High Twelve emblem was burned into the bricks, and on the side, also in blue, appeared "another brick for the Home of High Twelve, E.C.Wolcott, Founder." These desk mementos were 4x2x3/4". Receipts were given, and as orders accumulated, bulk shipments were made to clubs. More than \$4,000.00 was donated by Michigan Clubs." T.E.Campbell, Pres. Michigan Association.

During the summer of 1959 the VALLEY FORGE HTC was visited by John Erwin, W.M. of Jewel Lodge 592 F&AM Belfast, Ireland, who presented a beautiful Masonic apron to Pres. Richard S.Lowe of Valley Forge. He also brought greetings from 500 Masonic Lodges in North Ireland.

LOGANSPOUT (Cass County,Ind.) HTC charter issued 9/10/59. 24 members. Chas.D.Hume,Pr. EAST TOLEDO (Ohio) HTC charter issued 9/15/59, 30 members. Pr.Konrad C.Erdmann.

9/15/59 - 9/27/59 - KRUSCHEV VISITED U.S.A.

CARMEL VALLEY (Calif.) HTC charter issued 9/1/59.At the Charter party 10/2/59 Ralph Thompson,Sr. and the Carmel-by-the-Sea Club were sponsors. Int.V.P. Wm.Worthen presented the charter and gave the address. 26 members. Pres.Adrian W.Stevens, Sec.Jack Perkins. COVINGTON, Ky. HTC charter was presented by C.J.Hyde, Grand Jr.Warden Kentucky and 1st VP HTI presented the charter and installed the officers. W.S.Roser, VP Kentucky-Ala. Association was Toastmaster. Among the 36 charter members was PGM, Ky.Wm.O.Ware. The banner, flag,gavel and gong were presented by various Kentucky clubs. President Edwin E.Freshney,PGM,Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

International Zone Officers: Pres.Wm.Kent Fenton 6 Central States; C.J.Hyde 11 South Central States, Wm.Worthen 9 West Coast and Mountain States; James Robertson Canada and 6 Eastern and Southeastern States, England, Guam and Newfoundland, D.C. and Hawaii. Hicks Griffiths, Mich., Minn.,N.Dak., S. Dak., Wisconsin and Wyoming.

STATE PRESIDENTS as of late Fall, 1959 (High Twelvian): CALIFORNIA - David R.Snyder; COLORADO - James A.Hickam, Denver; ILLINOIS - Elmer C.Schifferdecker, Belleville; INDIANA - James Hughes, Terre Haute; IOWA - A.N.Diehl, Waterloo; KANSAS - Chester Long, Manhattan; KENTUCKY-ALABAMA - Pres.C.Russell Wilson, Owensboro; LOUISIANA - Geo.Fink, Monroe; MICHIGAN - Thos. E.Campbell, Birmingham; MISSOURI - Herbert F.Hahn, St Louis; NEBRASKA - Fred Dinkel, Omaha; NEW JERSEY Gov.B.Victor Cranston, Secane,Pa; OHIO - Laurence B.Boyd,Sr., Lakewood; PENNSYLV - M.Howard Arpen, Philadelphia.

Int. 2nd V.P. Wm.Worthen, Glendale,Ca. writing about necessity of creating a better organizational structure, said, "...because of the increasing cost of travel...because there are now many clubs to supervise, more and more of the functions of High Twelve management are being decentralized. The role of the day-to-day administration, coordination and club building is falling to the member clubs and to their State and District Association...."

UNIVERSITY CITY (St.Louis,Mo.) HTC charter lifted during 1959. Was chartered 6/29/51. Hugh Allerton to Harold Sivers 10/17/59 refers to Pro Forma Decree certified 8/18/44, Jackson County,Mo; Articles of Agreement for Incorporation, certified by Secy.of State of Missouri 2/8/50; Amended Articles of Agreement of HTI certified 5/5/50; Trade Mark 443695 issued by Commissioner of Patents covering registration of Trade Mark 7/4/47 (good for 20 years).

Frank S. Land, 33^o Founder of the 2,000 chapters of the great youth organization, Order of DeMolay died 11/8/59 in the city of his birth, Kansas City,Mo. 1890. High Twelve leaders had been a supporter of his great movement from the beginning. Kansas City was headquarters for DeMolay. (NOTE: High Twelvians visiting the headquarters can see Frank Land's office, just as he left it. A visit to headquarters is inspiring.DLP)

Mid-Year meeting of HTI, Chicago, Ill. 12/5/ - 12/6, 1959. Ex.Dir. Wolcott, talking about possibilities of hiring a man to help him, "....Some 25 clubs that once were good clubs that we are working on through the original leaders, and it's an amazing thing to me that out of some 125 personal letters to the clubs of 15 years ago, only two addresses were wrong, the rest of them were living and there is some very great promise; but somebody's got to go and spend 2 or 3 days with a group of men in that city to rebuild a High Twelve Club, out of men who want to carry on. I believe a good man of talent, who can handle himself, could in the year, with my help, and the records, produce us 25 clubs." "If we had 400-500 High Twelve Clubs of the kind and level we have now, paying International dues, we would be in a commanding position to do far more than we do....and command respect."

There was discussion about the contents of the High Twelvian magazine. View expressed that too much space was devoted to local club activities (of no interest to others) and not enough articles of general interest, like items on Masonic History and what's happening in Masonry in general. Also a preference expressed for the small, pocket size magazine.

A Bro.Popkess, who published several magazines was present and very critical of the editing, headings and makeup. "....Amateurish, done by somebody who knows nothing or little of the problems or issues...." "....I attempted (over 3 years as Public Relations Chairman,etc.) to lay out some plan for member retention campaign....and it didn't get off the ground." He urged cutting the 8½x11 to ½ that size, so instead of 8 pages we'd get 16.

"If you have 15,000 paid up members in High Twelve, 13,000 never go to a meeting, so your sole contact with 4/5 of your members is through your magazine.. It should be a masterpiece of selling and makeup." "....Because of the age of most High Twelvians the type should be in 10 pt instead of 8 pt. Where a tribute is made to someone, it should be cut in half so you can get it in 10 pt. where it can be read. Every 4th paragraph

should have a bold face head to hold a reader." A committee was formed to study the magazine costs, etc. 3rd V.P. James Robertson said the Board had better advise the Committee the purpose of the magazine. "...Is it to advise and publish the pictures of the membership and publicize on a national basis....or to install Masonic thoughts?"

Sivers (purpose)"....is to help promote clubs....That is the purpose of this magazine for High Twelve. Everthing should be of Masonic background of course."

The Board members began discussing the dues, which had been raised from \$1.00 to \$2.00 in 1946. There was now discussion of raising from \$2.00 to \$3.00. Fenton, "...You should have raised it another dollar." Allerton, "...I wish you had, but you don't know how tough it was." "...and I don't think any President wants to go through that if he can avoid it...." "We've got to point out that our International Office has reached the stage that they need more help...." "That Wallie is 78 and can't be expected to carry on indefinitely. You've got to find a man, and it's going to cost more money."

"....I'm wondering if we shouldn't give consideration to requiring a new club to have a minimum of \$10.00." Wallie, "Some states get 25¢ a member for state dues and a few for 50¢. California gets \$1.00. Some states are so desperately poor that the President pays his own way to meetings and don't have postage for a State Bulletin."

Chairman Bailey of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, "of the 129 sections at least 54 are faulty in one respect or another." "....some conflicting provision... Constitution providing for one thing, By-Laws for another. Clauses and phrases can be made more clear. There are obsolete provision. Some provisions in the By-Laws are absolutely ignored...." Ambiguous clauses and sections....impossible to figure out what it means." "....It will take 2 years to prepare a Constitution and By-Laws to be presented...." They did make some suggestions for immediate consideration for presentation at the next Convention....amendments on dues. Don Bailey, Ch.

There was considerable discussion regarding either issuing new charters (as from High Twelve International instead of International High Twelve Club(s) or amending Constitution to acknowledge that those previously chartered as International High Twelve Club would be legal. Concern was expressed about the possibility of unduly exciting the clubs at this time. It was recommended that High Twelve International should apply for a new patent; the minutes to show that all clubs paid up, exercised their rights and priveleges under the old name would be able to participate in and enjoy right in patent name. Passed to Constitution & By-Laws Comm.

Wallie, speaking of the great fellowship of the 185 man Clearwater (Fla.) HTC, "...the laughter and the talk about Masonry, it was wonderful, and yet the Grand Master refused the Blue Lodge men of Florida the privelege of attending the High Twelve Club. Now in all the years of my Masonry, I have not yet found any conceivable reason why a Grand Lodge should take that attitude. Our sufferings in the State of Texas. This is long before any of you became High Twelvians; I guess maybe Hugh (Allerton) and maybe Royal might have been, but we had a great club of 200 men at Dallas, Texas. I was with them in 1928, and I was thrilled with the room at the new Busch Hotel with that group of men." (NOTE: See 1938 for the story of how we lost the right to be in Texas.DLP)

The Administration Manual, under guidance of PIP and Sec. Harold Sivers was now completed and on sale for \$6.00 each. The four sections of the 8 1/2 x 11 71 page manual were, "Manual for Administration of HTI", "Administration of State and District Associations", "Organization of High Twelve Clubs" and "Leadership". "Secretary feels and desires that every State President and Secretary should purchase a copy, & that many clubs will be aided by having a copy in the Secretary's files." HIGH TWELVIAN Jan-Feb., 1960.

Wolcott had sent Sivers a letter of resignation 12/1/59, objecting to the "Truit, Griffiths, Fenton action that makes International Officers the control of the clubs, rather than the servents of the clubs." No action taken at Mid-Year Meeting.

Past International President Sivvers was instructed by the International Board 12/6/59 to obtain a new (additional) trade mark from the U.S. Government on correct name of organization as of that day, High Twelve International.

Word was received from Frank Mayo, Trustee of the California Ensign Mayo DeMolay Loan Fund. that Attorney Edward A. Hammer of the San Francisco High Twelve Club had a client, a member, who had bequeathed in his will a trust fund in excess of \$50,000.00, the income of which will go to the Fund. This fund is for DeMolay undergraduate study loans in California colleges.

General Curtis E. LeMay was unanimously elected an Honorary Life Member of the Curtis LeMay High Twelve Club, Guam. Certificate presented by General (Bro.) Montgomery to LeMay in Washington, D.C.

SOUTH BAY HTC, a joint venture of Chula Vista and National City (south of San Diego) charter banquet held Jan. 16, 1960 in Chula Vista. Presented by 2nd Int. V.P. William Worthen, Glendale. State Pres. Dave Snyder installed the officers with the assistance of State 1st V.P. Art Gonzales, Fresno and 2nd V.P. Don Mathewson, Los Angeles. 35 members. President Walter C. Coe, Sec. r. Walter E. Kenrick. Robert James, Master of Cer.

NORTHEAST JOHNSON COUNTY (Shawnee Mission) Kan. HTC charter presented 2/11/60 (charter showed 12/3/59) according to the High Twelvian. 31 members. Pres. Monte Gillespie of the Kansas City HTC presented charter to President Wm. E. Cook.

"Attendance at Masonic Meetings" was the central thought of talk by P.G.M. Arthur H. Strickland, Grand Lodge AF&AM, Kansas. "It is my considered opinion....that the lack of Lodge attendance is caused more by boring, tedious and uninteresting meetings that we have than by any other reason."

BALDWIN PARK (Calif) HTC charter presented 1/24/60. 42 members. Pres. Don Eckhart. Tie Clasps were advertised at \$1.85 each in the March-May, 1960 High Twelvian.

HOYT S. VANDENBERG (AFB) Calif. A group of Masons met 4/1/60 to organize a High Twelve Club. Within a month 47 members were on charter. Mrs. Hoyt S. Vandenberg gave permission to use the name of General (Bro.) Vandenberg for the club name. 5/27/60 the Charter was presented by State Pres. Dave Snyder, with help of Sec. Tallman Trask, Sr. Pres. James C. Tipton; Sec. Chas. A. Buck.

The building Fund balance 5/31/59 was \$3,302.68 from Michigan clubs. Total 2/29/60 \$4,387.68, increase of \$1,085.00.

The First Annual Conference with Wolcott Foundation scholars, George Washington University was 2/20/60, Washington, D.C., Trustees Leonard Voorhees and Hicks Griffiths representing the Foundation. Four scholars present for the exchange of views. University represented by Pres. Emeritus Marvin, Bro. Max Farrington, Wilbur E. Benson and Dr. Waldo F. Summers. The Trustees paid their own way. In PIP Hicks Griffiths report, he emphasized the importance of each State Association having an Educational Committee to screen the candidates proposed by the individual club(s),

The Fort Dodge HTC was awarded a plaque by the Salvation Army for raising funds which brought Christmas cheer to many in Webster County during the 1959 Christmas season. Had been a joint effort with Shrine Club for 5 years. High Twelvian 3-5, 1960. "....They're tough in Wisconsin on the liquor question. The Grand Master recently suspended the Master and Secretary of a Lodge for inducting a man engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquor, and the Grand Master directed the ingoing Grand Master to charge them with unMasonic conduct."

Col. James Hoffman, PIP 1932-33, KCCH, Denver, passed away during the spring. He had commanded a tank battalion in WW II Battle of the Bulge, where he was wounded. A Past Master, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Colorado, and Past Right Eminent Commander of the West Central Department of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States.

5/1/60 - U2 USA RECONNOISSANCE PLANE CARRYING F.G. POWERS SHOT DOWN IN SOVIET ASIA.

H.C. GODMAN (Moron A.B. San Pablo Spain) Charter issued 7/18/60. 38 members. Pres. Dixie Clamp. DOWNTOWN DAYTON (Ohio) HTC charter issued 5/7/60. 45 members. Pres. John P. McHugh. HIGH POINT (St Petersburg, Fla) charter issued 4/18/60. 41 members. Pres. Robert E. Crone. BOWLING GREEN (Ky.) Charter issued 6/18/60. 27 members. Pres. Chester I. Bays. SACRAMENTO, (Calif) HTC charter issued 6/23/60. 235 members. Pres. LeRoy Wigginton, Jr. (NOTE: This was not the first High Twelve Club in Sacramento. DLP) ARCADIA, Ca. HTC charter issued 6/23/60. 77 members. Pres. Herbert H. Goddard.

On April 9, 1960 a group of Bowling Green, Kentucky Masons met with Right Worshipful C.J. Hyde, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Lodge of Kentucky, also 1st V.P. of High Twelve International. Acting Pres. Phillip Dye, acting Sec. Chester Bays. 6/18/60 the charter was presented and officers installed by C.J. Hyde. Pres. Bays, and Sec. H.W. McCubbin.

The International Convention 6/26/60-6/29/60 was held at the Hotel La Playa, Carmel, Calif. R.W. Thompson, Sr., General Chairman. Written report by Executive Director E.C. Wolcott, who did not attend the convention, "...It has been proven we cannot use a paid organizer. The only club builder who can do it is a brother Mason from a nearby club, who can make repeated trips back to the new club. A study of fine growth in our Civic Clubs reveals that clubs are built by neighboring clubs. "Projects are the life of a club, eating is not."

Wallie then listed possible projects. "This year has seen a marked decline in such projects and a marked decline in securing new members...." "For an organization of our idealism with only 11 new clubs chartered and 3 to be chartered in June, and an annual increase of only 138 this year is a danger signal."

"....In Cleveland in 1952, a plan proposed by Dr. J. Wallace Forbes, a PIP, that a project of assisting in the education of selected Masonic youth for service in the Foreign Service of the U.S. was adopted. As I see it, after these 8 years, it has been a total failure and the responsibility for the failure is in one of the following groups....The Foundation Trustees, the youths selected or the University."

"The present resolution you are to reject or adopt is not the solution, for under the pretext of setting our Income Tax status in order at the Income Tax Office in Washington, D.C., the result was the setting up of a new control group of the gifts of the clubs, and to control the Michigan Club gifts for a home, all on the suggestions of a 5¢ a member dues, but a self governing body of trustees."

"If a plan to aid Masonic youth through loans to such, such as the Mayo Fund of California, in full control of such State Association, were set up, would not it reach and benefit more youth and not try to force vocational choices on youth?" He then referred to the Michigan Clubs' generous gifts toward a permanent home, under leadership of 'Andy' Anderson PIP. "....I feel the project cannot be realized and the Committee should authorize the return of the gifts."

"Do my 39 years at this task, my club building record, my years in handling men, personality valuations for corporations, my knowledge of dedications justify my putting these problems on the heart of you delegates? Should the International Officers dictate to or serve the club". (NOTE: This challenge to High Twelve International Of-

ficers and Foundation Trustees seemed to be the "joining of battle", which had such ill effects on all concerned for several years, 12/1/59 he had written Sivvers a letter of resignation, not acted upon until now.DLP)

President William Kent Fenton said that following the Philadelphia Convention, salary increases were voted for E.C.Wolcott and Mrs.Diering. "Despite the fact that I urged that the Board's instructions be complied with, this has not been done." "....The Board also ordered that a competent tax lawyer be engaged to determine the legal status of the Wolcott Foundation Fund of High Twelve International. This was done, and an investigation revealed that it was not a legal entity and is actually outside the legal control of High Twelve International. We have spent months attempting to correct this situation...."

Max Farrington, Asst. to President of George Washington University spoke Tuesday afternoon. The Trustees reported that the Wolcott Foundation Fund of High Twelve International June 1, 1959 to 5/31/60 were = gifts \$7,027.28, interest \$827.51 - total increase \$7,854.79. Balance on hand (all funds) \$29,859.81 = \$37,714.60. Disbursements G.W.U. Tuition & books \$7,117.00, bal. \$30,597.60.

The delegates approved and directed the establishment of the new scholarship Foundation, ratified the By-Laws, and agreed by resolution to accept no further contributions for the old Foundation as of the close of the Convention 6/29/60; that the Trustees would exhaust the funds of the old Wolcott Foundation before drawing on the monies in the new Foundation. (NOTE: Bear this paragraph in mind, for in the future, much controversy would swirl around it and compliance and non-compliance.DLP)

Tallman Trask, writing in the Nov.Dec. High Twelvian, 1964, in reporting on the Presidency of William Kent Fenton, 1959-60 said, "...Some of the highlights of his year were the incorporation of the new Wolcott Foundation, establishing the authority of the International President, and providing a pension for the Founder, E.C.Wolcott."

There was a resolution submitted by the Port Huron High Twelve Club opposing the removal of the Wolcott Foundation and Building Fund from the control of the Governing Board of High Twelve International. 20 clubs concurred. REJECTED. The High Twelve Club of New Orleans submitted a Resolution in opposition to the formation of the suggested corporat'n., "The Wolcott Foundation, Inc.," unless the Board of Trustees be composed of High Twelve members; that the Board of Trustees make a detailed Annual Report of assets, liability, receipts, expenditures and activities of the Corporation at the International Convention of H.T.I; that the Board of Trustees serve staggered terms, and be elected by members of High Twelve International. TABLED (NOTE: Most of these safeguards eventually employed.DLP)

A resolution retired Executive Director E.C.Wolcott and directed the Board to appoint an Administrator.. (NOTE the subtle difference between the titles of Executive Director and that of Administrator. It denoted a fundamental difference in authority & responsibility, and a clear subservience to the Board of the latter.DLP) Secretary Harold Sivvers PIP was instructed to develop a job survey, questionnaire to officers and to determine what the duties of the Administrator should be. (This went out in late August or early Sept. They met in St Louis in October, and narrowed the list down to 12. He then wrote them and asked their thoughts on salary and expenses. As the general indication of duties would require a lot of traveling, a few applicants dropped out.)

The Meeting of the Past Presidents Committee of HTI discussed an increase in dues to provide retirement pay for E.C.Wolcott and to employ extra help in the International Office (Administrator) to succeed the Executive Director. There was a resolution for retirement pay of \$4,800.00 per year for E.C.Wolcott as Executive Director for life; and the formation of an Executive Committee of three to have full and complete authority to operate and manage the International Office and all International affairs pending the selection of a permanent Administrator for the International Office. An adminis-

trator. was to be selected at the time of the Mid-Year meeting.

There were several amendments to the By-Laws. Art. XVII, Sec.2 provided for vacancy in the Board of Trustees of the Foundation being filled by Interim Trustees until the next International Convention. Art.XII, Sec.3 specified that all charters granted to local clubs in the name of International Association of High Twelve Clubs were declared to be true and valid charter of High Twelve International.

An Amendment to Art V - Officers , would make the General Counsel an appointive officer, along with the Editor. Art XII, Sec. 2 would make the semi-annual dues \$1.50. increasing per capita 50¢ semi-annually. The new active member would be \$2.00. carried. Recommended Art.XV Sec.3 to increase Council of Past Presidents (except Immediate Past President) from 10 to all Past Presidents. Adoption of the Article of Incorporation of the Wolcott Foundation Inc. was held up until attorneys working on the By-Laws had completed their work.

In his report as Convention Chairman, Ralph W.Thompson said this was the first time that delegates visited a Blue Lodge meeting, and the first time to attend a High Twelve luncheon of the Armed Forces; and that this convention established a higher standard of youth participation than theretofore.

Before we close out the books on this important year, we had better have a few statistics, so, in a few years, it can be determined what effect the changes may have had on the organization. One report said that in 5/31/59 there were 14,251 members, and in 5/31/60 there were 14,389, an increase of 138 members.

New clubs 6/1/59 - 5/31/60 not otherwise reported as charters issued: ARLINGTON, Ca. 6/6/59; POTTS GROVE (Pottstown) Pa. 6/22/59; CASS COUNTY, Logansport, Ind. 9/10/59; EAST TOLEDO (Ohio) 9/15/59; COVINGTON, Ky. 9/23/59; BALDWIN PARK, Ca. 1/23/60. Charters pending - ARCADIA, Ca; HIGH POINT (Clearwater) Fla.

CLUBS BY STATES: Calif. 62 + 3 inactive; MICHIGAN 21; OHIO 18 + 3 inactive; MISSOURI 17 + 1 inactive; IOWA 17; ILLINOIS 13; KENTUCKY 10; PENNA. 9; KANSAS 9; INDIANA 8; COLORADO 7 + 1 inactive; FLORIDA 7; LOUISIANA 6; NEW JERSEY 5; SOUTH DAKOTA 3; OKLA. 3; GUAM 2; NEBRASKA 2; 1 each in England, Maryland; Minnesota; Newfoundland; New Mexico (re-activated); NEW YORK 1; WASH. D.C. TOTAL 228 + 8 inactive.

11 new clubs by states: 5 Calif; Ohio 2 + 1 each in Ind., Kan., Kentucky and Pa. HTI Building fund 6/1/59 - 5/31/60 \$1,085.00, balance on hand 5/31/59 \$3,302.68. Grand total \$4,387.68. General fund \$9,432.59, Mich.Home Office Bldg.Fund \$4,387.68, Wolcott Fund - Cash \$4,597.60, S & L \$26,000.00 - total \$30,597.60. Office \$2,822.12, Silvers Manual \$1,260.69, Salaries \$8,631.00, Int Off.Travel \$6,389.00, Mag. \$9,731.99, Inv. \$5,505.80.

After the election, the men left for Fort Ord, where a model High Twelve luncheon was held by Army Memorial HTI. The ladies took a tour of Monterey Peninsula, 17 mile Drive, Pebble Beach and lunch at Highlands Inn.

Officers for 1960-61 - C.J.Hyde, Louisville, Ky President; 1st VP William L.Worthen, Glendale, Calif; 2nd VP James N. Robertson, Media, Pa; 3rd VP Wm.F.Tearman, Terre Haute, Ind; Sec.to Int.Board, Harold J.Sivers PIP, Toledo, Ohio; Treasurer and ACTING ADMINISTRATOR - James E.Gram, East St Louis, Mo; Office Secretary Mrs.Lucille Diering, 2683 Big Bend Blvd., St Louis, Mo.; General Counsel G.A.Royal; Im.PIP Wm.K.Fenton, Toledo, Ohio. (FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS, E.C.WOLCOTT, FOUNDER, WAS NOT LISTED IN ANY MANNER on the inside cover of the July, August, 1960 High Twelvian. The editor was not listed. Acting Editor more than likely was E.P.White, Jr., Louisville, Ky.

Foundation Trustees - Chairman Hicks G.Griffiths, Sec.Leonard Voorhees, Tr.Wm.F.

Kinnard; Bishop Stephen Robinson, Des Moines; Arthur E. Bus, Escalon, Ca.

The new 3rd VP, Wm.F. Tearman, a funeral director from Terre Haute, Ind. was a candidate for the same office year prior, but had withdrawn in favor of James N. Robertson, atty., Media, Pa.

LIAISON OFFICERS, H.T.I. - William L. Worthen, Budgetary & Future Planning; Expansion; Club Manuals, Masonic Relations, Publicity; James R. Robertson, Const. & By-Laws, Resolution, Credentials, Military Affairs; Wm.F. Tearman, High Twelve Bldg. Fund, Youth, Club Leadership, Club Projects.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: Budgetary & Future Planning - T. Archer Brown; Club Manuals - Harold J. Sivers, PIP; Club Leadership - David R. Snyder; Projects - Robert F. Clynych; High Twelve Bldg. Fund (later); Resolutions - Charles F. Burkin; Military Affairs - Burchard M. Johnson; Credentials - Sydney Supples; Const. & B-L, Arthur S. Schifferman; Youth - Duane Gurlock; Publicity and Pub. Rels. - E.P. White, Jr.; Expansion - Tallman Trask; Masonic Relations - Joseph A. Bachelor; Executive Comm. - James R. Robertson.

Chairman Trask of the Int. Expansion Committee said, "....We have practically stood still for several years in membership. Some states haven't organized a new club for several years. Growth must be the major project for this year." "....A working machine must be set up in every state." "....Every club must be 'set afire' to hold every member they have....and cooperate in forming a new club in a nearby community."

Dues were raised \$1.00 a year to \$3.00 per year. Lucille Diering reported that between 125 to 150 signed Past Presidents Certificates were sold each year. Hicks G. Griffiths PIP, Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation in discussing the State Education Committee created by action of the delegates at the 1960 Convention because of State Dept. emphasis on oral examination, the Education Committee should orally examine every applicant. He also gave the example of a brilliant student who has prepared for medicine, then several semesters later switched to Engineering. "....Even though the student is of high intelligence, he is not properly qualified in the field of Engineering."

Students must have "B" or better in all their undergraduate work. Must have proper prerequisites, regardless of how excellent as students, must show a high degree of motivation towards a career in government service. Example of problem....1956 Chief Examiner of Foreign Service received 10,113 applications for Foreign Service assignments. 6,743 took written examinations. Of the latter, only 1,301 candidates passed written exam with grade of 70 or over. Evident that oral exam would screen out all but 150 of these 1,301 who had passed...written exam."

High Twelvian Sept.-Oct. 1960, in reporting that High Twelve's Founder and long-time Executive Director and Editor of the High Twelvian E.C. Wolcott has retired 'as reported in the California HOUR', "....At the International Convention, Carmel, the Executive Board voted an annual retirement pension for Bro. Wolcott, who celebrated his 79th birthday in June. During his 39 years as Executive Director, he has realized his fondest dream of seeing High Twelve become the sixth largest luncheon club in the nation. California holds a special place in Wallie's heart by having 64 active High Twelve Clubs."

Thus ended the active career of the great builder of clubs of Master Masons who desire an hour of fellowship and who are devoted to service not only to Freemasonry but to their fellow man, their community and nation.

HOURLY EARNINGS IN MFG. IND. (yrly avg.) GROSS - \$2.26 ('50=\$1.44; '55=\$1.86; '65= \$2.61. 1960 Gross Natl. Product= \$503,734,000; 1970= \$977,080,000; 1971= \$1,055,450,000.

Wallie wrote J.E.Gram, "Chairman of the Executive Committee" 8/4/60, advising that the letter he was sending the secretaries of the clubs (about his retirement, and presumably his point of view re.matter) was paid for by himself. This included preparation, paper, envelopes and postage. He left suggestions with the office secretary Mrs.Diering; that all letters go to his home direct, not through Mrs. Diering. He advised he would give every cooperation.

Wallie suggested Gram come to the office and discuss operations with Mrs.Diering. The keys were left in the office. "...I am taking my personal property from 2683 Big Bend Blvd., Maplewood Sat. 8/6, which ends my relationship with High Twelve International as Executive Director and Editor of the High Twelvian Magazine. I shall keep and hold dear my relationship with the clubs. Call me when I can help them." E.C.W. 423 Honeysuckle Lane, Webster Groves 19,Mo.

Secretary Siverson wrote Mrs.Lucille Diering 8/10/60 re. Wallie's retirement. High Twelve "...wishes to honor him, but "because of his years, he cannot go on as in the past." President C.J.Hyde to J.E.Gram,Treasurer 8/14/60, "...Bro.Gram, your letter is encouraging in as much as you state that things are working out. With you held there at the International Office, I'm sure that things will move along in the right direction...." At some point in the Fall, Gram became officially "Acting Administrator." Executive Committee composed of Robertson, Worthen and Gram.

A letter from PIP and Int.Secretary Harold Siverson 8/15/60 referred to the newly to be incorporated "Wolcott Foundation,Inc." "I enclose herewith a photo copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the Wolcott Foundation,Inc., to be incorporated under the laws of Missouri. Also a copy of the By-Laws of the proposed corporation as adopted by the Convention at Carmel, Cal. Original....amended By-Laws....turned over to attorneys in St Louis to see if all the amendments conform to laws of Missouri. If they do, then the Foundation is to be effected at once...."

"I also enclose herewith a pamphlet entitled 'The Wolcott Scholarship Foundation', which contains a brief history of the Foundation. In addition to the information contained therein I can offer the additional information, ' Years ago a small contribution was given to Wallie and his wife. They turned this money over to High Twelve for the purpose of creating a fund that, with additions thereto, could be used for a worthy cause. In the year 1950, Past President Wallace Forbes advanced the idea of creating a scholarship at George Washington University in the School of Government.

"The purpose was to train Masonic youth for the frreign service of the Unites States. Later this was expanded to cover any branch of government service in overseas duty: It took several years to work out the kinks in the plan. In 1954, the mechanics of the operation of the Foundation were set up after a trip to Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia, where a meeting of three of the Trustees and myself obtained the necessary information from President Cloyse Marvin, President of George Washington University and then set forth what we thought were the essential rules for operation of the Foundation. The rules as so propounded were presented to the mid-year meeting held that year, and with some changes were adopted.

"There has been considerable difficulty in getting the Foundation into operation, due perhaps to the divergence of views as to whether the scholarship was to be reserved entirely for foreign service, should women be accepted as candidates, who should control the money,etc. Under the leadership of Hicks Griffiths, Chairman of the Trustees, and the devotion of the other Trustees, and with the incorporation of the Foundation, I believe that the Wolcott Foundation is off to a good start, and that in the future, the members of High Twelve can be proud of their national project...."

In a letter of 8/19/60 from Siverson to Mrs.Diering, it seems clear the Board wanted Wallie to leave; and that Wallie apparently thought Royal was one of the "ring leaders".

That while they would keep track of his activities (letters to clubs presenting his side of the question),"but do nothing to curtail them....to send mimeo'd copies of convention minutes to any club desiring to examine...."

Mrs. Diering, the Office Secretary on 8/19/60 referred to \$4,387.68 in the Building Fund account at the bank, and that no one was authorized to withdraw it. "Mr. Gram wants to invest major part in interest bearing certificates...." "....and sends signature cards for signature of three officers....need copy of Resolution for office file." Grateful she could call on Gram for advice. On 10/31/60 she wrote Siverson that \$4,100.00 was invested in 'certificates and \$27.68 in savings a/c @ 4¹/₂%. Presumably the balance was in a checking account.

Harold J.Siverson to James Gram, Treasurer and Acting Administrator 8/23/60 suggests that Mrs.Diering send a note to clubs with the bills to say, "Should you desire a copy of the minutes of the convention please make request to the International Office." "....we must consider that we have a big job ahead and we cannot permit any new dissension to come into the picture as High Twelve International vs Wolcott Foundation, Inc. Both groups must work together or neither will succeed...." "....I agree wholeheartedly that the checks presented to Hicks at the convention (for Wolcott Foundation) should perhaps be deposited in the new corporation and that certainly the donors are entitled to proper recognition. This letter of recognition, however, I think should be prepared by Hicks Griffiths as chairman of the Trustees, as the Trustees may feel that if the officers decide to give the proper recognition rather than the Trustees, that they the officers, are taking over some of the responsibilities of the Trustees...."

Siverson wrote Mrs.Diering 9/22/60, "....looks like Milton Hardy's applying for position of Administrator...." Mrs.Diering to W.L.Hopperstead, PIP, "....Wallie had a steel file here and he took with him when he moved out, and I have a feeling the proceedings (of Toledo Convention) are in his file; and I am not about to call him and ask him about it since he has taken the attitude toward me he has. I am not to call him or write to him about anything."

"....Everything is going along smoothly now; but I put in a rough time this summer. Wallie was supposed to stay until the First of September and get out the magazine following the Convention; but I guess you heard that when I got back from my vacation on the 8th of August, he had moved out lock stock and barrel, and the office looked like a cyclone had struck it. The building manager had the walls painted and I rearranged the office and things are running smoothly again. Mr.Gram has been a great source of strength to me. He calls every day to see how things are coming along, and he is certainly wonderful to work with." (Lucille Diering had not attended Convention in Carmel.)

The Wolcott Foundation, Inc. was incorporated in Missouri because Tax Attorneys advised that the 6/17/53 Indenture of Trust was defective and having no legal force or effect; and the tax exempt status of the Foundation under the Internal Revenue Code was most questionable. 9/21/60

The International Board met 10/29/60 in St Louis, Mo., President C.J.Hyde presiding. They reviewed 15 applications for the post of Executive Director. Final action hopefully to be taken at Mid-Year meeting when Vice Presidents Worthen and Hyde could be present.

"....The new, non-profit, contribution deductible corporation is in full operation. The Charter (Wolcott Foundation, Inc.) was granted in September. It is officially known as the Wolcott Foundation, Incorporated, and makes all members of High Twelve International voting stockholders in the wide flung affairs.." 75 dinner guests heard Pres. Hyde's address.

An official High Twelve Induction Ceremony of new members was proposed by Art E. Schifferman, Chairman Constitution & By-Laws Committee in the Sept-Oct., 1960 Hi.12vian.

The High Twelvian announced a nation-wide contest to encourage the writing of what might become the official slogan of High Twelve International, with \$50.00 to be awarded to the winner. Immediate Past International President Wm. Kent Fenton, Toledo, in referring to his year, felt that we owed a responsibility to the Masonic Fraternity by the formation of a Masonic Relations Committee.

Fenton felt that more stress should be placed upon educating the members, particularly the officers of the clubs in their obligations, duties and authority; and that we should ever strive to raise the standard of quality of our officers in all divisions. "...The logical method of promoting this particular aim lies in the publication of brochures covering the subjects of club leadership and club management."

He felt that the club secretaries should be required to send one copy of the Monthly Report to the International Secretary and one to his State or District Secretary. "....A definite effort should be made to standardize elections of club officers and the officers of state associations to the end that the election of all club officers could be held during the same month of the year; and all state or district officers should be elected the same month of the year. This would simplify the preparation of the roster of officers. "...it is my firm conviction that the size of the publication (High Twelvian) should more nearly correspond with the size of the publications similar to Readers Digest or Coronet....and....more attention should be given to news of local, state or district association news....and a short section should be devoted to Masonic information."

COLUMBUS (Ind.) HTC charter issued 9/17/60. 53 members. Pres. Thomas M. Pickett. TORREJON (Madrid) AFB Spain HTC charter issued 9/13/60. 22 members. Capt. Edward C. Pitchford; SIGNAL SQUARE & COMPASS (Downey, Ca.) HTC charter issued 11/5/60. 22 members. Pres. Lloyd Dunn. INGRANDES (France) chartered about that time.

STATE PRESIDENTS: 1960 - Dave Snyder, North Park, San Diego, Calif. Arthur E. Gonzales, Fresno for 1961; Colorado - 1960-61 Ray Daugherty, Boulder; Illinois - 5/28/60 Gilbert B. Harvey, Paris; Iowa-South Dakota - 1960-61 Clarence Stage, Davenport; Kansas - 1960 J. Milford Crabb, Kansas City; 1961 Robert C. Gosney, K.C.; Michigan - 1960-61 T. Archer Brown, Lansing; Missouri - 1960-61 Herbert F. Hahn, St. Louis; New Jersey - Governor 1960 Frank C. Crawford, Bridgeton; 1961 Rowland C. Mauch, Newark. Ohio - 1960-61 Wm. H. Leafgreen, Sandusky; 1961-62 Leonard B. Voorhees, Euclid.

Pres. C. J. Hyde to James E. Gram, Treasurer and Acting Administrator 10/17/60, saying he'd just returned from California, that there were 6 clubs "on the fence" on his arrival, "but after having the facts presented to them have seen it differently, and peace and harmony prevailed; but Bakersfield might be lost. "Attached is a letter which explains what Bro. Wallie is still saying to the different clubs and individuals around the country that he has strong personal contact with. These are the people that must be contacted if we are to save many of our clubs." "...I just received a two page letter this date from Bro. F. E. Fields who states that they are going to lose 4 clubs,or intend to drop from International and operate as a local club without paying dues to International; but are holding off at the request of Bro. Fields until after their (Colorado) State Convention 22nd of October...when the President of International can give them a good reason to stay in...." "...I believe if we fail to stay on top of these cutting letters we stand to lose. They seem to have an uncanny influence that is very difficult to deal with by writing...." "...they still insist on being told face to face." Discussing the high cost of travel, and much of it by plane to explain the situation to save clubs and state associations, "travel....of past years could be utilized for forming new clubs and a number of other things of greater benefit to H12. But at present it seems necessary to hold what we have." Speaking of the requests to attend state meetings, "...I believe we have too many State meetings at this time of year. Would be better if they were spread out over the year...."

Secretary Siverson to Office Secretary Mrs. Diering indicated that technically Wallie was not let out, for 2 more votes from Wallie from the Governing Board members and he would have been rehired, so "....hardly proper for Wallie to criticize the entire High Twelve movement and all officers of High Twelve. A Mr. Garnholz had suggested to Siverson not using name of Wolcott on Wolcott Foundation. Siverson had replied that until next Convention, nothing could be done. In Garnholz' opinion Wallie needed the money badly...." "....We may find that Wallie will accept checks if he is as hard up as Garnholz seems to think...." (NOTE: Apparently Wallie had either been returning the checks or holding them, uncashed.DLP)

E.C.Wolcott, Webster Grove, Missouri 11/3/60 to C.J.Hyde, Pres.HIT - Excerpts - "....I have been under terrific pressure from High Twelve leaders and clubs by heavy mail, telephone and telegram." "....My decision to not communicate with any member of International Board was only to avoid further misunderstandings and hurts to me and to you as International President. 'The least said is the easiest mended.' I was afraid the one person of International whose intense hatred of me might turn on you if you showed any friendship for or had any contact with me." "....discussion by many High Twelve leaders and clubs over the three actions taken at Carmel....1 - The Wolcott Foundation; 2 - My discharge as Executive Director and Editor of the Magazine; 3 - Awarding of a pension."

"....I am sure you do not and cannot know how deeply the clubs are disturbed, as I know it; and many clubs because of their feeling that the control of all legislation and funds belong to them, and that the convention at Carmel rode rough shod over them. I have no rancor in my heart nor any desire to hurt anyone...." "....I am compelled to go along with them in keeping full control of the money of both the Foundation and International, for it is their money created by their gifts and their dues."

"As for the pension, if I can be sure the clubs agree for me to accept it I will. I am holding the check that came today. If the funds of the Foundation can be left in the control of the clubs through the International and not taken over in a separate corporation I am willing to allow my name to be used."

"....With all the promises of the George Washington University and the statements of their influence in the Foreign Relations Department, they have failed to secure an appointment for a single one of the youth sent by the gift from the Wolcott Foundation to the George Washington University. Why? Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Columbia Universities all have great courses in Foreign Relations Training, not only to M.A.Degrees but also to a Doctor's Degree and that is where a family of wealth and political influence will send their sons. You can see President Kennedy's youth plan by-passes the Foreign Relations jobs and wants to send youth as teachers and business leaders to live in homes of these people, to be paid for by other governments..."

LE PREMIER EN FRANCE, the first Army HTC in Europe was organized in Southwestern France. High Twelvians came from all over Europe 11/25/60, including Arnold Page HTC, Lakenheath, England; H.C.GODMAN HTC Moran Air Base, Spain. 80 people in attendance. Pres. Hammaker; Sec-Tr. Keeler. Grand Lodge and Lodge officers of France attended.

In one of his undated letters about November, 1960, Wallie asks, ".... Can it be possible that all my years in club building - in Masonic contacts and relationships - my years in business personnel work has no value such as a years work with the selected Executive Director giving him all the above has no value?...."

"....I was most interested in reading your letter of 11/3/60 in reference to Wallie's desire to re-enter High Twelve," wrote Siverson to Lucille Diering 11/11/60. "I think I accomplished something in my visit with him after the dinner, and at which time I showed him the entire minutes of the Board Meeting and the Convention, and while he in-

sisted if we used the name of Wolcott, he would sue. I was quite sure he wouldn't bring such suit. However, it is possible because of my meeting with him perhaps, that we had the further correspondence with Wallie."

"I agree with you undoubtedly Wallie would like to be Executive Director again. That of course cannot take place. I do think, however, that if we could use him in some spot in High Twelve perhaps as a front man or to help train the Administrator, if and when we appoint one, with the understanding with the new Administrator that Wallie had no authority except as to advise him what was to be done, he could be a big help. I agree with Jerry Royal that he is not ready to back down far enough to come back in and he is asking the Board to do the backing down."

President of High Twelve International C.J.Hyde was honored 11/13/60 on TV Station WAKY as Citizen of the Week. At the time Hyde was Assistant Supt. Crime Prevention Bureau, Louisville Division of Police. He was being supported for the presidency of the newly organized Louisville Department's Chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police. On 11/14/60, Lt.Hyde was elected.

ACACIA HTC and GLENDALE (Calif.) HTCs merge 11/8/60.

All State Associations and Clubs were requested by the Expansion Committee to see that each club had an attendance committee operating. That each club have a membership committee working under the slogan, "Every member get a member." That every club immediately select a nearby community and start organizing a new High Twelve Club, which it would sponsor.

It was mentioned that a number of new clubs were in the making, according to Chairman Trask, with Indiana working on 9. Trask listed 20 steps in organizing a club, once the club has decided on a community in which to organize. They are summarized as: 1. Select the community; 2 Select a member to organize it; 3 Organizer calls on key Masons, who determine whom to contact and calls meeting; 4 Invite International or State officers (past or present) to meet with them; 5 Set date and place of next meeting; 6 Make personal calls on those attending previous meeting to attend next.

7 - 2 or 3 meetings later have a "snappy" program; 8 Elect permanent officers, set regular time and place of meetings; 9 Type charter application; 10 When Application ready, send to State Secretary with checks; 11 State Sec. sets up records and sends receipts to club secretary; 12 State Sec. rushes application and check to State President for approval; 13 State President approves and sends charter application to St Louis;

14 International Office orders charter, mails proof to Secretary of new club for accuracy. Corrected "proof" sent by club secretary to International Office. 15 Don't set charter party date until cleared with State President, who should be installing officer, as well as other dignataries. 16 Allow 45 days before considering charter party date; 17 At charter party, stop all drinking and close bar prior to call to dinner; 18 Sponsoring club should be well represented and should present new club with bell and gavel....ordered well in advance.

19 Send invitations to nearby High Twelve Clubs well in advance, as well as officers and past officers of State and International. 20 Give new club "before" and "after" publicity. (NOTE: The above summary is contained in the old brochure 20 Ways to Start a High Twelve Club. DLP)

At the QUINCY, Ill. HTC Annual Ladies Night 11/12/60 Int.Pres.C.J.Hyde, Deputy Grand Master of Masons, Kentucky, talked on SERVICE, illustrating his talk by letters: S=Sacrifice; E=Enthusiasm; R=Right mental attitude; V=Vision; I= "I will", "I can", and "I won't"; C=Cooperation; E=Effort. Hyde was introduced by J.Carl Menke, Prog.Ch.

"....I found Wallie to be in perfect health, looking quite rested, and full of constructive ideas," wrote Int.Treasurer J.E.Gram 11/25/60 to Pres.C.J.Hyde. "I can truthfully say that while he has suffered many hurts and heart aches, he has no ill feeling toward anyone. He feels that the High Twelve movement in its importance is too big to be cast aside. He does, however, have a firm conviction that some ideas are wrong and that the old firm policys are worth fighting for."

"....The only reason for refusing the first check sent to him as a reward and a retirement pension was he did not feel we could afford such a non-profitable expense. He would rather have some work in High Twelve where his vast acquaintances, knowledge, ideals and helpful suggestions would be considered worth the checks in questions.

"....Our meeting revealed that Wallie would desire a place on the Foundation Trustees Staff." "....Regarding a new man to carry on our expansion, assisting and guiding program, it is Wallie's positive thinking taken from many long and hard years of experience that for a man who has qualities in education, experience, health, Masonic background at an age 40 to 50 years, you will have to pay at least \$7,000-\$8,000 per year salary; and no less than \$100.00 per week travel expense. This money we do not have, and from all appearance will not have for a considerable time...."

"....Regarding our Educational Fund, Wallie had letters from several clubs protesting the separation of the Wolcott Foundation from High Twelve International. He, like hundreds of others, will oppose such action." "He has retained a very eminent lawyer to take into court the refusal of using his name on a new corporation, not the present, but a new one where he is not in accord....According to both Mr.Garnholtz and Mr.Weiss he is within his rights as far as a new corporation is concerned...."

"....I asked Wallie if he would be willing to attend our Mid-Year Meeting in Chicago.He would rather wait until after the meeting and judge from the sincere actions which will be presented to our next International meeting in Kentucky. At this meeting he will definitely attend....."

A call from International Secretary Sivers 12/10/60 for the Mid-Year meeting of the Governing Board Chicago, January 14-15, 1961 was to include all International Officers, LaSalle Hotel, 8PM Friday to interview all candidates for Administrator of High Twelve International and make a decision as to the appointment. In his letter to Lucille Diering 12/19/60, he enclosing a copy of general statement of duties of the new Administrator, which also were forwarded to all candidates and to International Officers. (NOTE: copies of duties not found by me.DLP)

WEST SHREVEPORT, La. HTC charter returned 12/7/60. Chartered 4/12/56. SALISBURY, Md. HTC charter returned 12/60. Chartered 11/22/55. ENID, Okla, HTC charter terminated 12/31/60. It was an old club that had been in and out of High Twelve International several times. EL CERRITO, Ca. HTC charter returned 1/13/61. Chartered 2/22/55.

1/3/61 - UNITED STATES SEVERED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

The Mid-Year meeting of the Board 1/13-14-15/61 had an agenda prepared by Sec. Sivers. President Hyde presided. 1st evening interviewed candidates for position of Administrator. The Constitution & By-Laws not providing for such a post, action was postponed until the Convention. Considered retiring the title of Executive Director along with Wallie as a mark of respect to him.

Much time was devoted to discussing budget provision for proposed position of Ad-

ministrator, although finances seemed to be in good shape for the balance of the year at \$17,450.00, with anticipated income of \$20,964.00. E.P.White,Jr. promoted from Acting Editor to Editor. There was lively discussion regarding dues, which were raised \$1.00 at Convention, Carmel...first since 1947. High Twelve clubs contribute least of all international luncheon clubs to their operation of International Headquarters.

The Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. Hick G.Griffiths PIP presented a set of By-Laws governing the action of the group. He suggests a promotional pamphlet be prepared by experts to aid in soliciting of funds. Herbert Hahn of St Louis, Mo. was appointed Chairman of the International Building Fund Committee, which has liquid assets in excess of \$4,000.00....started by the Michigan clubs.Founder's Day 5/17/61 set to inspire the increasing of interest in this project.

A committee composed of Ed Garnholz, James E.Gram and Bishop Robinson was appointed by Pres.Hyde to conduct a study of what active job in High Twelve could be given to retired Executive Director and Founder Wolcott. In the meantime, "Wallie" was to fill the roll of International Historian. 2nd V.P.James N. Robertson reported on the re-writing of the International Constitution & By-Laws in their entirety, necessitated by progress and change. W.K.Rose, Robert Gosney and E.P.White were to rewrite the line of pamphlets.

The Governing Board authorized the Wolcott Trustees to prepare a brochure for distribution to the membership, not to exceed \$300.00 in an effort to re-sell them on the desirability of the cause.

Pres.Hyde referred to numerous letters re. status of Wallie Wolcott; that "...We have to find some status to give our Founder in High Twelve...." "....It has been suggested that he be made Executive Director Emeritus, an Honorary Trustee of the Wolcott Foundation, etc." He asked for ideas. It was pointed out that on the letterhead he was listed as Founder, but there was hesitation to recommend anything that would suggest authority.

There was concern that he might "walk in and start driving again....we should not lose Wallie all together, but we can't bring him in in an executive capacity." "...It's been suggested we assign him something that would be acceptable to him that would that would..... make him feel that he could do a job by accepting this money we send him. We could keep down these letters that he's one of the best that I've ever seen write, thereby not hinder the movement of High Twelve, but help."

Treas.Gram replied that unless the clubs were satisfied as to the consideration given their great friend Wallie Wolcott, that they would surrender their charter. He stated that we had a one man organization so long, he had established himself so deeply in the hearts of a lot of fine men and the devoted love they have for Wallie was so great that they were going to stand up for him as long as they live. "....I have succeeded in getting him to discontinue the writing of the terrible letters, but it's only if we satisfy him and he sees the results of this meeting here in Chicago."

Harold Sivers said High Twelve didn't have a history, and wondered if they couldn't make him Historian, to be put in book form. "....He could do it in his home." Jerry Royal PIP suggested a committee be appointed of Brothers for whom Wolcott had a lot of respect, approach Wallie and report back at the Board meeting preceeding the Convention. Mrs.Lucille Diering was lauded for her work in the International Office.

Harold Sivers wrote Lucille Diering 1/19/61, "....I trust sincerely Wallie will accept the position of Historian, and will go all out in preparing a history of High Twelve since its inception...." "In the event Wallie does accept it and a friendly relationship is established between the office and Wallie, I believe you should at-

tempt to get from him any reports from previous breakfast meetings or any reports so we can put them back in our files and if necessary can use them. "

Office Secretary Lucille Diering, writing to Secretary to International Board PIP Harold J.Sivers 1/24/61 discussed reaction of now retired Executive Director Wolcott to the proposal that he write the History of High Twelve International. "....He seemed quite receptive to the idea, but wanted to know the reaction of the Board. I assured him it was unanimous...." "He then told me it would require his working at least two days a week in the International Office. "

"This morning he called again and said it would require at least 3 days a week at the International Office looking up records." "....It was my understanding at the Board meeting that this was work he could do at home." "....early records packed in boxes; we also have minutes of all conventions to date, all of which can be sent express to Wallie's home, where he could take his time." "....and begin to compile the history."

"He has taken your letter as official notice of appointment." "....If he....accepts the appointment will you please in some way let him know that it is work the Board expects him to do at home?" "....He may want to change things in the office." "....My nervous system just cannot stand another period like the one I went through last summer."

G.A.Royal,PIP, to James E.Gram, Treasurer, "....The one mandatory objective to be worked out was that Wallie would take up some work that he could do from his home. Now we are faced with Wallie spending three or four days at the office, and that is going to be an intolerable situation. Ed Gernholz was named to the committee and possibly you and Ed could have a talk with Wallie explaining the stop-gap nature of the present assignment (history writing), and advise him that the committee would be glad to meet with him and cover the field of High Twelve activities with a view of placing him where he could do the most good with the least effort. That it was the intention of the Board that his work could be done in his home and thereby save him the effort of going to and from the office. It is an issue that must be met head on....."

J.E.Gram, International Treasurer and Acting Administrator wrote 2/1/61 to Harold J. Sivers, Secretary to the Board referring to Wolcott's working on the history. "...We have explained the Board's action re. his honored assignment, and that he will be obliged to work at home. All this has been graciously accepted." "....We have offered him the use of the tape recorder....and explained that the office (on Big Bend Blvd.) is entirely too small to carry on with all this confusion and still keep up to date with all the regular operation....(with) constant interruptions.

"He (Wallie) stated he would have to have some 50 letters typed, all of which is simply impossible for Lucille to do with the load she is carrying now."...."It may be necessary to offer him some help at home, especially so long as I am agreeable to carrying on as Acting Administrator without any expense to High Twelve."

"....I don't know how he (Wolcott) could have interpreted my letter as official notification of his appointment. Last paragraph of my letter reads, 'Therefore, Wallie, if the position of Historian is offered to you and the position is created, I sincerely hope that you will give it full consideration and agree to perform the task assigned to you.'"

FAR WEST (Beale AFB,Calif.) charter issued 1/16/61. 75 members. E.C.Sorenson,Pres. HURON (Kansas City,Kan) HTC charter issued 1/11/61. 24 members. Paul L.Mitchell,Pres. WEST CHESTER, Pa.HTC charter issued 2/10/61. 21 members. G.Steward Michener,Pres. FT WARREN-FRONTIER (Cheyenne,Wyo.) charter issued about here. C.FRYE HALEY (Ft Knox,Ky) charter issued 4/6/61. 53 members. Joseph Mahoney,Jr.,Pres. TRIGG COUNTY (Cadiz,Ky.) charter issued 4/11/61. 37 members. Jess Vinson,Pres.

The High Twelve Clubs in the St Petersburg (Fla.) area on 2/3/61 had a luncheon honoring President C.J.Hyde of HTI. Clubs represented were St Petersburg 68 present; St Petersburg Downtown 18 present; High Point 24 present; Largo 8 present; Skycrest 9 present. In the Question and Answer period after his talk....

Q.(St Petersburg) What do we get out of International for our contribution to it?

A. Printing costs, salaries, tax on salaries; printing of magazines has gone up. We can render more and better service through our magazine. Florida should have a regular item in it. Expenses - Costs \$50.00 for charters; for convention; office supplies; \$4,800.00 for retiring salary for Executive Director.

Q. Is Wolcott Foundation Fund under control of International Trustees?

A. Not controlled 100% by Trustees, nor by International. Each club has a voice for each 25 members, who are eligible to membership of Foundation .

Q. Original purpose of Fund....Does it include for local service too? A. Yes.

Q. How many paid officials? A. An office secretary at \$100.00 a week.

Q. Number of clubs in International? A. 237. Q. Membership? A. 14,557. Q. Has the International Representative any authority over local clubs. A. No. Q. What are the duties and responsibilities of the International Representative? A. International Representative has no authority over local clubs.

Before the meeting opened a Committee sold special cans of candy, taking \$107.00 for the benefit of the Sheriff's Association Boys Ranch. The following day was Ladies Day, with 184 members and their ladies greeting President Hyde. State President Frank Bobel escorted Pres.Hyde from a Lake Worth meeting to the Clearwater Club.

Wallie was now in process of writing the history of the early days of High Twelve and personal reflections. On February 7, 1961 he wrote Treasurer Gram, "...I agree the movement is on the way to failure and death unless we begin building more clubs, which we are not doing. We know there will be clubs that fail to succeed and will die each year. Not only must these clubs be replaced, but new clubs must be added to our present list." "...The present failure in building new clubs is certainly not lack of love for High Twelve....it is the cost....so high that our average High Twelver cannot afford to cover the necessary basic cost of automobile travel, long distance telephone calls and the first meeting luncheon or dinner cost at which time the temporary setup is completed. The costs to build a club in a nearby city (however) at a very minimum are \$35.00 to \$40.00, which is more than a brother can put in...."

"The contributions made by the High Twelve Clubs to the Wolcott Foundation could, without any loss to the educational program or project, be directed to a Club Building Fund for a period of one year, thus providing ample income for a year of club building expense." "...the basic changes taking place in our college trained youth....calls for a re-study of our set objective for the Wolcott Foundation of placing our youth in a Foreign Relations office somewhere in the world...."

"....What has happened. 9 years and \$50,000 from our clubs - 18 youth, sons of Masons all having their A.B.Degrees from accredited Colleges - \$23,000.00 paid in to George Washington U., Washington, D.C. ... not one of these fine youth has been placed in any type of Foreign Relations in any Foreign Country.

February 17, 1961 was Annual Masonic All States Night at the Coliseum, St Petersburg, Florida. Master of Ceremonies was C.J.Hyde, HTI President.

Treasurer and Acting Administrator J.E.Gram to all High Twelvians - circular letter refers to accompanying letter from E.C.Wolcott, "...He does not suggest the abandonment of the Educational program. He only states that since we have sufficient funds to

carry on for several years at our present rate of tuitions to students, we can well afford to divert our attentions and donations for a period of one year toward the building of new clubs, expansion of clubs and the purchasing or building of a permanent Home for High Twelve International here in St Louis, Mo." 2/20/61

In a letter of March 2, 1961 to Dorrance S. Raysdon, Treasurer J.L. Gram wrote apparently in answer to some questions, "...each member of all High Twelve Clubs are individual members of the new corporation (Wolcott Foundation), and are entitled to a vote. This is how the Trustees claim that the control is still in the hands of the International. Now, in order for each member to be a voting part of the new Wolcott Foundation, dues must be received. Therefore, out of the dues from each Club, 5¢ per member must be paid by International to the new Foundation Inc. Here is the problem, and any club who does not pay the increase in dues are not considered up-to-date; therefore their members are not listed as a part of the new Corporation."

"....I have not satisfied myself that even with the increase of dues we can pay out approximately \$15,000 per year, or \$9,000 or \$10,000 for the salary for the proper man, and \$35 to \$45 hundred for traveling and sundry expenses; therefore, we all must find a way to expand and grow...."

James N. Robertson, 2nd Int. V.P. wrote an article in the March-April-May, 1961 High Twelvian re. incorporation of the Wolcott Foundation, which seemed to have been bothering many members. "....It appears to me as a lawyer that some of the protection for the donors' gifts should be factual. It is my understanding that Pres. Jimmy Hyde is planning to send a short factual statement to all of us, indicating the difference between the old and the new; and perhaps this will rectify some of the prevalent misunderstandings...."

"Re. raise in dues...." "....I can assure you that with the brothers presently on the Board, there is not one cent spent for anything that is not for the good of High Twelve." "....High Twelve has been operating on \$2.00 per year for some time, out of which is paid the expense of the International Office, the cost of printing the High Twelvian, the printing of various pamphlets, etc. Postage rates went up. The cost of paper, salaries, printing, etc. have all risen. The amount of funds diminished rapidly

"....The additional dollar (dues) represents a raise of .0192 cents per week per member. It doesn't represent a stupendous raise."

Referring to the revision of the Constitution & By-Laws, he pointed out the discrepancies, a "hodge-podge of contradictory statements." Re. Conventions, "...the Louisville Convention will be the first meeting of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc., in which all of us are members and can vote by our presence or through proxies in proportion."

In the same issue of the High Twelvian, President Hyde, under caption, "Our Great Image", explained the Trust Fund formally organized 9/21/60. Charitable Foundation established on the advice of St Louis tax attorneys retained by the International Governing Board to succeed the previous un-incorporated Foundation of High Twelve International for tax considerations.

Pres. Hyde outlined the organization and purpose of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc; that High Twelvians participate. He pointed out that the membership will not be assessed at any time....that the provision for allocation of 5¢ per member from the regular International annual dues is made to conform with State and Federal laws concerning charitable foundations. The 5¢ per member dues would not represent any increase or addition to the regular International dues. This allocated money was to be used to defray a portion of the administrative costs of operating the Foundation. No Trustee to be compensated for his services or for transportation, secretarial, postage or other

"....They spend from their own resources a minimum total of \$1,500.00 per year."

President Hyde then laid down the challenge, and pointed out that this scholarship program had received considerable attention from other Masonic bodies. He then listed top placement records in the various departments and agencies in the Federal Government.

OAK PARK, Ill. HTC's President Mark Brooks presented new safety equipment to the Oak Park YMCA for use in its summer camp pool in early spring of 1961. Gifts included a rescuator, a resuscitor and an aqualung. High Twelvian 3/4/5, 1961.

FRONTIER HTC, NCO Club, Ft F.E.Warren, Wyoming charter party was 3/8/61. Charter presented by F.E.Fields, PSP, Colorado, who also installed. Visitors from Cheyenne and several Colorado clubs. There was a heavy snow storm at the time, which they had to drive through.

The brothers of the clubs still didn't seem to understand Wallie's appeal. Treasurer and Acting Administrator J.E.Gram wrote Dr.James L.Blain, D.O., Aurora, Colo. 3/14/61, "....we are indeed sorry you misread and apparently misunderstood Bro.Wally's letter.....He makes no mention of using our Educational Funds for any purpose other than those ideals for which they were originally intended." "....There is at present 6 or 8 resolutions on file....wherein they state, ' Since we have sufficient funds in our Educational Program account to last 8 or 10 years at the present rate of tuition outlay', that for a period of 1 or 2 years Clubs making their donations should designate them for the Building Fund or the Expansion Program; which after all is the foundation upon which our great organization was founded....here the assistance is greatly needed....."

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HTC had a hobby show 3/24/61 at the Idaho Springs Masonic Temple, Colo. HIGH POINT (Florida) HTC charter party was 4/7/61. Pres.Crone presented a check for \$100.00 to Bro.Genung, Sheriff of Pinnelas County for the Florida Boys Ranch. Much credit went to Bro.Earl Chambers.

E.C. "Wallie" Wolcott, Founder of HTI received his 50 year button at Overland Lodge 623 AF&AM, Overland, Mo. 4/27/61, Ladies Night, and many honored him with their presence.

Board Secretary Sivers wrote Office Secretary Lucille Diering 4/5/61 saying there had been many endorsements of Bro.Vorhes for Administrator. Sivers was afraid that there might be an adverse reaction. "....he really must be top material for the job, except for his age...."

TRIGG COUNTY HTC charter party 4/11/61. Pres.C.J.Hyde, Deputy Grand Master of Kentucky presented the charter and installed the officers. 37 members. Will meet at night monthly. Club was promoted by Past Grand Master John Vinson. This was the thirteenth High Twelve Club in Kentucky. Toastmaster Wm.Roser, President of the Kentucky-Alabama Association. Jess Vinson was the first president.

Lucille Diering reported 4/28/61 that Wallie had been in the office several times; and felt he was marking time until Louisville Convention. She had sent 7 cartons of files and one steel file to Wallie's home so he could research for history of HTI. It was noted that dues were increased early in 1961. Probably at Mid-Year meeting. OTTUMWA (Iowa) HTC charter lifted 5/12/61. Was chartered 4/25/45.

SAN LEANDRO (Calif.) HTC charter issued 5/19/61. 57 members. Pres. Rolland B.Wilson. REDFORD (Detroit,Mi.) charter issued 5/19/61. 30 members. Pres.Jerry Loiselle. COMMUNITY HTC (Brandenburg, Ky) later referred to as BRANDENBURG HTC charter party 6/12/61. 17 members. Charter presented by Wm.S.Roser, who also installed officers. 75 people present. President Kenneth E.Curry.

The Wolcott Foundation as of 5/31/61 had received a total of 91 applicants. The

University had accepted 75 scholars, and had graduated 12 recipients of these scholarships. Estimated 5 more of these accepted were eligible to be graduated. Some had finished their work, but must complete their thesis. Currently 8 applications pending final action by the Trustees. The total expended on the scholars was approximately \$25,000.00. Exclusive of subsistence allowance, the tuition and fees at that time were \$450.00 each of the two semesters and \$100.00 for summer school.

The membership was reported as 14,057 in 240 clubs as of 5/31/61. The International Convention was held in Louisville, Ky. 6/25-28/1961. William Roser General Chairman. Held at Kentucky Hotel. Souvenir program contained advertising. Speaker Monday mens' luncheon was M.W.Lloyd Greene, GM, Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Speaker in afternoon was Max Farrington, Assistant to the President, George Washington University, Herbert Hahn, Chairman Bldg.Fund Comm. and Hicks Griffiths, Chairman of Trustees of Wolcott Foundation, Inc. Speaker at Installation Banquet Wednesday was Viscount Victor E.Perryton. Toastmaster E.P.White, Jr.

Chairman John J.Mick, recently appointed Ch.Military Affairs Committee explained why we had no Navy Base High Twelve Clubs. Only 3 were on Army Installations, and 15 on Air Force Installations. Within the Navy there wasn't so much dependence on the other man (as an individual). Aboard ship they had a specific duty to do. Generally speaking, the same applied to Army. "In the Air Force, we have an entirely different picture. They are not hampered by tradition. They are dependent upon each other aboard ship (plane), and the officer personnel works with the crew closely. They all tend to call each other by their first names, even in formation and military operations." "....Start cultivating the C.O. if a Protestant or highest Protestant until you find one who is sympathetic to our work."

The workshop was conducted by First V.P.William Worthen and covered younger members, Interclub Relations, Attendance. Report submitted by Fred H.Doty, Calif. President Hyde said in the High Twelvian following the Convention, "....There were times that I wondered as I struggled with plane reservations in foul weather and some ugly situations in clubs if it was all worth the trouble. Tonight (banquet) I have been well repaid." It was reported that Pres.Hyde had travelled 33,000 miles; attended 53 different meetings, addressed 42 different clubs, which took him into 12 different states and required 62 days of his time. Tallman Trask wrote in the High Twelvian of Nov.-Dec., 1964 that, "he was instrumental in holding some State Associations in the International Organization when there were some problems."

Adjusted membership 5/31/60 = 14,389. 5/31/61 = 14,221 = loss of 168. 12 inactive clubs; 231 active and 17 new clubs. Charters issued = Bowling Green, Ky. 6/18/60; Arcadia, Ca. 6/23/60; Sacramento, Ca. 6/23/60. H.C.Godman, Spain 7/18/60; Torrejon AFB Spain 9/13/60; Columbus, Ind. 9/17/60; Downey, Ca. 11/5/60; LePremier en France 11/19/60; Beale AFB (Ca.) 11/16/60; West Chester, Pa. 2/10/61; Huron (K.C., Kan.) 2/11/61; Cheyenne, Wyo. 3/8/61; Ft Knox, Ky. 4/6/61; Cadez, Ky. 4/11/61; Redford, Mich. 5/19/61; SanLeandro, Ca. 5/19/61.

Inactive clubs: Buttonwillow, Ca; El Cerrito, Ca; Oroville, Ca; Tracy, Ca; Eustis, Fla; Ottumwa, Iowa; W.Shreveport, La; Battle Creek, Mich; Joplin, Mo; Atlantic City, N.J; Fairborn, Ohio; Enid, Okla. 12 largest clubs: Clearwater, Fla. 231; Toledo, O. 222; Springfield, Ill. 216; Sacramento, Ca. 182; Sioux City, Iowa. 168; Topeka, Kan. 166; St. Petersburg, Fla. 165; Culver City, Ca. 155; Des Moines, Iowa 148; Davenport, Iowa 137; Kansas City, Kan. 136; Far Hills (Dayton) 136 members.

Chartered after 6/1/61 - Brandenburg, Ky. 6/1/61; Petaluma, Ca. 7/15/61; Hamilton AFB Ca. 8/15/61. New clubs by states: California 5; Kentucky 3; Spain 2; 1 each in Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Penna., Wyoming and France. HAMILTON HTC (Hamilton AFB) Calif. charter presented by Int.Pres.Wm.L.Worthen. The welcome was by Col.Reet P. Smith, USAF, Deputy Base Commander. Delegations were present from Albany, Richmond,

Oakland, San Francisco, Petaluma, San Leandro, Yuba-Sutter, Chico, Napa and the sponsoring club, Marvelous Marin. Introductions by Fred H.Doty; Installation by State President Arthur E.Gonzales , assisted by Executive Vice President Don Mathewson and State Secretary Tallman Trask. Pres.Robert E.Nelso; Sec.Robert F.Decker.

Hicks G.Griffiths,PIP, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Wolcott Foundation,Inc. reported at length on the history of the Wolcott Foundation and present problems. He lead off by stating that the Constitution of High Twelve International provided in Article II the general objects of High Twelve. One of the five general objects, 'To give our support and personal attentions to the problems of youth, and fostering, encouraging, and supporting adequate educational facilities and opportunities for them.' (NOTE: This objective legitamatized High Twelve International's involvement with the Wolcott Foundation.DLP).

"....the administrative aspects of the project grew from a committee of High Twelve International to a Trusteeship under an indenture of trust, and finally to a non-profit corporation." 9/21/60.

Griffiths to the Convention, "....the State Department is merely the most glamorized agency with foreign service contacts. It is the showcase of diplomatic relations, but the contest for world supremacy is being fought on a cold war basis, and economics is the real battleground."

There was discussion regarding getting Court approval to transfer funds of the old Foundation to Wolcott Foundation,Inc. Past International President Hicks Griffiths favored transfer, inasmuch as the St Louis tax attorney advised that the Trust Indenture was of no effect...had no legal status in the State of Missouri. "....All that is necessary, is to either notify the bank by resolution that money is transferred from one fund to another or by issuing a check for the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. and we open up a new account."

He was asked, "....What if one of the donors that we had in the Trust under the old High Twelve constitution demands his money back?" Griffiths, "I will be happy to entertain that when the request is made. If somebody wants to start a suit, that's their privelege."

2nd V.P.Robertson thought "we should have a petition or whatever is necessary to dissolve it, and a decree issued that funds be transferred and then there'll be no problem whatsoever about it." Bro.Garlock moved that "This governing board send a resolution of instructions to the bank in St Louis that the signature cards should be transferred to the members of the Wolcott Foundation,Inc. Carried, with "no" votes by Robertson, Royal and Tearman.

The Wolcott Foundation delegates passed the following resolution, "Whereas, considerable confusion has developed regarding the administration of the Wolcott Foundation of HTI and Wolcott Foundation,Inc. as two separate funds." "Whereas, the tax problem which would possibly result in mingling the two funds is trivial and inconsequential." "Now therefore be it resolved that all of the assets of Wolcott Foundation of High Twelve International be immediately transferred to Wolcott Foundation,Inc." This was in order to eliminate any interference with the scholarship program. The Governing Board then passed a resolution implementing the decision of the delegates. While the resolution of the delegates carried, there were 43 "no" votes.

An attempt by the Ohio Association to have the dues reduced was withdrawn. A Resolution called for HTI to acquire a permanent home and recognized the Michigan Clubs' drive for contributions; that the drive became an International project with a minimum goal of \$50,000.00.

Bro. Frank McWhortor, Indianapolis, Ind. won the \$50.00 1st prize for his words and music, "Hi, High Twelvian". Pages 10 & 11 of June-July-Aug., 1961 High Twelvian.

PIP Harold Sivers advised that High Twelve International was properly filed with the State of Missouri, and that the Internal Revenue's pamphlet listing non-profit organizations now carried Wolcott Foundation, Inc. as one recognized as exempt.

1961-62 officers: President William L. Worthen, Glendale, Ca; 1st V.P. James N. Robertson, Media, Pa; 2nd V.P. Wm. F. Tearman, Terre Haute, Ind; 3rd V.P. Charles F. Burkin, Jr., Kansas City, Kansas; Secretary to International Board, Harold J. Sivers, PIP, Toledo, Ohio; Treasurer James E. Gram, East St Louis, Mo; General Counsel G.A. Royal, Des Moines, Iowa; Immediate Past President C.J. Hyde; Office Secretary Mrs. Lucille Diering, 2683 Big Bend Blvd., St Louis, Mo; Editor High Twelvian E.P. White, Jr.

Robert W. "Bob" Vorhes 33^o, Colorado, was appointed as Administrator @ \$7,000.00 a year and traveling expenses not to exceed \$3,500.00 year, with approximately 25% of his time on the road. He had been office manager and sales manager for Western Union Telegraph, Kansas City, having been with W.U. 27 years. In 1944 went into real estate business in Denver. Owned and operated a motel in Idaho Springs, Colo. past 8 years; Past police magistrate Idaho Springs. State Sec.-Tr. Colorado Motel Association. Organized a DeMolay Chapter, a High Twelve Club, and was instrumental in organizing two more High Twelve Clubs and two other DeMolay Chapters. Active in Consistory, Commandry and Shrine in Colorado.

There was considerable discussion at the Governing Board meeting regarding the convention in Florida; whether the Grand Master approved, whether a Clearwater Club might pull out if we did (NOTE: International Officers seemed to be caught in the middle.) Robertson, "...You are completely ignoring the fact that the Grand Master sent a telegram to Kentucky telling us to come down. I think if we don't go, you will slap not only the Grand Master of Florida but also the Deputy Grand Master of Kentucky (Hyde)."

Minutes. In the discussion, "it was brought out" that the Grand Master of Florida was not actually opposed to some of the politicians who got into High Twelve and tried to use the club for their own personal reasons." It was voted to accept the Pinellas County invitation to go to Clearwater, Fla. for the 1962 Convention.

The estimated attendance at the Installation banquet was 500. President Wm. L. Worthen's California Installation Team included Pres. Arthur E. Gonzales, Fresno; Don Mathewson; Fred H. Doty; Sec. Tallman Trask, PSP Dave Snyder; Clarence I. Hammet, Glendale, and Mark Schrock.

Foundation Trustees: Chairman Hicks G. Griffiths, PIP, Mich; Sec. Harold Voorhees, Ohio; Treas. Wm. N. Kinnard, Pennsylvania; Vice Chairman Bishop Stephen Robinson, Iowa; Arthur E. Buss, California.

1961-62 Committee Liaison Officers: 1st VP Robertson - Budgetary & Planning, Constitution & By-Laws, Revision of International Pamphlets, Military Affairs & Resolutions. 2nd V.P. Tearman - Expansion, Publicity, Masonic Relations, International Conventions; 3rd V.P. Charles F. Burkin Jr. - Club Leadership, Youth, Club Manuals and Information Projects.

Budgetary & Planning, T. Archer Brown, Ch., Michigan; Club Manuals & Info., Harold J. Sivers, Chairman, Ohio. Club Leadership, Robert F. Lynch, Ch., Louisiana; Expansion, Tallman H. Trask, Ch. Calif; Const. & By-Laws, Arthur Schifferman, Ch., Calif; Youth, Arthur E. Gonzalez, Ch., Calif; Military Affairs, Col. John J. Mick, ret. Ch. Kentucky; Public Relations, E.P. White, Jr., Ch., Kentucky; Masonic Relations, C.J. Hyde, Grand Master, Kentucky; Resolutions, Joseph L. Prince, Ch. Pennsylvania; Projects, Duane Gerlach,

Ch.,Michigan; Religious and Patriotic Emphasis, Bishop Stephen Robinson,Ch.,Iowa;
Revision of International Pamphlets, Wm. K.Rose, Ch.Ohio.

President Worthen wanted to be permitted to appoint an Executive Committee same as last year. It was voted that "The President be given the authorization to appoint an Executive Committee consisting of the President, 1st, 2nd Vice Presidents to act between meetings of the Board upon matters that were not Board Matters." Carried.

In his message, President Wm.Worthen pointed out that "High Twelve provides its members an opportunity to identify themselves with and be a part of a wide choice of moral endeavors. We have a selection of participation in: Philosophical or Ritualistic Masonry; Religious and Spiritual functions; Education and youth activities; Patriotic and community affairs; Fellowship and personal development.

"Certainly there is something here for everyone. We have the finest philosophy in the world, which we share with millions of Masons raised before the same altar."
"...We, in High Twelve, have an obligation to help spread the seeds of growth and make the blessings of Masonry available to all...."

Most Worshipful Fletcher G.McQueen, Grand Master Florida to D.M.Deringer, President of Affiliated High Twelve Clubs of Pinellas County confirmed 7/3/61 that he had wired R.W.Hyde, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, "Who I am informed will be President of High Twelve International next year" welcoming that organization to Florida for this convention. "...It is my interpretation of Masonic Law of Florida that no Florida Mason can belong to a High Twelve Club. However, during the year that Most Worshipful J.Lewis Hall was Grand Master, he recommended to the Grand Lodge to the craft that we give no opposition to High Twelve Clubs from meeting and enjoying Masonic fellowship for Masons belonging to other Grand Jurisdictions."

"....If you will recall, the High Twelve Clubs moved into Florida and organized without consulting the Grand Lodge of Florida and operated several years without consulting the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida,....and they were in strict violation of the By-Laws of the International High Twelve Clubs.

"I do not want you or anyone else to construe that I am against High Twelve Clubs, because I certainly am not, and in my official visits this year, I plan to discuss with the Brethren and recommend such organizations as yours be approved by this Grand Jurisdiction. However, I feel your organization has a duty to perform and an obligation to appear before the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Lodge of Florida and ask for approval to function in this Grand Jurisdiction. This holds true for any other organization of this type, that they should show the courtesy of asking for permission to organize and function."

During July and August of 1961 there was correspondence between Florida leaders and President Worthen regarding inadvisability of Florida forming a State Association at that time. Douglas M.Deringer, Clearwater, "The Clearwater Club has resigned from our Association, but I am told the membership has over-ridden the opposition for the present, and will remain in International." "...The other 5 clubs in the area held a meeting last Saturday and authorized the formation of the High Twelve Convention Committee of Florida,Inc., Deringer,Pres. We have reserved the Jack Tar Harrison Hotel."

PETALUMA (Calif.)HTC charter issued with 82 members. On 7/15/61 the Charter was presented by Int.Pres.Wm. Worthen. State President Arthur Gonzales installed, with assistance of PSP Don Mathewson. Dr.Phil Barrett was M.C. The High Twelvian indicated there were 105 charter members. Possibly this was meant as 105 in attendance. Pres. J.K. "Slim" Westerterp; Sec-Tr.Eugene R.Bell.

Pres.Wm.Worthen wrote Harold Sivers 9/16/61, "...Bob Vorhes has suggested the need to have the name corrected on our charters. That there was some action in this respect at Chicago Board meeting, December, 1959." 10/1/61."it would seem that the transfer of funds to the Trustees may now be accomplished, but....nothing in past 2 weeks confirming."

Seems as though the difficulties with Ohio (Toledo especially) are smoothing over. Probably was regarding dues raise. Bill Worthen seemed worried about money, so was keeping travel to a minimum. Toledo paid delinquent dues.

Immediate Past International President C.J. Hyde was now the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, to the gratification of all his friends in High Twelve. 10/18/6 ZARAGOZA (Spain) HTC charter issued 9/4/61. 38 members. Pres. Leonard R. Froebe. JACKSON COUNTY (Ind. - Seymour) charter issued 9/30/61. 42 members. Pres. Paul E. Bell. LIVONIA, Mich. HTC charter issued 12/15/61. 24 members. Pres. John E. Rowe.

The Mid-Year meeting of the Governing Board was held Dec. 2 and 3, 1961 in St. Louis, Mo., Statler-Hilton Hotel. Pres. Wm. L. Worthen presided. A tentative decision was made to move from 2683 Big Bend Blvd., St. Louis, to the Grand Lodge Building, 3681 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis. (NOTE: present headquarters of HTI. DLP)

A committee headed by 3rd V.P. Charles Burkin investigated the location, determined costs, and unanimously favored the move.

Administrator Bob Vorhes had been very active visiting mid-west clubs and in developing new clubs, etc. The Executive Committee recommended a complete study of the High Twelvian Magazine. The San Diego, Calif. charter had been lifted 9/27/61. It had been chartered 5/27/48.

The State Presidents 1962: CALIFORNIA: Donald Mathewson, Temple City; COLORADO: '61-62 Dale Keihl; ILLINOIS: Geo. Glakemeier, Jr. (5/4/61), Belleville; IOWA-SO. DAK: 1961-62 Milton H. Nicol, Oelwein; MICHIGAN: Duane S. Gerlack, 1961-62 Mt. Clemens; MISSOURI: Robert M. Pirrie '61-62, Maplewood; KANSAS: 1961 Robert C. Gosney, K.C.; 1962 H. H. Keeshan, Loveland, Colo. (member Manhattan Club); NEW JERSEY: 1962 Jacob Russak, Camden; OHIO: 1962-63 Albert C. D. Rich, Dayton;

Inflation barometers: DOW-JONES AVERAGES 12/31/60 = \$615.89; av. dividends \$21.36. a \$500.00 annuity in 1939 now bought only \$240.00 worth of goods. 12/29/69 D-J \$731.13; Div. 22.71; 9/28/61 D-J = \$578.98; 12/31/62 D-J = \$652.10; Av. div. \$23.30. With cost of living 1939 @ 100 it's about 210 in 1962. Purchase power of the \$ in '39 = 100.... in 1962 about 46. Does market, cost of living, etc., etc. have any bearing on membership or number of clubs? It is a challenging thought.

Tempers were heating up in West Germany. On August 12-13, 1961 the East Germans had erected a wall to stop exodus, east to west.

CHAPTER 9
THE SUIT

During 1961 the High Twelvians of Oakland, Ca. supported their Goodwill Industries as a local project. The GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY HTIC presented a 16mm sound projector to the Marianas Assn. of Retarded Children for use in the Brodie Memorial School, Guam. Pres. Robert Sonnenberg. During the late Fall of 1961, the FORT DODGE HTIC, Iowa, joined with the Shrine Club and raised \$442.00 for the Salvation Army.

Early in 1962, as a club project for their charities, MT CLEMENS completed its 15th Annual Minstrel Variety Show, put on entirely by club members, with the assistance of the High School Music Director.

E.C. Wolcott filed suit 1/17/62 in St Louis, charging the Trustees with malfeasance, and praying for an injunction to prohibit the transfer of funds from the old Foundation to the new. It was further alleged in the suit that the new Foundation had not been declared tax exempt by the Internal Revenue Service.

Administrator Robert Vorhes wrote International Secretary Harold Sivers 1/23/62 "....There have been about 600 members we have lost in clubs....East Cleveland, Vandenberg AFB, San Diego and Salisbury, Md. It's quite a blow, even though we have quite a number of new ones. The 600 old ones lost makes just double the work of getting 600 new ones...."

2/20/62 - JOHN GLENN ORBITED THE EARTH.

Harold J. Sivers, International Secretary to Robert W. Vorhes, Administrator, replying to his communications of February 15 and 16, "At the Board Meeting held on June 29, 1960, the Board, by resolution, established retirement pay of \$4,800.00 per year to E.C. Wolcott for the remainder of his life." "....His salary as such terminated at the close of the convention 6/29/60; it, however, was decided at this Board Meeting that he should hold office until such time as his successor could be appointed. At the special meeting in St Louis 7/16/60, he resigned and his resignation was accepted. He, therefore, was not employed as Executive Director. He was put on a pension, which pension is still in full force and effect....."

"....In reference to his being appointed as Historian, the Constitution and By-Laws do not provide for a salary for the job, and there is no reason he cannot serve as Historian without being classified as an employee...." HJS - 2/27/62.

Robert W. Vorhes, Administrator to H.J. Sivers, Sec., re. nomination for Treasurer, "....Gram has always cooperated with us on the General Fund, but through Wallie's influence, has balked at signing some of the checks for the Foundation. If there is to be a change made, Wagner would be ideal since his office will be in the same building with ours." "....Check situation terrible....It takes 10 days to 2 weeks to get checks back from California...."

There was an Executive Committee Meeting 4/1/62, presumably in St Louis, with Pres. Worthen, the three vice presidents, with Harold Sivers, Sec. in attendance. It pertained to the Convention upcoming in Florida and the moving of the International Office. It was decided to wait until after the Grand Lodge of Florida met to see what they did re. acceptance of High Twelve before taking any action on Clearwater Club and other activities in that state.

The Executive Committee attended meetings and sessions and banquets of the Supreme Council Order of DeMolay 4/2 - 4/5/62. Visited with Masonic, Shrine and Rite and other leaders from all over. Pres. Worthen visited many Mid-Western clubs, Missouri State Convention, and on to Florida. Speaking of the Clearwater Club, Pres. Worthen wrote, I feel that this club will continue on in fine shape. On the following day a luncheon was had with others regarding formation of a State Association. It

was decided to wait until after the Convention before attempting to continue with this part of their program. "....Bro. Tearman has worked hard on this Florida situation, and the fruit of his efforts is evidenced by the goodwill he has built with everyone I met. This trip was most profitable...."

CEDAR RAPIDS (Iowa) HTC put on a very successful one day drive 4/6/62 for new members, with 35 new petitioners being voted into membership. Melvin J. McCalley received a transistor radio for 1st prize. Edgar King, Dave Linge and Dean Metcalf each turned in 3 petitions. Rev. Leonard E. Deaver was president.

There was quite an exchange of correspondence during early May, 1962 between International Secretary Sivers, PIP Royal and Howard H. Hook, R.C. Cartlidge and Wallace Clark regarding the withdrawal of the High Twelve Club of Clearwater (Florida) from High Twelve International, re. collection of interest, property and formation of a new club.

Summary by Cartlidge and Clark: 142 voted to withdraw, 49 to stay; 59 did not vote. "Promptly after the vote was taken, the group that withdrew from International transferred the cash to a Trust Fund....at the present time we are without even a sheet of paper or a postage stamp...."

MILTON WELCH HARDY, Past International President, 32° KCCH, 51, died 6/1/62 of a heart attack 4 hours after becoming ill in his law office. He was a former Assistant City Attorney, retired Army Lieutenant Colonel, Judge Advocate Section on Military Contracts. He was President of High Twelve 1956-57. His father, Summers, Hardy was the 6th President of HTI ('30-31). Survived by his widow, Dorothy, two sons and a sister. Bro. Hardy was from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

As of 5/31/62 there were 13,379 members....a drop of 678; and 233 clubs, a drop of 7. The 12 largest clubs were Toledo, Ohio, 287 members; Springfield, Ill., 195; St. Petersburg, Fla., 161; Topeka, Kan., 160; Birmingham, Mi., 149; Alhambra, Calif., 144; Des Moines, Iowa, 144; Far Hills (Dayton, Oh.) 143; Culver City (Heart-of-Screenland) Ca., 139; Kansas City, Mo. 137; Davenport, Iowa 132; Sioux City, 130.

Inactive clubs: Downtown San Diego, Vandenberg AFB, Clearwater, Fla., Salisbury, Md., East Cleveland, Ohio. CLUBS BY STATES (before adjusted downward by 4 later): California 63 (4 new, 2 inactive); Michigan 22 (1 new); Missouri 17 (1 new); Iowa 16; Ohio 16 - 1 inactive; Kentucky 14 + 1 new; Illinois 13; Indiana 11 (2 new); Kansas 10; Pennsylvania 10; Colorado 7; Florida 7 (1 new & 1 inactive) Louisiana 5; New Jersey 4; South Dakota 3; Spain 3 (1 new); Alabama 2; Guam 2; Nebraska 2; Washington 2 (1 new); England 1; France 1; Minnesota 1; Newfoundland 1; New Mexico 1; New York 1, Wyoming 1 = 237 (12 new & 5 inactive. (NOTE: Later figures show 233).

New clubs by states: 4 Calif; 2 Louisiana; 1 each Florida, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Spain and Washington. CLUBS CHARTERED & CHARTER APPROVALS RECEIVED: 12. Brandenburg, Ky. 6/12/61; Petaluma, Ca. 7/15/61; Hamilton AFB, Ca. 8/15/61; Zaragoza, Spain 9/8/61; Seymour, Ind. 9/30/61; Livonia, Mich 12/15/61; Shelbyville, Ind. 5/5/62; Anna Maria Isl., Fla. 5/14/62; Brentwood, Mo. 5/23/62; Larsen AFB, Wash., 5/26/62; Healdsburg, Ca. 6/2/62; Twain Harte, Ca. 6/9/62. (NOTE: Some shown previously).

Administrator Robert Vorhes to Pres. Wm. Worthen, "....Our new office is fine, but our old furniture is certainly out of place. Also, I feel that the gray painted floors look a lot like jail or prison floors." (NOTE: He was speaking of the concrete floors of the room off of the mezzanine, Missouri Grand Lodge Temple, 3681 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, Mo., where we still are as of 5/17/76. DLP)

The International Convention June 17-20, 1962 was held in Clearwater, Florida, Jack Tarr Harrison Hotel. The souvenir program contained advertising. Monday's speaker was Hobart D. Palbank, Jr. Grand Warden of Grand Lodge of Florida, representing Grand Master William S. Christian.

Wolcott Foundation Chairman Hicks G. Griffiths PIP reported he had travelled 34,000 miles, visiting the staffs of 17 of our embassies, officials of foreign countries, visiting a total of 18 countries on 3 continents. He wanted to observe the functioning of the Foreign Affairs Corps of the United States State Dept. at closer range.

This trip confirmed Griffiths' opinion as expressed at the last convention that economics is the battleground against communism, and that the State Department is just the showcase of diplomatic relations. He then went on to describe how the State Department operates, with ambassadors having complete and absolute authority over any other representative of the United States in that country or, in his absence, the senior member of the staff, who then bears the title of Charge D' Affaires ad Interim. He described the duties of the Agricultural Attache, Economic Consular, Administrative Officer, Commercial Attache and many other specialists attached to the staff.

"Life in some countries is very vigorous. The normal 3 year tour of duty in a foreign nation can be most exacting physically and mentally. (NOTE: He seemed to be preparing the members for a broader scope of scholarships in Government Service beyond the Foreign Service, and even the State Department itself, DLP)

Chairman Griffiths then reported that the IRS on 3/29/62 approved the application of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. for exemption from Federal Income Tax. He then referred back to June, 1960 International Convention action establishing a new scholarship foundation; and that no further contributions would be accepted for the old Foundation, to exhaust old Foundation funds before drawing on the new Foundation. He then referred to the 1961 HTI Convention in Louisville resolution ordering transfer of all funds from the old to the new Foundation in order to eliminate any further interference with the scholarship program.

"....Since a suit has been instituted to enjoin us from carrying out your directions, I am forced to discuss this....We are the designated defendants and you are the unnamed defendants." "....We have had a handful of members who, because were not in control of all aspects of the program, have been highly motivated to kill the scholarship program....thwarted, these members have between conventions succeeded in disrupting and harassing the the relationship between High Twelve International's Trustees and the University and the Wolcott scholars selected and sponsored by your local clubs and endorsed by your State Associations."

"....the image that has been created by your proposing and creating this scholarship program is as important to you as the crippled children program is to the Shrine. In spite of your clear and unambiguous instructions, the International Treasurer, Mr. Gram, refused to carry out the transfer of the funds. You will recall that during the previous year, Treasurer Gram had refused to cooperate in the payment of tuition and fees owed the George Washington University. In addition, we owed the University monthly subsistence payments...." "We made this arrangement so that scholars would only receive these payments if they were currently in attendance...."

....As a result of this harassment, I urged you at the last convention either to

terminate the scholarship program or enable the Trustees to meet your obligations and commitments to the students and the University. You, by your resolution adopted the latter course. I thought this would convince Mr. Gram of your wholehearted interest in carrying out the program. Unfortunately, I was sadly mistaken. The University was not only unpaid for tuition and fees, but they advanced out of their own moneys subsistence allowances to these students who would not have been able to remain in school."

"Finally....the University insisted....reimbursement for these unwarranted expenditures. We finally were forced to draw a check on the new Foundation to pay our indebtedness." "...At the Mid-Year meeting Mr. Gram advised the Governing Board that he would transfer the funds if all the Trustees signed a Warrant or order requesting the transfer of the funds. When the Trustees complied with this request, a suit was instituted by E.C. Wolcott, making the Trustees defendants as well as James Gram and Herbert Hahn (defendants in technical sense)...."

"....This same type of harassment was responsible for the submission of the resignation of four trustees at the Philadelphia Convention in 1959...." Griffiths closed his report to the convention by tendering his resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees. (NOTE: His resignation was enthusiastically rejected by a voice vote, EPW).

The report of the Leadership Committee of HTI, Robert F. Clynch, Louisiana is summarized here. They had sent a questionnaire to all clubs: "Which does your club consider in selection of its officers and leaders....Age, ability to preside, speak, delegate; time available; past record; ability to travel for club? Does the club have following committees? Wolcott Foundation, Expansion in the area, Hospitality, Flowers and Sick Calls; International, State or Regional; Programs, Progress, Budget, Charity, New Members, State and International; Masonic, Americanism?

Should clubs have standard minimum initiation fee, and if so what? On what committees should club officers belong? A minimum number of meetings? Should State organizations have minimum dues? How much minimum initiation fees? Should State organizations sponsor club bulletins? Should State Officer visitations be paid by the State organizations? International visitations?

The above questionnaire was followed up by a letter. Only 71 clubs answered, so 69% not represented in findings. The thoughts are based on 31%. 1. Does your club have a leadership or an Americanization Committee? Yes - 17; No - 54. 2. Does your club have 1 meeting each year dedicated to American way of life with speaker? Yes - 51; No - 20; 3 - Do you think all High Twelve Clubs should have one day planned by HTI as "Americanism Day"? Yes - 64; No - 7.

4. Does your membership sponsor a movement or take a concrete stand on communism? Yes 39; No - 31. 5 Should our clubs endeavor to have more emphasis placed on the American History and Heritage and American principles in our educational system? and in the homes? Yes - 66; no - 5. 6, Does your club recognize outstanding leaders in your club? Yes - 49 ; No 20 (civic leaders). 7. Does your club take a leading roll in promoting Expansion of HTI? Yes - 43; No - 28. 8 - Does your club have any method of selecting leaders for future officers? Yes - 39; No - 32.

9 - Does your club have a program or practice of selecting new members who are eligible for membership, from leaders in yor community? Yes - 38; No - 33. 10 - Does your club think that regional workshops within the State Organization or on a regional or nationwide basis should be instituted? Yes - 37; No - 29. Doubtful - 5.

Outgoing President William Worthen, "...Some of the outstanding things during this year were....The appointment of the new Administrator, approval of High Twelve by the Florida Grand Lodge, the start of the Wolcott suit; and changing of format of the High Twelvian (Magazine). He was deeply impressed at the representation of

High Twelve at the joint meetings of all Masonic Bodies at the Supreme Council of DeMolay at Indianapolis." Tallman Trask, Nov-Dec.1969 High Twelvian.

Some more recent charters issued: SHELLEYVILLE, Ind. issued 5/5/62. 19 members. Pres. Charles R. Walts. LARSON AFB Wash. issued 5/26/62. 79 members. Pres. James C. Hodgson. ANNA MARIA ISLAND Fla. issued 5/14/62. 43 members. Pres. Edwin Dalos Wetmore. TWAIN HARTE, Ca. issued 6/9/62. 50 members. Pres. James F. Pierce. HEALDSBURG, Ca. issued 6/2/62. 27 members. Pres. L.L. Lindstrom. BRENTWOOD, Mo. issued 5/23/62. 25 members. Pres. John L. Ault.

1962-63 Officers: President James N. Robertson, Media, Pa; 1st V.P. William F. Tearman, Terre Haute, Ind; 2nd V.P. Charles F. Burkin, Jr., Kansas City, Kansas; 3rd V.P. Robert F. Clynch, Baton Rouge, La; Treasurer Wm. S. Roser, Louisville, Ky; Secretary to International Board, Harold J. Sivers, Toledo, Ohio; General Counsel, Arthur Schifferman, Los Angeles; Editor High Twelvian, E.P. White, Jr., Louisville, Ky; Immediate Past President Wm. L. Worthen, Glendale, Ca. The Administrator was Robert Vorhes, 3681 Lyndell, St Louis, Mo. and the Office Secretary Mrs. Lucille Diering, St. L.

Wolcott Foundation Trustees: Chairman Hicks G. Griffiths, Michigan; Secretary Leonard Voorhees, Ohio; Treasurer Wm. N. Kinnard, Pennsylvania; Vice Chairman Bishop Stephen Robinson, Iowa; Arthur E. Buss, Calif.

The Wednesday evening installation banquet was addressed by Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Most Worshipful C.J. Hyde, Past Intern. Pres. of H.T.I., and Assistant Chief of Police, Louisville, Ky.

President Robertson appointed as his advisors - James E. Gram, East St Louis, Ill. and G.A. Royal, Des Moines. The Convention voted to return the monies in the "New Building Fund" to all donors if they so desired, and a letter to that effect was mailed to all concerned 7/23/62. "...The response to 'office improvement fund' has been good. Asked for approval to transfer the donations of the brothers to this new Office Improvement Fund from the New Building Fund.

ZONES ASSIGNED THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS: Pres. James N. Robertson: New England, England, Newfoundland, France, Spain, Penn., N.J., Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina. Im. P.P. Wm. Worthen: Calif., New Mexico and Arizona. 1st V.P. Wm. Tearman: Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Florida & Minnesota. 2nd V.P. Charles F. Burkin: Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota. 3rd V.P. Robert F. Clynch: Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Arkansas, Oklahoma. Secretary Harold J. Sivers PIP: Ohio, Michigan & New York. Treasurer Wm. Roser: Kentucky, West Virginia and Tennessee. General Counsel A.E. Schifferman: Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Guam.

LIAISON TO COMMITTEES: Robertson: Leadership & Masonic Relations. Tearman: Public Relations and Administrative. Burkin: Projects & Military Affairs. Clynch: Youth & Expansion. Sivers: Manuals & Resolutions. Roser: Budget. Schifferman: Const. & By-L.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: Budgetary & Planning - T. Archer Brown, Mich; Manuals & Information Lewis Hoffman, Ohio; Club Leadership - Don Mathewson, Calif; Expansion - Tallman Trask, Calif; Constitution & By-Laws - Joseph L. Prince, Pennsylvania; Military Affairs Gilbert Kinmonth, Louisiana; Youth - Marvin Foulke, Indiana; Public Relations - E.P. White, Jr., Kentucky; Masonic Relations - C.J. Hyde, Kentucky; Resolutions - Monta W. Shirley, California; Convention - David Snyder, California; Projects - Frank W. McWhorter, Indiana; Necrology-Religious - Bishop Stephen Robinson, Iowa; International Office Procedure - Wm. F. Tearman, Indiana (& St Louis members - H.E. Harper, E.W. Wagner, Louis Elair and Robt. W. Vorhes.)

President James Robertson, "....I wonder just how much expansion can be laid in the laps of Brothers who have visited existing clubs and then decided he would like a club in his home town? I suspect that a great number of clubs started this way." "....Wally Forbes (PIP) attended a HTC while they were attending a dental convention in the midwest, and as a result, the Philadelphia HTC was born. If this ideas is correct, why don't all of us in the local clubs do some 'brain storming' with a Brother who may be moving away, so that the Brother will join a High Twelve club near his new home or start a new club if one doesn't exist." "....The Florida clubs are good examples...." Sept-Oct. High Twelvian, 1962

The High Twelve Club of WEST CHESTER, Pa. heard International President James N. Robertson stress the need for group meetings of High Twelve Clubs in order that individuals of various clubs might become well acquainted, thereby promoting close cooperation among regional clubs in their efforts to attain the goals for which High Twelve was formed.... 7/3/62

The Secretary of State of the State of Missouri was requested by Administrator Robert W. Vorhes 7/16/62 to change the address on the Articles of Corporation for High Twelve International to 3681 Lindell Blvd., St Louis 8, Mo.

INTERNATIONAL DE MOLAY CORDON of Sept. 1962 had a nice writeup about the Claremont (Ca.) HTC sponsoring of a "college scholarship for DeMolay boys, which was started by Dr. Carter Alexander of the club. It achieves educational and development values not attained by many other such programs...."

CLEARWATER, Fla. HTC entertained officers and sponsors of Area De Molay Chapters 9/12/62. They had sponsored 5 DeMolay boys. On August 8, Col. Lex O. Sheffield USA told them of work of Children's Charity Hospital, Pusan, Korea, which the club had aided for some time.

SEACOAST HTC, Portsmouth, New Hampshire charter was presented 9/14/62 by International President James N. Robertson at the Pease AFB, NCO; first High Twelve Club in New England. This was formerly the Pease AFB Cin-o-Sam Square & Compass Club. Pres. Alfred Leaver; Sec. James L. Houston. They were supporting the Masonic Flood Bank of New Hampshire and setting up a Degree Team and furthering DeMolay 52 members.

ARNOLD PAGE HTC, Suffolk, Eng., now a Patron Contributor to the Royal Masonic Hospital. Current charities also consist of Royal Masonic Girls School and Royal Masonic Boys School. Club was meeting Tuesday noons at the N.C.O. Club at Lakenheath RAF St.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. HTC ... Bro. R. Carter Tucker in one year's time brought 10 new members into the club and still at it. BAKERSFIELD, Ca. HTC presented check for \$400.00 to the Bakersfield Junior Baseball Association to add to cost of providing night field lighting at Garces High School baseball diamonds. Pres. Hal Holmes presented chk.

Expansion Chairman Tallman Trask urged 1 - Formation of Attendance Committees with real active member as chairman, and all who are not assigned duties as members; and dividing them into groups of 3 to 5 to call on or phone members weekly. 2 - Adopt the slogan, "Every member get a member"; have membership chairman put on a membership drive or a contest. 3 - Adopt the slogan, "Every Club Organize a Club."

Administrator Robert Vorhes to the membership, High Twelvian of Sept-Oct., 1962, "....When clubs seem to be having trouble and are inclined to withdraw, Zone Officers and State Officers should exert every effort to keep them in the fold. If there are 15 or more members who desire to remain loyal to HTI, they should be allowed to do so. "...All clubs and State Associations are requested to send a copy of their Constitution & By-Laws to the International Office at once in order to bring our club records up to date." "....also advise us if you are incorporated or not, and include the

Articles of Incorporation, if such exist." "....If a club is having financial problems, we urge an increase in dues, if the majority feels it will help. Clubs that show the most interest and the highest percentage of attendance, have the highest dues. Every club should have a fund raising project, if necessary, to help defray the expenses of at least one delegate to their State Conventions and to the Internat.Conv."

"....We wish that every member could see our splendid new offices in the Masonic Temple Building (St.Louis)." "....He would then realize our need for funds with which to bring our old equipment and files up to Masonic Standards."

FAIRCHILD AFB, Wash. HTC charter issued 10/6/62. 104 members. Pres.Jim Williams. MIDDLETOWN, Ohio HTC charter presented 11/7/62 by HTI Pres.James N.Robertson. Address by PIP, C.J.Hyde,Jr.P.G.M. of Kentucky. 116 members shown on charter; but High Twel-vian of the time said 122 charter members. State Pres.Albert C.D.Rich was Installing Officer. 200 persons present at the banquet. Pres.Herman H.Lawrence; Sec.Lewis Hamilton. Honorary Life Membership in the club was presented to Chester Hodges 33°, FGM, Ohio.

QUINCY, Ill HTC's 15th Annual chili supper was a success as usual, according to J.Carl Menke. Statistics: 95 gallons of chili; 50 gallons of chicken noodles; 700 chicken sandwiches; 275 pies....Held at Masonic Temple. Proceeds to hospital beds and welfare projects. Club owns 85 hospital beds, loaned to 1,700 grateful persons over past 14 years, (no cost, non-sectarian, race, crede, sex or financial position). One bed in constant use by one patient 12 years. (NOTE: If there were a "Paddy" award, for a worthwhile project in successful long term operation, I'd have to give serious consideration to QUINCY,IL"Paddy"Paddock).

General Counsel Art Schifferman to Administrator Bob Vorhes 9/28/62 re. Trade-Mark Registration of words "High Twelve". "President Jim Robertson has asked me to find out what it may take to correct the registration at the U.S.Patent Office, so as to show High Twelve International to be the true owner thereof, instead of "International Association, High Twelve Clubs", which appears on my photo copy of the trade-mark application and the Trade-Mark (No.443,695)."

"....Gerry Royal was kind enough to mail me the copy of the application and of the trade-mark itself....It might barely be possible that Gerry has the original and perhaps further copies relating to this matter."

Schifferman wrote all members of the Int.Governing Board 10/1/62, ".....I also find that our charters are issued to clubs under that name (Int.Assn. High Twelve Clubs)...." "....This seems to me to be a most serious matter. In fact, if we are still issuing charters to new clubs under a non-existent name, we are lending ammunition to those of the clubs who are dissidents. As I noted in San Diego last Saturday night, a charter there was so headed. I also learned that one club in San Diego had withdrawn, and now operated simply as a Masonic Club."

"I consider it of prime importance that we junk all charter blanks that use a name that we never had, at least so far as our incorporation documents show....." Robert Vorhes, Adm. to Art Schifferman 10/8/62, "I am enclosing one of the old charters as well as the new proposed one for your approval. You will notice that 'Americanism' has been changed to 'Patriotism', and all references to 'International Association of High Twelve Clubs' has been changed to 'High Twelve International.' We are also using the trademark cut instead of one which was drawn by hand, and I have indicated the signature for International President and International Secretary instead of just President and Secretary....."

General Counsel Schifferman to Ray H.Olson, Olson, Trexler, Wolters & Bushnell, Chicago 10/9/62. He called their attention to correspondence with PIP Holland F. FlaHavhan to effect that predecessor firm of Olson & Trexler procured registration of our trademark 'High Twelve', certificate #443,695, 1/17/50, based upon applicat-

ion filed 7/4/47. It was issued to 'International Association, High Twelve Clubs, of St. Louis, Mo., a corporation of Missouri.' and the application, therefore was signed 'International Association, High Twelve Clubs, by Holland F. FlaHavhan, Pres.'

"....Before its incorporation, High Twelve may and no doubt did use as its name that which is above set forth. But it was incorporated originally in Kansas City, Mo., by pro forma decree dated 6/20/23 under the name 'The International High Twelve Club.' By later amendment the name was changed to 'High Twelve International' and the location to St Louis. The Circuit Court of St Louis County dated its pro forma decree 3/23/50."

"It would therefore seem that at the time the application for registration of the trade-mark was filed, to wit: 7/4/47, it was no longer 'Inernational Association, etc.' but it should then have been 'The International High Twelve Club'. Again, the present name is 'High Twelve International.'"

"Our International Governing Board is interested in protecting our right to this trade-mark by substituting our true name on the records of the Patent Office. Also, is there any method whereby the 20 year protection afforded can be extended beyond the date of 1/17/70? Also, do your records show to whom the original certificate was delivered?"

Harold J. Sivers, Int. Sec. & PIP wrote Gen. Counsel Schifferman 10/8/62, "....I have in my possession the trade mark number 443695 7/6/47....also Pro Forma Amended Decree of Incorporation and the photostat of the Pro Forma Decree of Incorporation of the International High Twelve Clubs....also a copy of a letter 6/5/47 addressed to William Hecht, Treasurer...."

"....12/5 & 6 /59 Governing Board Meeting minutes....show considerable action in reference to the patent and trade mark of the International Association of High Twelve Clubs....gist was...General Counsel was instructed to obtain a new trade mark from the United States Government using the correct name of the organization as it is today....High Twelve International....Allerton was General Counsel....nothing was done on this action to the best of my knowledge."

"On 4/27/62 I addressed a letter to Gerry Royal pertaining to the copyright of High Twelve International, advising him that at the Governing Board Meeting held 12/5 and 12/6/59considerable discussion and action....re. patent and trade mark of the Int. Assn. of H.T.Cs, and that as a result of that action the General Counsel was to obtain a new trade mark. This, I do not believe, has been done to date." He offered to send Schifferman any missing items.

GATEWAY (Aurora, Colo.) charter picked up 10/18/62. Chartered 6/4/52.

10/22/62 - PRESIDENT KENNEDY REVEALED SOVIET OFFENSIVE BUILDUP IN CUBA. QUARANTINED.
11/6/62 - PRES. KENNEDY ANNOUNCED SOVIET MISSILE BASE IN CLUB BEING DISMANTLED.

CINCINNATI (Ohio) charter lifted 10/31/62. Was chartered in Sept., 1957.

STATE PRESIDENTS, WINTER OF '62-63....California-Fred H. Doty, Richmond; COLORADO: '61-62 Dale Keihl. '62-63 unknown; ILLINOIS: 5/18/62 Brooks C. Barker, Oak Park; IOWA-SOUTH DAKOTA: Thaddeus C. Jones, Des Moines; MICHIGAN: Nathaniel S. Tuchman, Benton Harbor; MISSOURI: Clair H. Schroeder, Kansas City apparently '61-62 and Dennis O'Hearn '62-63 (information sheet confusing); KANSAS: 1963 Harlan E. McDowell, Topeka; NEW JERSEY: 1963 & 1964 (2 yrs) Raymond D. Seely, East Orange; OHIO: Albert C. D. Rich, Dayton; (NOTE: I never did receive this information from Kentucky-Alabama Assn., so unless listed in High Twelvian, not shown. DLP)

Administrator Robert Vorhes took extended trip through the Midwest and Kentucky, visiting clubs in the fall. Attended State Conventions in Colorado and Kansas. Called on Grand Lodge Officers in Utah and Arizona., Minnesota and South Dakota. Seemed to think he had prospects. Thinks will have enough clubs to form State Associations in June.

Mid-Year Meeting of the International Governing Board was held Dec. 8 and 9, '62 in St. Louis at the new offices in the Masonic Temple of the Missouri Grand Lodge. "...President Robertson devised and worked out what was hoped to be an acceptable solution to the legal troubles (Wolcott suit) which have been plaguing the International movement, especially hindering the activities of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc." He met with attorneys of Wolcott and it was agreed that "money in the old Foundation would be withdrawn as needed to pay for the costs of the Wolcott Scholars also to reimburse the new fund for payments heretofore made for such, and suit to remain dormant until June Convention, San Diego.

"If the Convention affirms the Board's action, then the suit will be dropped entirely. Vouchers covering the withdrawals are subject to okeh by the Plaintiff's attorneys during the interval between December and June."

"President Robertson was invited to attend the Grand DeMolay Conclave in Tampa, Florida April 1 - 4. Approved by the Board." Frank McWhortor suggested "canned" speeches and slides to explain and "sell" the Wolcott Foundation, Inc., and to be used to form new clubs. "...and a grant of money to the estates or survivors of deceased members with 25 years or more membership." All referred to Committees for study.

"Lewis Hoffman will have a go at rewriting the International pamphlets, stressing the positive approach." Administrator Vorhes reported a net increase of 273 members since the Convention. Free membership certificates were to be given to new members. 5¢ to others. "...The Building Fund, which was started and collected some years ago, principally in Michigan, will be returned to the original donors or their heirs or assigns. This fund was intended to go toward the erection of a High Twelve International Building on or before 1963." "...the money will be gladly accepted as donations toward the Office Improvement Fund." \$103.03 was raised at the Board Meeting to the latter project.

General Counsel Art Schifferman reported that the "Trade Mark and High Twelve name was obtained in another appellation in 1948, but is still good." "...A Patent Attorney is to be hired to resolve the matter of the 3 tiered plinth and name now in use (High Twelve International instead of International High Twelve). A pattern Constitution and By-Laws has been drawn up and is recommended for adoption in the formation of new clubs. The INC. is to be dropped from Stationery and documents. Ritual forms for High Twelve would be standardized and adoption urged upon the clubs.

Vice President Tearman suggested that in states where it is practical, area Presidents should be elected or appointed as a testing ground for leadership material. "...Since the Foundation's inception, there have been 99 applicants and 26 acceptances." Leonard Voorhees, Secretary (Foundation). An 100% Attendance Award was approved. Vice President Tearman reported he had installed officers of 5 clubs simultaneously in Louisville, Ky. PIP C.J. Hyde was the principal speaker.

CONCORD (Calif.) HTC purchased 46 Honorary memberships in the Carquinez Chapter Order of DeMolay @ \$1.00 per member as a contribution to the Order of DeMolay for '63. NORTHERN LIGHTS HTC, Newfoundland is "helping with local youth projects, esp. DeMolay."

Tallman Trask, Secretary of the California Association and Chairman of Expansion suggested making some functions more uniform (at St. Louis)...and toward the breaking down of state organizations into more local areas. Suggested revamping of entire committee system....a strong active chairman with committee members being appointed by the state.

"It is obvious that we are making some progress with the Grand Lodges. The action of the Florida Grand Lodge reported at the Clearwater Convention, the more recent action of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in appointing a High Twelve Committee

of Grand Lodge, the policy of California in making all Grand Masters either active or Honorary members of High Twelve by starting when the Grand Lodge officer is first starting in line, and other similar actions should do much to remove existing obstructions of other Grand Lodges."

Administrator Robert Vorhes asked the Board for concentration on uniformity. The Office Procedure Committee reported they had been working on this. "...Many clubs persist in setting up their own ideas for reports....which throws the whole system out of kilter. We urge a system along the line of California's procedure be studied."

New things: Charters, membership certificates (free to clubs effective 6/11/62), expansion pamphlet, instruction sheets to newly installed Club Presidents, Secretaries and International Representatives, new stationery and envelopes. \$1,195.18 received in cash donations to "Office Improvement Fund", and have spent \$2,827.47. "...When we wrote to the donors to the Building Fund, asking if they wished their donations transferred to 'Office Improvement Fund', we received \$946.41 in authorizations."....."I recommend all donations to the "New Building Fund" be returned to Bro. Walter Anderson, Chairman, with the request that the monies be returned to the responsible individual donors, and that we write the the brothers who authorized the transfer, advising them of the action. We could then suggest that our Project Committee put forth a concentrated drive to raise money to equip and furnish our new offices in keeping with our dignity as a Masonic affiliate."

He recommended that no clubs be named after living individuals, regardless of standing, rank or age. He further recommended that no individual or firm be allowed to use the High Twelve emblem on anything without permission of International. He recommended a new-member kit be furnished through International to local clubs with a charge sufficient to cover cost of material, packaging and mailing....to be given to new members.

Vorhes further recommended that a Public Relations expert be engaged part time. He objected to sending copies of all club correspondence with International going to the International Representative as instructed at Clearwater Convention. "Now that the various State Presidents are voting members of the International Governing Board....the International Representative is an unnecessary position. We should consider abolishing this office, as in most cases he is someone appointed to the office as an Honorary gesture."

Re. Military Clubs, Vorhes said, "...I recommend the High Twelve International donate a sum up to 10% of that club's International dues to advance their projects." He recommended that the Committee Chairmen turn their files over to their successors. He thought he should confine his club visits to State Conventions, new clubs, prospects and those in trouble in order to do the most good., e.g. education and visiting Grand Lodge officers. Suggested start training a young man to eventually take over.

He reported that since the Convention in Clearwater, the following clubs were dropped: Vulcan (Birmingham, Ala); Fellowship (Owensboro, Ky); Irvington (Indianapolis, Ind); and new clubs started - Seacoast Region (Portsmouth) NH; Fairchild AFB (Washington); Middletown (Ohio). Princeton Club to have chartered in December.

The Projects Committee, Chairman Frank W. McWhorter made a detailed analysis of membership losses 1957-58 to 1961-62...It showed that members dropped almost equaled new members. On top of this was added those who had died, so no progress was being made. He showed comparison with normal loss by organizations like ours, using the number of new members (normal loss is 10% of enrollment). On that basis we would have 17,067 now instead of actual 14,215. Our goal for this fiscal year should be to keep our lost members to 1,425 or less and drive for at least 2,800 new members so

that we will go to the 1963 convention with a membership of 15,600 or more. This can be done."

"...We enrolled 9,769 new members in the 4 year period, including those acquired in forming new clubs, averaging better than 2,440 per year. 777 were called to receive their Heavenly Reward. We dropped 8,157 for reasons other than death, plus 1,450 dropped in 1957-58, giving us a total of 9,607 dropped in 5 years." "...The drop in other movements like ours including loss by death is about 10% of the total membership; but covered by getting new members and forming new clubs...so that annual reports show a net increase of 10% to 12% per year."

"....If we had lost only the normal 10% and acquired the same as we did over the 4 years, we would have 3,500; International would have close to \$29,000.00 more money; our '62-63 income would be over \$10,000 greater; our State Associations would be healthier and wealthier."

1. Insist on every member being so well informed and enthused that he will readily assist in the promotion.... 2. Aid and assist every club in having a local Community Project that is worthy and successful and fits a need in that locale.... 3. Give proper International recognition to the individual members, local clubs and State Associations who do an outstanding work in a given year for High Twelve..... 4. The Life Membership and Big Brother Membership (will) encourage members to remain in High Twelve the rest of their life, to invest, not spend more money in High Twelve. a. The estate or beneficiary of a member of a High Twelve Club will receive money equal to what deceased member has paid to International in per-capita dues during his life membership minus deductions for membership in Wolcott Foundation.

b. After 25 years he would receive a lapel pin with serial number. This, along with proof-of-death shall constitute a claim for benefits. c. A "Big-Brother Life Membership" purchasable by any High Twelve member for \$100.00, and qualify for benefit of a holder of Life Membership at the end of 20 years of consecutive paid membership and until death. Purchasable by cash with application or \$10.00 deposit with application, balance payable monthly or quarterly....payment in full within a year. Neither certificate or benefits payable until paid in full.

If he dies while paying or before the end of 20 year membership, all money paid to International shall be refunded in amount paid with no other benefits to estate of deceased brother. No cancellations and no refunds. Transferable to another High Twelve Club. Monies deposited in separate bank account.

Loyalty; good selling tool to get new members and clubs; added attraction for young married men; creation of greater interest in High Twelve International; helps clubs to help International too. Create interest in HTI on part of family. Counters off heard remark, "members do not have enough invested to hold them. Strengthens HTI at grass roots level; increases HTI income by holding down loss by members; and gives HTI more money for expansion. (NOTE: The foregoing is a very sketchy summary of a 3 page report contained in PIP James Robertson's file. Presumably all written by Bro. McWhorter. DLP)

President Robertson stated at the Mid-Year Board Meeting that the action taken at the Convention in Louisville had resulted in the institution of legal action against the Trustees; that the International Officers now in office who were present then were against the action taken at that convention; that immediately after the convention the lawsuit was instituted; and that because of the litigation, many persons were unwilling to give to the Wolcott Foundation; and would not do so while litigation was pending. After considerable debate, the following resolution was approved for presentation at the San Diego Convention, 1963:

"Whereas there is pending in the City of St. Louis, Mo. certain litigation involving High Twelvians and the Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation and Wolcott Foundation, Inc., and "Whereas it is the unanimous considered opinion of the Governing Board of High Twelve International, meeting in session in St. Louis, Mo., December 8 and 9, 1962, that the said litigation is the result of a clash of personalities, and that as a result of said litigation the reputation of High Twelve International and its relationship with the Administration of George Washington University is placed in jeopardy, and

"Whereas by adoption of the following resolution by the delegates in convention assembled in San Diego, Calif. June 23, 24, 24 & 26, 1963, said litigation in all probability would end, harmony would prevail and the contributions to the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. would increase, thereby enlarging the program of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc., it has been duly moved and seconded, and upon vote being taken of the members of the International Governing Board in the Mid-Year meeting held in St. Louis December 8 & 9, 1962, that the following resolution be presented to the delegates in convention assembled at San Diego, Calif. in June, 1963 for their adoption:

"Resolved that the action of the delegates in convention assembled at Louisville, Kentucky, June 28, 1961, upon the following resolution, which was passed by a majority vote of the delegates be rescinded:

'Whereas, considerable confusion has developed regarding the administration of the Wolcott Foundation of High Twelve International and Wolcott Foundation, Inc. as two separate Trusts, and Whereas, the tax problem which would possibly result in mingling the two funds is trivial and inconsequential, Now therefore be it resolved that all of the assets of the Wolcott Foundation of High Twelve International be immediately transferred to Wolcott Foundation, Inc.'

"Be it further resolved that all funds which have been or had been deposited in the account of the Wolcott Foundation of High Twelve International, as distinguished from the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. be maintained in said account and in the event they have been withdrawn from said account, other than for the payment of contributions for students in George Washington University, be returned forthwith to said Wolcott Foundation of High Twelve International account;

"Be it further resolved that said funds be disbursed by the Treasurer of High Twelve International upon receiving vouchers from the Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation of High Twelve International and/or the Wolcott Foundation, Inc.; and

"Be it further resolved that said monies and funds be first expended for the payment of scholarships and/or expenses of the Wolcott Foundation of High Twelve International until said monies and funds are completely spent and the account is exhausted before any contributions contributed to the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. since the date of its incorporation, be used for paying the expenses of the Trustees and scholarships of the Wolcott Foundation students of George Washington University; and

"Be it further resolved that said contributions to Wolcott Foundation of High Twelve International be maintained as a separate trust from that of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. in compliance with the action taken by the delegates in convention assembled at Carmel, Calif. on June 29, 1960, and as a result of the recommendations of the International Governing Board meeting in Chicago on December 5 & 6, 1959."

The following is a summation of General Counsel Art Schifferman's report on registration of the trade mark for the words HIGH TWELVE, etc. He had found there had been a registration for the trademark for the words HIGH TWELVE, HIGH TWELVIAN and its design of the symbol; that all of the registrations had been obtained in the name of

Registration dated back to 1948 in the case of 2 and to 1950 in the case of 1. That the Chicago law firm of Olson, Trexler, Walters & Buschnell advised him the registrations were issued for 20 years and could be renewed....and that it would be possible to obtain a registration under HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL as a SERVICE MARK, and of the emblem as a COLLECTIVE MEMBERSHIP MARK....that by filing the proper documents we could correct the true name of High Twelve International as the proper owner of the trademark or trademarks.

Bro. Schifferman, in connection with the above matters, recommended that the matter of registration, as stated above, and the filing of new documents be referred to a patent attorney.

New charters until very recently were issued under the name of INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HIGH TWELVE CLUBS. A new form of charter was evolved by adding new language and a design to the old charter, and correcting the name on the charter to HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL.

Schifferman asked for permission to formulate a Constitution and some By-Laws for local clubs to follow.....to include the mandatory provision (non-interference with Blue Lodge and Grand Lodge operation, etc.) He also suggested that a careful study for adoption of uniform, standardized procedures in the operation of clubs.

It was noted that the first time the new charter was ever used was at MIDDLETOWN, Ohio....the names changed from International Association of High Twelve Clubs to High Twelve International, and the word "Americanism" on insignia changed to "patriotism." (NOTE: We had clubs in foreign countries. DLP)

President Robertson was invited to attend the Grand DeMolay Conclave in Tampa, Fla. April 1 - 4. Approved by the Board.

In "What is Leadership", Don Mathewson, California, Chairman of the Club Leadership Committee, gave 3 classifications for persons (running clubs): 1- The few who make things happen; 2- The many who watch things happen; 3- The overwhelming majority who have no idea what has happened.

"....The manager of a club - or LEADER - is obviously in the 1st group; and the Administrator is in the 2nd. The Administrator follows stereotyped patterns, whether it applies to his situation or not. The LEADER sizes up the situation as it exists, whether they fit the test or not. A leader is more than a problem solver. He is a goal setter." High Twelvian of March-April-May, 1963.

TRAVELERS (Travis AFB, Ca.) charter issued 2/16/63. 38 members. Herbert C. Nordstrom, Pres. MONTEREY PARK (Ca.) HTC charter issued 2/9/63. 22 members. A. Pres. A. J. Andrews. WEST SIDE (Evansville, Ind.) Charter issued 3/13/63. 54 members. Pres. Earl E. Stocker. PRINCETON (NJ) HTC charter issued 4/13/63. 50 members. Pres. Arthur T. Brokaw.

W. J. SCHOENFIELD, Kansas City, Kan. passed away 3/13/63. He was International Secretary and then Secretary-Treasurer 1939-1945. (NOTE: Many of these sources of information were contained in back issues of the High Twelvian Magazine which were given by the Schoenfields to Charlie Burkin, PIP. DLP)

ESTERO (Calif.) HTC charter was issued 4/6/63. 40 members. Pres. Don E. Wilson. PALESTINE (Detroit, Mich.) HTC charter issued 5/4/63. 25 members. Pres. Lester L. Lodge. JEFF W. CALDWELL (Formerly West Monroe, La.) HTC charter issued 2/15/63. 25 members. Pres. Vern J. Pleasant. L. S. U. (Baton Rouge, La.) HTC charter issued 3/11/63. 46 members. Walter J. Peevy, Pres. COLLEGE TOWN (Monroe, La. HTC charter issued 5/11/63. 22 members. Pres. Edward C. Whatley. (Name changed to Harry Milemert 5/5/64). SUNCOAST (Palm Harbor, Fla.) charter issued 5/1/63. 22 members. Pres. Elmer W. Olson. LINDBERGH (St. Louis, Mo.) charter issued 6/11/63. 23 members. Pres. Harold F. Brown. KEYSTONE (Wichita, Kan.) HTC charter issued 6/17/63. 45 members. Pres. Florian A. Rodgers.

6/17/63 - THE SUPREME COURT DECLARED THAT LAWS REQUIRING RECITATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER OR BIBLE VERSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS WERE UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

The International Convention of June 23 - 26, 1963 was held in San Diego, Calif., U.S. Grant Hotel. Dave Snyder, PSP, General Chairman. Membership as of 5/31/63 reported as 14,027. 245 clubs (increase of 12). At the time of the convention, the membership was listed as 14,525, a gain of 310 in the year.

Past International President Holland F. FlaHavhan, reporting on "The Good Old Days" of High Twelve, "...We...were convinced that there was not only a need for High Twelve, but we were equally convinced that we could perform a real service for Masonry." "...Many fine Masons were not in a position 'to get into line', but were anxious to lend their talents to the advancement of the fraternity, so all they could do was to wash dishes after the Past Master's Dinner, serve on committees that brought little or no glory or laurels. Many a man could be a good officer in a High Twelve Club without being a ritualist or even a public speaker. We felt that if we could get these men active in High Twelve, we could get them active in Lodge. In fact, we arranged High Twelve nights at many Lodges and High Twelve Sundays at the High Twelve Chaplain's church.

"Practically speaking, our only asset in those days was enthusiasm. Fortunately, we had a lot of that. Otherwise, there would be no High Twelve today. Andy Anderson, at great expense to himself, put out the Magazine. Wallie wore out several cars traveling around the country. Those who travelled would make new contacts wherever we went, all at our own expense. C.D. Royal was Master of our Constitution & By-Laws, an enormous task at which he was a Past Master.

"All of us became missionaries, preaching High Twelve wherever we went. If we attended Lodge, Commandry, Scottish Rite or Shrine we would talk High Twelve at the 1st opportunity, and often made the opportunity. The monumental force for whatever success we had was the fact that there was no jealousy, improper ambitions, discord or other impairing influences. What we lacked in ability, we made up in work. The mistakes that were made were the mistakes of the head and not of the heart." "...Our enthusiasm overflowed into Michigan, Iowa, California and Illinois." "...Our hearts and souls were bent on doing all we could for Masonry."

At the time of this convention High Twelve was operating in 24 states and in 5 foreign countries. The official song for High Twelve was written by Frank McWhorter of Indianapolis, and was formally adopted (herein). This was the 29th consecutive Annual Convention for PIP G.A. Royal.

The first order of business at the Convention, San Diego was the appointment of Elmer Wagner of St. Louis, Mo. as the International Secretary. (He was serving as Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Missouri, same building where our offices are located now.) Jim Robertson took the minutes, as Wagner was not present. (NOTE: After election). DLP

Cash Receipts \$58,467.12; Cash disb. \$51,998.36; Cash in checking a/c \$2,939.05; Cash in savings a/c \$5,079.27 - Current total assets \$10,872.61. Investment Savings Bond Series E \$206.25; Fixtures, Furn. & Office Eqpt., Improvement Eqpt. \$2,627.55. Total assets \$16,033.06.

Wolcott Foundation balance 6/1/62 = \$25,247.14, interest 1963 = \$365.00 - total \$25,612.14. International Secretary Harold J. Sivers, "...A good move had been made by having written reports from the officers and chairmen of the various committees." Bro. Schifferman, General Counsel, referred to establishment of standard club Constitution and By-Laws; the Clearwater, Fla. cessation; the correct name of our Internat-

ional organization was "High Twelve International," not "International Association of High Twelve Clubs; The registration of trade marks, "High Twelve and "High Twelvian". He outlined the advantages obtainable by registration of the marks in the U.S. Patent Office (the organization now registered under a name we never owned); that the organization was not using the name or marks in a uniform manner.

Schifferman said some clubs and individuals wanted their money back from the Building Fund, inasmuch as the building is not to be built; that the money still in the Fund which had not been claimed could be used under the "Cy Pres" and Doctrine of Law of applying it to the same general use that the donors intended; and that was what the Governing Board was going to do with its funds. Report approved.

Bro. Mathewson said his committee recommended staggering of committees for a period of 3 years, providing greater possibilities of new ideas, "rotation" as well as continuity. Report approved. The new model Constitution & By-Laws for local clubs was adopted.

Regarding Protocol... PIP Wm. Worthen said it had become necessary to have some guidelines whereby our members and our clubs can know how to properly receive our own leaders. He hoped that the Past Presidents Council would develop some guidelines, suggestions, without imposing in any way upon the members and the clubs any required protocol or required ritual. Approved.

Administrator Vorhes reported on the Standardization of the High Twelve pins; that it was necessary for High Twelve to advertise more (emblem stickers, etc.); that the Manufacturing Jewelers should be given an opportunity to bid. Also recommended standardization of road signs. It was voted to appoint a committee to study the question of jewelry.

Past International President Harry Buckalew, Fresno, stated that many years before through efforts of then International Secretary Robert Hood there had been instituted in High Twelve a travelling membership; that the purpose of the travelling membership was to permit members of the various clubs who moved to communities in which there were no High Twelve Clubs to keep their membership in High Twelve by paying the International dues; that if they would pay the International dues they received the High Twelvian and thereby retained their interest in the organization. He further stated that he considered this a very valuable thing to HTI; that if a number of members would move to a community where there was no club, the International organization would have a nucleus to start a High Twelve Club in that community. He further stated that he would like to see the traveling membership reinstated by HTI. Bro. Buckalew moved that the traveling membership be re-established and be referred to the Constitution & By-Laws committee as it was a matter that would require an amendment to the Constitution.

Discussion

Bro. Loher, California, stated that a traveling membership was a prime cause of the establishing of International; that the first High Twelve Club being in Sioux City, Iowa, one of the members moved to Oakland and organized the Oakland HFC. Passed.

President Robertson announced that the General Counsel had approved the Constitution and By-Laws of the proposed Florida State Association; and then he ruled that the Florida State Association to be an integral part of High Twelve International; and therefore would accord to it all its rights and privileges.

V.P. Tearman reported on the operation of the St Louis offices; that after 42 years a new modern filing system had been instituted; and new machinery and equipment installed; but that other items were still needed. The Convention approved a resolution that in all meetings of High Twelve Clubs in the United States and Possessions

we continue to pledge allegiance to our flag, using the phrase "under God"..... and that a strong statement be taken against removing the that phrase or any proposed change in the pledge.

The resolution proposed by the Governing Board Dec. 8, 9, 1962 that the said litigation (E.C.Wolcott vs Wolcott Trustees,etc.) is the result of clash of personalities; and that as a result the reputation of HTI and its relationship with the Administration of George Washington University was placed in jeopardy; but by adopting provisions of the proposed resolution, said litigation in all probability would end, harmony would prevail and contributions increase.

A resolution presented by the Michigan Association of High Twelve Clubs was read as follows: "Whereas, the members of High Twelve assembled at the 1961 annual meeting convened at Louisville,Ky. by resolution directed the Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation of HTI to transfer the funds of said Foundation to the Wolcott Foundation, Inc.; and Whereas the Trustees of Wolcott Foundation of HTI undertook all action necessary to carry out and effectuate the intent and purpose of the aforesaid resolution until enjoined temporarily by litigation instituted by one member; and

"Whereas, said litigant, refusing to abide by the will of the majority in High Twelve International Convention assembled, and refusing to avail himself of this organization's procedure or the Wolcott Foundation's procedure concerning the resolution directing the transfer of said funds, made unjust and irresponsible accusations against the Trustees because of their efforts to comply with the said resolution; and

"Whereas the litigant now has had his hearing in open court without first resorting to or exhausting theprocedural remedies within the organization; be it

"Resolved that the acts of the Trustees of the Foundation, in undertaking compliance with the directive set forth in the 1961 resolution ordering transfer of said funds, hereby are in all respects ratified, confirmed and approved;

"Resolved further that the Trustees be again directed to transfer said funds as soon as permissable and practicable and consistent with the Court's decrees and orders in the aforesaid litigation." PIP Hicks Griffiths, Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation,Inc. moved for the adoption of the Michigan resolution and of (duplicate) of the Stockton (Calif.) HTC.

Bro.Boecker of St.Louis spoke in opposition, and moved for the adoption of the resolution approved at the Mid-Year (December, 1962) Meeting of the Governing Board, and to affirm the action taken by the Governing Board at the HTI Convention at Carmel, 1960.

After considerable debate, with Bro.Thad Jones of Iowa, who stated in substance that the question resolved itself into one simple matter, to-wit: Shall we continue the litigation or shall we stop it? He further stated that there had been a tentative agreement made in St.Louis in December, 1962 between the officers and Counsel for Wallie Wolcott to the effect that if this convention approves and ratifies the resolution as presented emanating from the Governing Board, the law suit would be dismissed absolutely and that therefore therewould be an end to litigation.

PIP Hicks refuted Bro.Jones' assumption, stating that it was not true that if the case is dismissed it would be dismissed with prejudice; that the case had been tried; that we should let the Judge decide the case; that we should decide ourselves where we stand on this project.

V.P.Burkin asked the California delegation if they would not sever their resolution so we could resolve one question at a time; to make it two resolutions..one, the sincerity of the work of the Trustees....The other, the transfer of funds.

OUR OFFICIAL HIGH TWELVE SONG

(See Letter in "Question & Answer Spot" On Page 5)

HI, HIGH TWELVIAN!

Words and Music By Frank McWhorter

The musical score is written for a single melodic line and piano accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The piano accompaniment is written in a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. The lyrics are written below the melody line.

Hi Hi Hi High twel-vi-an,
Hi there Broth-er Hel-lo, Now we're here let's solve right in,
Keep that spirit a-ways, Hey, try, try Hi--
Twel-vi-an, Be a good old stand by our
Com-rade-ship and so-cial tie, Our aim is soaring up sky high,
Hi, High Twel-vi-an Hi. Hi.

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Adopted at the 1963 Convention
San Diego, Calif.

Thad Jones of Iowa stated that a pending law suit may be dismissed at any time prior to the entry of decree of judgement. President Robertson stated that the question having been called for, "all those in favor of the Stockton-Michigan resolution say 'aye'....contrary 'no'". He declared the motion carried.

Bro. Monta Shirley of California moved that the resolution submitted by the Governing Board at the Mid-Year meeting be not adopted. Upon vote being taken, the resolution adopted by the Governing Board at Mid-Year meeting for presentation at this convention was ordered not adopted.

V.P. Burkin asked if the commingling of funds could be accomplished prior to the settlement of the law suit pending in St. Louis County. Pres. Robertson stated that the funds could not be commingled until the law suit was disposed of.

Dr. Leonard Voorhees of Ohio was elected Wolcott Foundation of High Twelve International Trustee for a 4 year term (inadvertently elected for only Wolcott Foundation, Inc. in Clearwater last year.) Bishop Stephen Robinson was elected a Trustee.

President James N. Robertson 1962-63 said during his term for the first time Non-Officers were used as zone officers (thereby creating more Zones with less area to cover for each.) Also, "first use of 100% attendance at meetings." The biggest problem was the litigation between Wallie and the Trustees headed by Hicks Griffiths; and the working to a solution.

OFFICERS FOR 1963-64: President - Wm. F. Tearman, Terre Haute, Ind; 1st V.P. Charles F. Burkin, Jr., Kansas City, Kan; 2nd V.P. Robert F. Clynych, Baton Rouge, La; 3rd V.P. Vinton S. Malcolm, Oakland, Ca; Treasurer Wm. S. Roser, Louisville, Ky; Secretary to the Board Elmer W. Wagner, St. Louis, Mo; General Counsel Arthur E. Schifferman, Los Angeles; Editor of High Twelvian E. P. White, Jr., Louisville, Ky; Immediate Past President James N. Robertson, Media, Pa; Administrator Robert W. Vorhes, Wolcott Fund Trustees: Ch. Hicks G. Griffiths, Mich; Sec. Leonard Voorhees, Ohio; Tr. Wm. N. Kinnard, Pa; V. Ch. Bishop Stephen Robinson, Iowa; and Arthur E. Buss, Calif.

INTERNATIONAL ZONE OFFICERS: Wm. F. Tearman - Florida, Ill., Ind., Michigan; Chas. F. Burkin, Jr. - Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minn., Missouri, Nebraska, Wyoming, South Dakota, Oklahoma; Robert F. Clynych - Louisiana, Kentucky, Alabama, England, France, Newfoundland, New Mexico, Spain; V. S. Malcolm - California, Guam, Washington; James N. Robertson - New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania & New Hampshire.

LIAISON TO COMMITTEES: Tearman - Youth, Budget & Planning; Burkin - Const. & B-L, Credentials, Military Affairs, Manuals & Info. and Convention Site; Clynych - Expansion, Masonic Relations & Nominations; Malcolm - Projects, Leadership & Pub. Relations.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: YOUTH - H. H. Lawrence, Mich; BUDGET & PLANNING: N. S. Tuchman, Mich; RESOLUTIONS - LeRoy Francis, Indiana; CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: Geo. Nilsson, California; CREDENTIALS: Lewis M. Evans III, Pennsylvania; MILITARY AFFAIRS: Col. Wilfred E. Lessard, Jr., Co-Ch., Louisiana and Gilbert Kirmouth, Co-Ch. Indiana.

MANUALS & INFORMATION - Lewis Hoffman, Ohio; CONVENTION SITE - Joe Hodge, Kentucky; EXPANSION - Ernest A. Ford, Calif; MASONIC RELATIONS - C. J. Hyde, Kentucky; PROJECTS - W. J. Patton, Calif; CLUB LEADERSHIP - Don Mathewson, Calif; PUBLIC RELATIONS - Robert M. Rewick, Calif; PARLIAMENTARIAN - Monta W. Shirley, Calif; INT. CHAPLAIN - W. F. Mathis.

President William Tearman intended to strive for a closer relationship between the clubs and the "home office". Wanted a firmer identity with DeMolay; and a positive promotional program within High Twelve on Public Relations. The convention breakfasts were broken into Club Pres., Secretaries, Treas., and P.I.P "confabs."

President Tearman proposed that each High Twelve Club select DeMolay of the Year for that city, and so on up to 1 for each state...and then 1 for all Internat'l. \$100.00 was voted for the new hospital at George Washington University.

MARVELOUS MARIN (Ca.) HTC's Bro. Glen Wentz presented a check for \$2,500.00 left in the will of one of his clients for the (California) Ensign Mayo DeMolay Loan Fund, the state project. The Fund insures any worthy DeMolay boy the economic aid he may need to finish his college (undergraduate) education.

"Attendance, programs and local projects are the mark of a successful club", according to Calvin O. Sill of Michigan. He said many clubs confuse leadership with popularity. "...Leadership is actually the achievement of goals through the direction of others." "What High Twelve needs even more than leaders is followers who insist that each officer....and member does the job he accepts...." High Twelvian 9/63.

"....Why can't the several hundred clubs throughout the country adopt as one of their projects the....outfitting and equipping of the home office?" Acoustical, flooring treatment, office machines and furniture needs were listed at \$5,779.78. HT'm 8/28/63 - 200,000 DEMONSTRATE IN W., DC. FOR EQUAL RIGHTS FOR BLACKS.

The Sept-Oct. 1963 High Twelvian, in reporting on the organization of the Florida State Association in Clearwater earlier said it was the Florida State Association of High Twelve Clubs, Inc. President Edwin W. Wetmore, Santa Maria; Sec. Larry King, Largo. Officers and directors were elected from seven clubs. "They look to California's 64 clubs as a goal."

SUN CITY (California) HTC charter issued 9/7/63. 140 members. H.A. Buchser, Pres. IDYLLWILD, Calif. HTC charter issued 10/5/63. 35 members. L.A. Morwood Clark, Pres. TIJUANA, Mexico H2G chartered 9/21/63. 28 members. Pres. Alejandro Gonzales Collin. NATCHEZ, Miss. HTC charter issued 10/2/63 and apparently picked up immediately. 54 members. L.W. Laird, Jr. Pres.

11/1/63 - 11/2/63 - SOUTH VIETNAM GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT NGO DINH DIEM OVERTHROWN AND DIEM WAS KILLED.

11/22/63 PRES. J.F. KENNEDY KILLED IN DALLAS; V.P. L.B. JOHNSON INAUGURATED AS PRESIDENT.

"Never let a member drop from the club membership until the the Membership Committee has done everything possible to hold him", said Tallman Trask in the Nov-Dec., 1963 High Twelvian. "Clubs should send out bills early in December, that they may be paid before the end of June. A Personal call should be made on every member who has not paid his dues by February 1." "...Was there illness? When he moves to a different community, list his new address on the monthly report...." (NOTE: Most club secretaries still don't list new address when club members moves out of the area. If they did, we could follow up, and get him to join a local club or help start a new one. DGP)

The International Mid-Year meeting was held December 14, 1963 in the Masonic Temple (International Headquarters of High Twelve) in zero weather. 20 members of the Governing Board were in attendance. Were advised that the DeMolay project approved at the Convention San Diego was still in formative stages and subject to approval of the DeMolay Headquarters. State Association Presidents should appoint chairmen at state levels to serve on the Expansion, Masonic Relations, Youth, Project, Club Leadership and Public Relations Committees.

President Tearman emphasized the necessity for close relations between High Twelve and the Blue Lodges. "As soon as some inception color slides are obtained, the High Twelve story in 28 min. long color slides and recorded narration will be ready for loan, free, to all clubs working on the formation one new ones.....a solid tool for promotion....."

President Clarence Hammet of the California Association, "...Much of California's growth is due to continued activity and loyalty of Past International and State Of-

ficers; development of area staffing; officers guide and suggestion book; public relations and publicity."

International 1st V.P. Charles Burkin's group recommended updating of local manuals, establishing uniform ritual for installations and member inductions. Penny banks were paying off.

2nd V.P. Robert Clynch's group recommended each club and state association appoint a Historian and a perpetually up-to-date history be kept.

3rd V.P. Vint Malcolm's group suggested that club manuals be passed along to successive officers. President Tearman asked the Zone Officers to make a personal effort to get delinquent clubs to pay International dues with the help of State Presidents.

The Conference authorized the printing and distributing of E.C. Wolcott's History of High Twelve International. The Conference suggested that the Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. change the name to High Twelve International Foundation, Inc.

March 17, 1964 was proclaimed by International President William F. Tearman as OFFICE IMPROVEMENT FUND DAY. Past International Presidents Robertson, Worthern and Royal were to study and recommend a projected 5 year course of action for HTI.

Back on October 2, 1963, NATCHEZ (Miss.) HTC charter was presented by International 2nd V.P. Robert F. Clynch to Charter Pres. L.W. Laird, Jr. and Reginal M. Loftin, Club Pres. The Jan.-Feb., 1964 High Twelvian included a roster of clubs. First in many years. 1963 Perfect attendance: Bakersfield, Ca. 3; Stockton, Ca. 6; Skycrest (Clearwater, Fl) 2; Quincy, Ill. 3; Redford (Detroit) 1; St John (St. Louis) 3; New Jersey-Camden 8; Mound (Miamisburg) Ohio 2; George Washington (Larson AFB Wash.) 4

STATE PRESIDENTS FOR 1964 - CALIFORNIA: C.I. Hammet, Glendale; COLORADO: Unknown, unless it was Dale Keihl, held over; ILLINOIS: 5/17/63-64 Wesley J. Roper, East St. Louis; IOWA: C.W. Conard ('63-64), Boone; MICHIGAN: Orren M. Hall, '63-64 Detroit; MISSOURI: Emil M. Jecmen, Sr., apparently '63-64, Clayton; KANSAS: Fred J. Brown, Lawrence; NEW JERSEY: Raymond D. Seely, East Orange; OHIO: William K. Rose '63-64, Toledo; FLORIDA: Edwin W. Wetmore, Santa Maria. No information on KENTUCKY-ALABAMA.

SUNCOAST HTC of Palm Harbor, Florida charter party was 10/4/63 (charter issued 5/1/63 as earlier reported). 183 High Twelvians and guests at Clearwater Beach. Charter presented by Pres. Edwin D. Wetmore of the Florida St. Assn. Pres. Elmer Olson, Sec-Tr. Edward C. Kimball.

AL E. ORTON HTC (Louisville, Ky.). Some of their projects as reported in Jan-Feb. High Twelvian, 1964... E.A. Degree Team made 12 Blue Lodge visits last year. Sponsored 8 DeMolay boys. Bowling team in operation in a tough league. Annual pilgrimage to Kentucky Masonic Widows and Orphans Home. Wheel chair on loan. Most all financed by sale of fruit cakes... 260 last year, of which 60 sold by Mae Mick, wife of Past President of the club. Member M.A. Jefferies sold 52.

Wolcott Foundation, Inc. Secretary Leonard B. Voorhees reported 4 of the 5 Trustees and International President Tearman met in Washington, D.C. with George Washington University officers and faculty members and students. Dean Woodruff explained change that would allow students to follow other areas of Government work within Continental U.S.A.

3/21/64 - 3/25/64... CIVIL RIGHTS MARCH... DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, SELMA TO MONTGOMERY, ALA.

Florida State Association of High Twelve Clubs, Inc. had its 1st Annual Convention March 7, 1964 in St. Petersburg. Pres. E.D. Wetmore, Presided. Int. Pres. Wm. F. Tearman spoke on the status of the Wolcott Foundation. There were workshos. Howard M. Smith

of Skycrest Club was elected President for the ensuing year. Officers and directors were represented from 7 clubs. At the banquet there were 225 in attendance. \$150.00 was presented to the Deputy Grand Master David H. Wilkinson, representing the Grand Lodge of Florida, to help purchase an electro-cardiogram machine for the Masonic Home.

LOUISIANA & MISSISSIPPI combined into a State Association 4/4/64. High Twelvia of March-April-May, 1964. SOUTHFIELD, MI. HTC charter issued 4/6/64. 22 members. Pres. Charles L. Curtis. UNION (N.J.) HTC charter issued 4/4/64. 34 members. Joseph C. Leuser, Pres. FREMONT (Calif.) HTC charter issued 4/28/64. 47 members. Philip N. McCollum, Pres. HEMACINTO (Hemet, Calif.) HTC charter issued 5/8/64. 82 members. Pres. Gordon T. Collins. BRADENTON (Fla.) HTC charter issued 5/16/64. 46 members. Pres. Dr. Harold V. Pierce. BASTROP (La.) HTC charter issued 6/15/64. 31 members. O.W. Reilly, Pres. COLLEGE TOWN (Monroe, La. changed to HARRY M. LEMERT 5/15/64.

6/22/64 - 3 CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS MISSING IN MISSISSIPPI. GIANT HUNT.

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, ORDER AND DECREE....State of Missouri, County of St. Louis...In the Circuit Court of the County of St. Louis....Equity Division #244,728. Following are excerpts from/summary of some salient points contained therein...DLP

Hearing 5/20/63....Plaintiff E.C. Wolcott and defendants Board of Trustees, Wolcott Foundation of High Twelve International, under Declaration of Trust dated 6/17/53, et al (Hicks Griffiths, Stephen Robinson, William Noble Kinnard, Leonard B. Voorhees and Arthur E. Buss Trustees, W.S. Roser, Treasurer, and Wolcott Foundation, Inc.

"Court....finds: Plaintiff....one of the founders of High Twelve International..." Wolcott Foundation ...trust organizeddeclaration of trust executed ...by HTI6/17/53. "....Plaintiff, and numerous other parties, have from time to time made donations to the Trust, and plaintiff purports to bring this cause as one of the class of donors to the Trust. NO EVIDENCE WAS ADDUCED THAT PLAINTIFF ADEQUATELY REPRESENTS THE CLASS OF DONORS TO THE TRUST AND THE COURT MAKES NO FINDING THAT SUCH REPRESENTATION BY PLAINTIFF WAS OR IS ADEQUATE.

"....Defendant W.S. Roser is the duly elected, qualified and acting Treasurer of International. Defendant Wolcott Foundation, Inc. (hereinafter sometimes called the 'Corporation' is a not for profit corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of Missouri.

"....The assets of the Trust at the time of the trial of this cause, consisted of approximately \$28,000. Such assets were deposited to the credit of the Trust with Mercantile Trust Company..." "and with certain savings and loan associations..." "....Such assets are in the custody of defendant James E. Gram, a former Treasurer of International." "....A restraining order entered in this cause on 6/27/62 has restrained and enjoined all the defendants herein from transferring, withdrawing, or encumbering any of such property."

"....expenditures from the Trust were in furtherance of the objects thereof, were proper under the terms of the declaration of trust erecting the Trust, and were duly authorized in all respects by the International. Under the terms of the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation adopted 8/12/60, the objects and purposes thereof are to administer the gifts, bequests and devises which may be received, and the income therefrom, for any religious, charitable, scientific, educational, literary or other purposes permitted under the laws of the State of Missouri and the U.S. of A., including, but not being limited to, the establishment of fellowship and scholarships in schools, colleges and universities in the U.S." "....The funds of the Corporation have from time to time been expended for the same objects as the funds of the Trust, to-wit: providing scholarships for

worthy and deserving students ...preparing for careers in the foreign service of the Department of State....at George Washington University..."Such expenditures were and are duly authorized"

"....During 1959 the Trustees and International were advised by counsel that there was substantial doubt as to the legal status of the Trust and as to whether or not the same had been duly incorporated under Missouri law; & said Trustees and International were further advised that there was substantial doubt as to the tax exempt status of the Trust under the internal revenue laws of the U.S. The Corpn. was, upon advice of such counsel and pursuant to action duly taken by International, incorporated for the purpose of succeeding to the property and assets of the Trust and of carrying on its charitable & eleemosynary purposes without question as to its due organization or tax exempt status. The Corporation has been declared to be a tax exempt organization by proper administrative action under the internal revenue laws of the United States.

"At its annual conventions held in June of 1961 and June of 1962, International took due action by resolution of its members and governing body to authorize and direct the transfer of all property and assets held in the trust to the Corporation in furtherance of its charitable and eleemosynary purposes....." ".....no such gifts or devises contained, or were made upon, any conditions prohibiting such transfer."

"DEFENDANT JAMES E. GRAM, FORMER TREASURER OF INTERNATIONAL AND CUSTODIAN IN THAT CAPACITY OF SUCH PROPERTY AND ASSETS, REFUSED TO EFFECT THE TRANSFER OF SAID PROPERTY AND ASSETS TO THE CORPORATION OR TURN THE SAME OVER TO HIS SUCCESSOR AS TREASURER OF INTERNATIONAL. SUCH FAILURE AND REFUSAL WAS ARBITRARY AND WITHOUT JUST CAUSE, AND IN VIOLATION OF THE ACTION TAKEN BY INTERNATIONAL AT ITS SAID CONVENTIONS."

"NO CREDIBLE EVIDENCE WAS ADDUCED IN SUPPORT OF THE ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN PLAINTIFF'S SECOND AMENDED PETITION CHARGING THE TRUSTEES, AS TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST AND OF THE CORPORATION, WITH MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE FOR FAILURE AND NEGLECT TO PERFORM THE DUTIES IMPOSED UPON THEM BY THE STATUTES OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI OR THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE CORPORATION.

"So far as the evidence shows said TRUSTEES HAVE IN ALL RESPECTS FAITHFULLY PERFORMED THE DUTIES OF THEIR OFFICES AS SUCH AND HAVE PROPERLY CONDUCTED AND MANAGED THE AFFAIRS OF THE TRUST AND THE CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS"

".....None of the funds of the Trust were received with specific direction as to the management or disbursement thereof..." ".....funds....are unrestricted except by terms thereof and all of such funds, property & assets may properly be transferred to the Corporation pursuant to said resolutions...." SUCH TRANSFER WILL BE IN FURTHERANCE OF THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF THE TRUST...." "....SUCH TRANSFER WILL NOT FORM THE BASIS FOR ANY CLAIM AGAINST THE TRUSTEES...the CORPORATION...OR INTERNATIONAL BY ANY PARTY WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE TRUST...."

"THE RESTRAINING ORDER ISSUED BY THIS COURT 6/27/62SHOULD BE DISOLVED."

"....THE COURT DOES NOW ORDER, ADJUDGE, AND DECREE: . That the temporary restraining order heretofore entered in this cause should be and is hereby dissolved. 2. Plaintiff's second amended petition against defendants should be and it is hereby dismissed with prejudice at plaintiff's costs, and plaintiff shall take nothing by his alleged cause of action against defendants. 3. Defendant James E. Gram should be

and he is hereby ordered and directed to turn over and deliver to defendant W.S. Roser, as International Treasurer of High Twelve International or to the successor of said W.S. Roser as such Treasurer, all funds, assets and other property held by said James E. Gram or under his control and belonging to the Wolcott Foundation." 236

"....Defendant W.S. Roser as International Treasurer of said High Twelve International, or his successor as such, should be and they are hereby authorized, instructed and empowered to turn over and deliver to defendant Wolcott Foundation, Inc., all property and assets which may be received or held by them and belonging to or in any wise appertaining to said Wolcott Foundation.

"The costs of this cause should be and they are hereby ordered taxed in favor of defendants Hicks G. Griffiths, et al, as Trustees, and against plaintiff."
(NOTE: The foregoing excerpts made by me as a layman; and merely give the high lights of this 7 page Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order and Decree, DLP)
(ALSO "CAPS" ARE MINE, DLP)

The date of appeal was set for July 7, 1964. No action had been filed by 7/8/64. Thus was drawing to an end a very difficult period in the history of High Twelve.

The International Convention was held June 28 - July 1, 1964 in Indianapolis, Hotel Severin. Marvin Foulke was Convention Chairman. There was reported 14,960 members in 354 clubs, a gain of 435 members. In his report to the Governing Board Administrator Vorhes made corrections in membership figures. "....At the Convention in Louisville in 1961, there were 14,221 members, or a loss of 168 over previous year. At 1962 Convention there was a loss of 6 members. At the 1963 Convention there was a gain of 310 members. The present report for 1964 indicates a gain of 435 members."

The 10 largest clubs alphabetically: Alhambra, Ca; Birmingham, Mich; Carmel, Ca; Far Hills (Dayton, O.); Kansas City, Mo; Middletown, Oh; St. Petersburg, Fla; Springfield, Ill; Sun City, Ca; Toledo, Ohio. (figures not shown).

Biggest states (11 new, 251 active, 6 disbanded)....CALIF: - 69 active, 4 new 2 disbanded; MICH: 24 actv, 1 new; MO: 17; OHIO 17; IOWA 16; ILL. 12 and 1 disbanded Fla. 11 & 2 new; Kansas 10 & 1 new; Kent. 11 & 1 disbanded; Indiana 10; Penna. 9; Louisiana 8; NJ: 7 & 1 new; Colo. 6; S. Dak. 3; Spain 3; Wash. 3; Ala. 2; Guam 2; Nebraska 2....and 1 each in England, France, Mexico, Mississippi & 1 new; NH 1; NM 1; NY 1; Okla 1; W.oming 1. Minnesota 0 (lost the 1); Newfoundland 0 (lost 1).

Recap of charters issued: Wichita (Keystone) 6/17/63; Sun City, Ca. 9/7/63; Tijuana, Mex. 9/21/63; Idyllwild, Ca. 10/5/63; Natchez, Miss. 10/26/64; Tampa, Fla. 2/13/64; Union, N.J. 4/4/64; Southfield, Mich. 4/6/64; Fremont, Ca. 4/25/64; Hemet, Ca. 5/9/64; Bradenton, Fla. 5/16/64. (NOTE: As usual, these Convention furnished dates may differ from records in St. Louis Office or High Twelvian earlier reports, DLP)

Some balance sheet items (not incl. Wolcott Found, Inc.): Current assets, incl. supp. & jewelry = \$6,739.42; E Bonds \$206.25; Furn., Fix. & Eqpt. = \$6,933.88 total \$13,879.15. Current liabilities and surplus = \$13,879.15. Now both Mrs. Diering and Lillian George working in office.

A motion that the High Twelve budget include the item of cost of litigation in the lawsuit of Wolcott vs Trustees plus attorneys fees lost by a vote of 65 to 38.

Contained in a report of General Counsel Arthur E. Schifferman, "....The long awaited history of High Twelve has finally emerged. It has been four years (and \$19,200.00 in 'pension' money to Wallie) and the result is a history in name only. The historical data are inaccurate, and incomplete, and are contained in but four of the 'history's' forty pages. Our editor and others worked hard on this project and my recommendation is that we spend no further funds either for the publicat-

ion or as payment to Wallie for this work." It was noted the lawsuit wasn't over. ²³⁷

General Counsel Schifferman suggested that all payments to E.C.Wolcott be terminated forthwith. (He had written Wallie 12/19/63 suggesting that for the good of High Twelve he dismiss the suit "with prejudice." Schifferman also reported that there was only one club in International that had tax exempt status, and that was in California.

President Wm.F.Tearman said, "...At the beginning of the year, I stressed the re-decorating and refurnishing of the Home Office, the importance of promoting and developing De Molay across the country; also of publishing the History of High Twelve, which had been started in the previous year.

"The Home Office is in better condition than it was....some redecorating, and replaced some of the old worn out desks and chairs....and some modern office equipment." "...We made some strides with DeMolay. In Florida, 100% of the High Twelve Clubs supported Leadership Camps. The History of High Twelve was published.... 1,000 copies autographed by Wallie Wolcott...."

"....I attended the directors annual spring meeting of the Wolcott Foundation in Washington, D.C., and feel....we have a closer arrangement with the Trustees. "....I believe we are the crossroads as far as growth of High Twelve is concerned." "....We must decide whether we want a strong, forward moving organization, or if we want singly a feeble, stumbling group of wanderers carrying the banner of High Twelve." "....It is up to each one of us as individual HighTwelvians."

Tallman Trask, writing in the High Twelvian of Nov.-Dec. wrote, "...Bro.Griffiths worked devotedly as Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. through its many years of trial and tribulation. Only after the problem had been resolved did he give up this important assignment, although he had wished to do so sooner...."

The Convention Report indicated that since 1954 30 Wolcott Scholars had been registered and spent at least one semester for graduate study at the University. Scholars by states: Ohio - 7; Calif. - 5; Iowa - 4; Colorado - 3; Missouri - 2; Oregon 2; and 1 each from N.Y., S.Dak; Louisiana, Maryland, Indiana, Mich. & Kansas.

Reporting on his term in office, William F.Tearman wrote in 1975 that he thought the greatest accomplishments of his year were 1. the improvement of the problem in Florida; 2. move into the new office, and "Projects of Pardonable Pride" to furnish and refinish the office. Tearman didn't care to reflect on the problems...."I like to think of the good things."

OFFICERS FOR THE 1964-65 TERM: President Charles F.Burkin,Jr., Kansas City, Kan; 1st V.P. Robert F.Clynch, Baton Rouge,La; 2nd V.P. V.S.Malcolm, Oakland, Ca; 3rd V.P. Leonard B.Voorhees, Chardon,Ohio; Treasurer Wm.S.Roser, Louisville,Ky. General Counsel, Arthur E.Schifferman; Sec.to Int.Bd. C.W.Conard,Boone,Iowa; Editor, High Twelvian, E.P.White,Jr, Louisville, Ky; Im.P.P. Wm.F.Tearman, Terre Haute,Ind; Int. Chaplain. Administrator...Robert W.Vorhes. Candidates for 3rd V.P. Fred H.Doty of Calif. and Rev.Brooks C.Barker of Illinois withdrew from the race.

ZONES ASSIGNED INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS: Burkin - Colo., Ark., Iowa, Kan., Minn., Missouri, Nebr. & S.Dak. Clynch - Fla., Ky., Ala., La., Okla; Malcolm - Ariz., Ca., N.M., Oregon, Wash. & all foreign clubs; Voorhees - N.J., N.H., N.Y., Ohio, Mich.,Pa. Tearman - Ill., Ind. and as delegated by the President.

LIAISON TO COMMITTEES: Burkin - Budget & Planning, Credential, Military Affairs, Resolutions; Clynch - Const. & By-Laws and Youth; Malcolm - Expansion, Masonic Rels., Convent.Site; Voorhees - Projects, Club Leadership, Public Relations.

Chairman of standing committees: Const.& By-Laws, Geo.Nilsson, Calif; Club Leadership, Duane Gerlach, Mich; Budget & Plan., Earl Jecmen, Mo; Expansion, Ernest Ford,

Calif; Masonic Activities, Thomas Raum, Kansas; Military Affairs, Col. James N. Robertson PIP, Pa. (also Boy Scouts); Projects, Frank McWhorter, Indiana; Public Relations, Calvin Gill, Mich; Manuals & Information, T. Archer Brown, Michigan; Resolutions, Jerry Royal, Iowa; Youth Movement, Lawrence ?; Office Improvement Fund, Harry S. Pierson, Calif.

BIRMINGHAM HTC (Mich.) had presented the Masonic Temple Association \$9,000.00 back in May, according to the June-Aug. 1964 High Twelvian, toward the construction of a new temple. Pres. Howard R. Coe. Other projects of this club include help to Camp Oakland, YMCA Summer Camp, Community House, and 2 boys to Wolverine Boys State, Michigan State University.

President Charles Burkin asked for greater emphasis on help to DeMolay. He set aside May, 1965 as Founding Month.

3½ years previous, ALBANY HTC had 39 members. Now Herbert W. Haberkorn became the 100th member of the California club.

There was an attractive 8 page 3 color catalog of 1965 jewelry, gift items, forms, decals, lecterns, road signs, banners and misc. items, together with prices and order forms, issued under direction of Adm. R. W. Vorhes... included in the High Twelvian of Sept-Oct, 1964.

Fall of 1964 - CLUBS IN IOWA: Algona, Boone, Cedar Rapids, Clinton, Davenport, Des Moines, Dubuque, Ft Dodge, Ft Madison, Huron, Keokuk, Mason City, Oelwein, Rapid City, Sioux City; Sioux Falls (S.D.), Waterloo and Webster City. (NOTE: Other states will be listed as we go along. DLP)

International President Charles F. Burkin, Jr. was guest on KTVH, Channel 12, Wichita and KTVC, Channel 6, Ensign, Kansas 7/12/64 on the only Masonic News Program on TV. He was interviewed by Florian A. Rodgers, Moderator of this unique TV program, and Editor-Publisher of the Kansas Masonic Digest. The program started as a 13 week experiment. By August 9, 1964 it would reach 200th telecast, reaching 3/4 of the 105 counties in Kansas.

ZARAGOZA (Spain) charter returned 8/20/64. It was chartered 9/4/61.

Bro. Harry E. Pierson, Paso Robles, Ca. wrote in the Sept.-Oct., 1964 High Twelvian of the importance of DeMolay in High Twelve International activities; of the warm feelings he had concerning this training ground for Masons of the future. He urged Twelvians to make this the objective of every High Twelve Club annually... to be side-liners. He asked High Twelve Clubs to support the Summer Leadership Camp at Estes Park, Colo. One boy in camp would cost \$45.00. Pierson claimed that when De Molay was faltering in Paso Robles, the High Twelve Club contacted the Worshipful Master of Paso Robles Lodge, help was offered and the Chapter was now vital. Bro. Pierson took some DeMolay boys to Palm Springs to attend an instructional meeting.

At this time, the Arcadia, Ca. HTC was the only one in International with Tax-exempt status. CPA Louis P. Black, Past President of the club, has furnished International Administrator Vorhes with a set of forms (kit). The plan was to have International apply, and if application granted, member clubs could refer to International status for their own exemptions.

E.C. "Wallie" Wolcott, Founder, was 83 years young April 22. He continued to take an active part in the formation and building of High Twelve Clubs.

FURNITURE CITY HTC's project in the fall of 1964 was the Kent County Honor Camp,

Kent County, Mich. In slightly over a 3 year period 150 young 'campers' had passed through the camp with a rehabilitation rate of 90%. Funds for this and other projects were raised through pancake suppers, breakfasts, sale of American flags, fruit cakes, home care kits, fire extinguishers, iron-on patches, shoe-shine polishers, moth-proofing chemicals, waterless cleanser, shaving foam, etc.

Lawrence C. Nurisso, San Francisco, in late October 1964, on being elected President of the California Association of High Twelve Clubs, Disneyland, spoke of the many youth activities that High Twelve clubs supported. They included the San Francisco Camp Fund for less fortunate children.

"We don't need just to look to foreign countries for troubled areas. We have them here in California at our doorstep." "...broken homes and similar unhappy conditions beyond the control of individual youths help lead them into becoming juvenile problems. I challenge those employers among you to hire youths whenever and wherever possible. Where will they receive their first work experience if you employers don't hire them?" His comments were broadcast by radio.

International 1st V.P. Robert F. Clynych of Baton Rouge, La. said, "...There is no record of a DeMolay boy having been charged with the commission of organized crime, yet the greatest number of our newly made criminals are under 18."

Outgoing California Association President C. I. Hammett said there were now 70 active clubs in California.

The Florida State Association of HTC were guests 11/8/64 at the Sunday morning chapel service at Bay Pines Veterans Administration Center. 96 strong, with a total attendance of 197 to participate in the spiritual observance with Chaplain Burris, visitors, patients and fellowship....and to share in the gesture of appreciation to our 33 active High Twelve volunteers who (give) a day a week of their time in the movement of patients about the hospital.

"Since 1961 they have devoted 20,000 to dedicated volunteer assistance to date. They also helped obtain and maintain 17 self-retaining sanitary formica-top wheelchair lap boards. This is but one of many phases of Brotherly Love that....reflects the everlasting credit upon Masonry and the Brethern of High Twelve." By Granville T. Youngs. State Convention was held 11/8/64.

10/14 and 10/15/64 - SOVIET PREMIER KRUSCHEV DEPOSED. REPLACED BY KOSYGIN.

YREKA (Calif.) HTC charter issued 10/31/64. 36 members. Pres. Wm. L. Harris.
HUENEME BAY (Port Hueneme, Ca.) charter issued 10/31/64. 64 members. Pres. Wm. N. Jones.

General Counsel Arthur E. Schifferman 10/31/64 recommended that other (than California) State Associations and International get Federal and State income tax exemptions as does the California State Association, exempt since 1958. Suggested improvement in proxy forms, as per D. Raeburn Rosendaal of Topkea, HTC. "...State Associations must include in the Constitution & By-Laws the Mandatory Clause, Art. II (a) 2,...." He discussed the administrator's proposed handbook or manual.

Regarding the 3 step symbol (as on lapel pin, stickers, etc.)...."We are still using the symbol that is not registered as our trade-mark, e.g. 'International' being in the higher step....example, in current High Twelvian, symbol on the official gong is wrong....gold seal in Past President's certificate wrong. At the California State Association, some large club banners had wrong emblem. Some stationery still uses wrong emblem....as also appears on our International Constitution & By-Laws."

Schifferman stated that the pattern constitutions for local clubs are available. Present forms were bulky and expensive to mail. "Should be printed in same format as our International Constitution & By-Laws, printed at low cost."

DOWNTOWN ST. LOUIS HTC (Mo.) charter returned 10/7/64. Chartered June, 1942. International Projects Committee Chairman Frank W. McWhorter, Indianapolis wrote 11/4/64 on club projects, "...those clubs which do not have a local club project, almost without exception, are not the successful clubs." "...A study of the clubs which have folded up, show that the unsuccessful clubs are the ones which have no community service, and do not assist in the International program of High Twelve.

At the 19th Annual Missouri State Convention, Jefferson City, May 16-17, 1964 Mrs. Wm. C. Lindsey, Pres. of the Kansas City, Mo. HTC Auxiliary was speaker at the noon luncheon and offered to help any club to organize an auxiliary. Now the Missouri Clubs are sponsoring a garden project at the Masonic Home. They furnished a Roto-Tiller, power spray, other tools and 75 rose bushes. Southside St. Louis club had the greatest percentage gain for the 3rd time, now the permanent possessor of plaque.

Harry Pierson, Chairman of the International Office Improvement Fund Drive reported that the San Leandro (Calif.) HTC donated \$100.00 (1.00 per member) to start the 1964-65 drive. His list of International office needs came to \$6,000.00.

LOUISIANA high Twelve Association reported 10 clubs....New Orleans 94 members; Shreveport 80; Baton Rouge 61; Natchez 56; Louisiana State U., Baton Rouge 55; Overton Brooks (Bossier City) 47; Louis Daniel (Monroe) 41; Bastrop 31; Harry M. Lemert (Monroe) 23; West Monroe 22; The Jan-Feb., 1965 High Twelvian said Shreveport HTC chartered 5/21/47; and was only club in the State for 9 years. Its full term 1st pres., Frank Brown served as Grand Master of Masons in Louisiana in 1960.

At the Mid-Year meeting, the Louisiana Association stated that they felt local clubs "should cast their votes (at conventions) through a member of their club or if by proxy, through a member of their own delegation." "...A State Association or a local club might attempt to control the organization by causing individuals to be elected to the point of International Officers who will not actually have the support of the majority. Art. IV, Sec. 5, proxies, makes this possible. As an example, a State Association could write to local clubs in other states and secure enough proxy votes to control the election at the Annual Convention. The State Association from which the proxies were secured would be powerless to prevent the loss of these votes." Amendment proposed.

The California President Laurence C. Nurisso reported at the Mid-Year meeting that state dues had gone up to \$1.50 from \$1.00, and had been overwhelmingly approved. He was grateful for the marvelous relationship with Grand Lodge in California.

The Mid-Year meeting 11/20-21, Judge Charles F. Burkin, Pres. presiding. (Not clear whether this was in Kansas City or St. Louis.) 1st V.P. Robert F. Clynch presented a practical program for his year as president commencing in June, 1965. Bro. Clynch was interviewing applicants for position of Administrator when Robert W. Vorhes leaves the post after the convention in June. Clynch was to make preference recommendations to the new Board.

There were 10 of the 14 State Association Presidents on hand. "...A determined effort will be made by State Association Presidents to secure 35 mm color slides of the early stages of club formation in order that a club formation "selling kit" could be advanced to completion and offered free to states in promotional work.

Int. 3rd V.P. Leonard B. Vorhees submitted his resignation from the Wolcott Foundation effective March 1, 1965. "The equipment in the International Home Office is very limited and in some cases actually shabby. New and replacing items are desperately needed....only half a dollar per member would put the fund (\$6,000.00 goal) over the top." "Bro. Fullerton presented a color slide preview of a Florida DeMolay group's week at Estes Park the past summer."

Florida reported that on 6/17/64 91 members and wives of the Pinellas County HTC took a boat trip to Bradenton to meet with that new club. On 10/21/64 103 members and wives of St. Petersburg HTC, Florida West Coast, took a boat trip to Bahia Vista Beach, where they met 50 members and wives of the Anna Maria Club and newly formed club at Bradenton....object - to create interest in forming a club at Sun City.

In his report on the Wolcott Foundation, Inc., Chairman Arthur E. Buss stated, "...In practically every case (only 1 or 2 exceptions) all our students (GWU) have been engaged in work in a Federal Government Department, either during their student training period or following it. The big majority of our students are still engaged in government work. To me this is a complete rebuttal to those who say, 'We are not getting our people into government, and therefore we are wasting our money....' Contributions to Wolcott Foundation 5/1/64 = 10/30/64 = \$2,331.60 (\$639.13 from California).

STATE PRESIDENTS 1/2/65 - CALIF. Lawrence C. Nurisso, San Francisco; COLORADO: 1964-65 V.A. (Bud) Vaseen according to current list; John H. Morrison, according to March-April, 1965 High Twelvian. FLORIDA: Howard M. Smith; ILLINOIS: Robert J. Grannan, Quincy; INDIANA: Dr. Owens L. Shanteau; IOWA: Charles C. Howard, Sioux City; KANSAS: Glenn W. Watson, Kansas City; KENTUCKY-ALABAMA, C.T. Sands; LOUISIANA: P.E. Weldon; MICHIGAN: Calvin O. Gill, Dearborn; MISSOURI: Clyde F. Walker, Mexico; NEW JERSEY: (Governor) Raymond D. Seeley according to High Twelvian - Fred C. Heckman, according to current list (Newark). OHIO: U. Herbert Garlaugh, Miamisburg; PENNSYLVANIA: Norman Beebee.

ROSSMOR (Calif.) HTC chartered 1/29/65 in Walnut Creek's Leisure World. St. Louis records indicate 151 on charter roll. High Twelvian of that time indicated 166, "largest club ever at time of charter" Sponsored by Concord HTC. Charter presented by State President Lawrence C. Nurisso. State Executive Vice President Herbert H. Goddard was Installing Officer. Dr. John T. Avery, Vice President in Charge of Area I opened the meeting. Past State President Fred H. Doty was the Master of Ceremonies. The first President was E. Wells Smith; Sec. Clarence Droit.

KENTUCKY-ALABAMA ASSN: Bastrop, Ala; Birmingham, Ala; Vulcan (Birmingham) Ala; KENTUCKY: Bowling Green, Covington, Louisville (Downtown), Louisville (Audubon), Louisville (St Mathews), Louisville (Al E. Orton), Louisville (West End), Madisonville, Owensboro and Shiveley (Dixie).

2 clubs in NEBRASKA: Rural Douglas County (Bennington & Elk City); and Omaha. 10 clubs in KANSAS: Clay Center, Kansas City, Huron (K.C.), Lawrence, Leavenworth, Manhattan, Shawnee Mission (Mission), Topeka, Wichita, Keystone (Wichita).

5 active and 1 ? in COLORADO: Boulder, Denver, Mile Hi (Denver) South Denver (?), Rocky Mountain (Idaho Springs), Westminster. 1 club in Tijuana, Mexico; 1 club each in New Hampshire (Seacoast Region-Portsmouth); 1 in New York at White Plains; 1 in Tulsa, Okla; 1 in Zaragoza, Spain; 3 clubs in WASHINGTON: Fairchild AFB, Geo. Washington (Lawson AFB) and Seattle; 1 in England (Arnold Page at Lakenheath); 1 in France (Le Premier En France at Ingrandes). 73 clubs in Calif., incl. 2 questionable. 1 in Guam - active - Curtis E. LeMay at Anderson AFB and 1 questionable - Char Marv. 13 clubs in Florida; 12 in Illinois; 9 in Indiana; 16 in Iowa; 9 in Louisiana and 1 in Natchez, Miss; 23 clubs in Michigan; 13 in Missouri (and 1 questionable); 7 in New Jersey; 15 in Ohio; 9 in Pennsylvania; and 3 clubs in South Dakota. ALL LISTED ELSEWHERE.

HERBERT S. TOWNER DIED 12/5/64 at 91. He was a charter member of the Kansas City HTC, 3rd organized in HTI. Founder Wallie Wolcott often gave him much credit for helping to build High Twelve in the early days.

CHAPTER 10 RECONSTRUCTION

The following recommendations were made by Administrator Vorhes to the Mid-Year Governing Board. Re. dues....HFI compares unfavorably with Optimists International, with their \$10.00 dues per member, 1,900 clubs and contact with 2,872 boys involving expenditure of \$3,580.00, the \$10,000,000 worth of Boys' property and \$3,524,000 charitable works, Scout Troops, etc.

Vorhes objected to a project like Wolcott Foundation that helps too few. "Accepted by but only a few of the Grand Jurisdictions...." "Why? Because we try to convince the Grand Officers that we want something. We must sell them on the fact that we have something to give, and it must be a youth movement, not a high kafluting scholarship program. I asked DeMolay officials not too long ago if we could be the sole sponsoring body of DeMolay. They said, 'Sure, but you don't have enough clubs to sponsor DeMolay. It would take over 2,000.'"

He referred to heavier (100%) support of the Boy's Home at Omaha. "...Such a project must be close to the grass roots. It must be every member's project. I am firmly convinced that the Wolcott Scholarship to George Washington University is not that project. It hasn't worked, and it will not work."

"There is no question in my mind but what everyone of our members would kick in at least \$10.00 apiece if he knew the International project was going to be something that he could believe in and be proud of." He went on to mention other possible projects such as Life Line "Freedom Posts", protection of the Free Enterprise System.

"I would seriously recommend that someone be authorized to attend all meetings of the Masonic Educational Conferences, and the Grand Masters and the Grand Secretaries Conferences." "Recommend some (one) individual be empowered to handle workshops in every state, not leave it to the states to work out, but make it compulsory. The greatest accomplishment for High Twelve has been where workshops were conducted...." "....A full half day at the International Convention should be devoted to workshop tactics....."

"....there has never been a system for keeping a record of proceedings and motions passed and approved by the Governing Board...." "We have many Life Members approved by the Governing Board, etc." "....No more Life Members according to our By-Laws, and no record of those approved."

"....these procedures should be placed in a separate file....and not necessary to go back over minutes to find out what happened. All ok (if) same individuals run the office, but when there is a change, too much record work must be done..."

"Our Executive Committee should function in this respect."

(NOTE: At the Mid-Year Board Meeting C. William Conard was chosen to be the new Administrator....presumably to start during or after the Annual Convention, late June.)

There is a letter in the files from a Ted Brewer, apparently in the Service, to 1st V.P. R. Clynoch, dated 12/6/64, re. Bob's question, "What do military clubs want or need". His answer is summarized: No different than civilians when it comes to programs, except....1, Military like ceremony; 2, Like leaders to plan & have good procedures; 3, Have only 1 hr. for lunch; 4, Dislike of 'railroading' in elections.... encourage nominations from the floor; 5, Commercialism. Never push products in meetings; 6, Why can't we operate at cost and disregard...trying to make money at meetings? 7, Publicity...by word of mouth only (regulations prohibit ...exclude certain races, etc.) Off base meetings could be answer, but time is factor; 8, Lack of understanding. Position of International Hdqtrs not understood. Quarterly magazine must be received promptly. I haven't received one since I left Barksdale....an international roster of members should be available....member to contact in city or state of our travels...."

LIVERMORE (Calif.) HTC charter was presented early summer of 1965 by State Pres. Laurence C. Nurisso, S.F.; Installing Officer PSP Fred Doty. The Potentate of Aahmes Temple in Oakland, Illustrious Fred E. Anderson, presented Imperial Potentate Most Illustrious O. Carlyle Brock of Erie, Pa. (NOTE: Quite an honor for a new club.) The charter shows date of 8/6/65, 47 members; so it may have been a symbolic present'n.)

Another BRADENTON (Fla.) HTC project....Children's Haven, a school for teaching and treatment of retarded and crippled children of Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Pres. Earl M. Jenkins. On January 8, 1965 P.I.P. Wm. F. Tearman was elected Potentate of Zorah Temple AAONMS, Terre Haute.

General Counsel Art Schifferman advised that all State Association and Club Constitutions or By-Laws must contain the Mandatory Provision or they will not be approved and will have no force or effect...Art III, Sect. a, 1 & 2., Sec. 3a.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE STANDINGS (May-June, 1965 High Twelvian) Indianapolis 2 yrs = 8; & 1 yr = 6; Camden, N.J. 1 yr = 9; Bakersfield, Ca. 1 yr = 3; Media, Pa. 1 yr = 2; Kansas City, Kan. 1 yr = 1; East Orange, N.J. 2 yrs = 1.

SOUTHEAST (Detroit, Mich.) HTC dropped 1/12/65. Chartered in 1935. PINELLAS PARK (Fla.) HTC charter issued 2/15/65. 41 members. Pres. Chester G. Dettmer. WEST-GATE (St. Petersburg, Fla.) Charter issued 3/26/65. 87 members. Pres. Don R. Weber. GATEWAY (Downtown St. Louis) had 70 members and ladies in attendance at their charter party 2/12/65, when Pres. Charles F. Burkin presented the charter to the 59 members. SUN CITY (Calif.) HTC withdrew from International 3/31/65. Chartered 9/7/63. WOODLAND (Ca.) HTC charter issued 5/22/65. 31 members. Pres. Wm. O. Rose. DELTONA (Fla.) charter issued 1/14/65. 45 members. Pres. Dean W. Howland.

TEN LARGEST CLUBS LISTED ALPHABETICALLY: Alhambra, Ca; Birmingham, Mich; Carmel, Ca; Dayton (Far Hills) Ohio; Kansas City, Mo; Middletown, Ohio; St. Petersburg, Fla; Springfield, Ill; Sun City, Ca. (OUT); Toledo, Ohio.

Administrator Robt. W. Vorhes recommended that \$3.00 per capita dues be collected in each year, based on April 30 membership. At that time \$1.50 was billed twice a year, necessitating for International to operate on more than 6 months or what might well be considered borrowed money. March-April, 1965 High Twelvian.

WHITE PLAINS (NY) HTC presented a check for \$1,000.00 to the White Plains Hospital in the Spring of 1965 for the purchase and installation of new furnishings in the lobby. Bro. Joseph B. Ford of that club said it took 5 years of money raising projects. In the meantime they had supported boys and girls (Masonic) in the local summer recreation camp.

First Vice President Robert F. Clynch, in correspondence starting March 3, 1965 with Budget Chairman Emil Jechmen and International Officers expressed concern re. trend of expenditures over income, and the probable disastrous results. "...You will note from my budget for the fiscal year 1965-66, I will have a carry-over deficit of \$9,351.88, developed upon experience of 1st 9 months of 1964-65"

Clynch called attention to the 1964-65 budget, and that, "...Our income is \$11,500 less than anticipated...." "...if the anticipated income had materialized as predicted, we would have a surplus of \$2,000.00." "...travel and convention expenses show that International Officers are over the budget by \$1,824.88." "...If the projections made for the audit of the year 1964-65 are any way near correct, I will turn over a deficit of \$13,925.88 to Vinton (Malcolm)...."

"....The 1964 estimate of members was much in excess of actual figures." "...Analysis of previous 10 years shows average was 13,572 members....the actual paying members of 1964 is below the 10 year average." "...in the Central Southwest States, such as Nevada, New Mexico and Utah, there were less than 10,000 Master Masons in each jurisdiction." "...I would recommend....concentration on those states where

there are 30,000 or more."

"....High Twelve is by no means dead, but it is in serious jeopardy if the present trends continue." "We have cut the office personnel budget to the bone. \$2,200.00 savings in salaries is anticipated and a reduction in travelling expense of \$2,000.00 per year is anticipated...."

Under date of 3/19/65, Clynych wrote Malcolm a letter completely explaining the deficits. "...There (apparently) never has been a complete cost analysis made of operating of the St Louis office in relation to the budget...." "I think that the office has been operating under a unrealistic handicap for the past 4 years...." "...not too many people realize that Charlie inherited a debit of between 2 and 3 thousand dollars from the previous year.It has been agreed that the office can operate with the Administrator and 1½ girls...." "The Administrator and Secretary will be one person....saving one travel expense."

"....there have never been any trying to place the blame....on the financial morass in which we are wading." "....We are lucky we didn't run out of money 1st, then discover it." Apparently Administrator Vorhes did not stay on until June; and while catching up with office routine, the new Administrator (Conard) would not be expected to travel much....salary \$2,250.00.

James N. Robertson, PIP, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee said he had received only 2 replies to letter he sent first of year to all military clubs.... 1st was Char-Marv Club in Guam; 2nd was from Seacoast Club in Portsmouth, N.H. Bro. Robert W. Corey of Char-Marv said the population on Guam is 98% Catholic. "....because of the closing of the various foreign air bases by the U.S. Air Force, unless some activity is taken to hold the nucleus of the civilian members together, our foreign clubs will disappear."

"....suggestion (in letter to all military clubs) of getting more and more civilian members into the club." He suggested that the Governing Board seriously consider the contents of Bro. Brewer's letter (quoted earlier), "....and perhaps take some action which would alleviate some of the military clubs from some of the requirements which civilian members must meet...."

Pres. Arthur Barrowclough of the Newark HTC advised that their Annual DeMolay Scholarship undergraduate award was made 5/21/65 to Robert E. Comean. Chosen from candidates from 10 chapters in the Newark area. To matriculate at Montclair State College in September; major - English.

LOUIS DANIEL HTC of Monroe, La. sponsored a minor league baseball team of 8 to 12 year old boys, contributed to the Masonic Home for Children, DeMolay Boys Camp. Bro. A.H. Edmonds as V.P. in charge of Expansion in Louisiana made several promotional trips throughout the state.

International Project Committee Chairman Frank W. McWhorter and Dr. Joseph H. Henion, Assistant, suggested that for continuity on the main committees each International V.P. appoint one man; 1st V.P. for 1 year; 2nd V.P. for 2 years; 3rd V.P. for 3 years. New elected President would choose the Chairman, to give continuity in committees.

They suggested establishing a banner and honor requirements schedule with points for club monthly reports (200), State Association and International dues (200); attendance at State Conventions (50); International Conventions (100); club regular meetings (20); projects, local (100); International (Wolcott Foundation) (100); Club membership/expansion (50)....1,000 points = banner rating. 1 new club (500)

Lucille Diering had been with High Twelve International 18 years; resigning 7/1/65. 2nd Int. V.P. Vinton Malcolm wrote, "...within California our biggest disappointment

was in losing the club in Sun City (California), a retirement center. This was not the fault of any one in our State Organization, who certainly did all in their power to hold this club. Rather, it was dissension within the Sun City Club." "...The club was too large (275), and they were permitted to organize with too small dues." "....recommend we establish a minimum amount for annual dues...."

Louis C. Huebner of Quincy, Ill. was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation to replace Leonard Voorhees, who resigned to assume the elected post of 2nd V.P. of HTI.

The International Convention for the 1965-66 term was held June 27 to June 30, '65 in Kansas City, Kan. Towne House Motor Hotel. Conv. Chairman S.R. Hukle. They had the honor of having as visitors Joseph H. McDowell, Mayor of Kansas City, Wm. H. Avery, Governor of Kansas, and Most Worshipful Owen E. Hodgson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

Seargent-at-Arms Harry Pierson collected \$200.00 from those assembled for the Office Equipment Fund, of which he is Chairman. The Tolego, Ohio and Alhambra, Calif. clubs challenged each other on total increase in members.

Art Buss, Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation said that the Trustees had met 4 times since the last annual meeting. "....The trustees have been enlightened as to some of the needs of the students not apparent in the past, such as desirability of increasing the subsistence allowance or lengthening of the period of payment; lengthening the period of attendance where a student is employed part time; acceptance of the offer of former students Furman and Harter to serve as counselors to advise Wolcott scholars on housing, part time job possibilities, etc...." "....it is the hope that in the coming year we will be able to report to you that we have 10 students in our program..."

Russ Webb of Michigan reported he had 21 years perfect attendance at International Conventions; and Carl Menke, Quincy, Ill had 17. STATE PRESIDENTS as of June, 1965 (according to High Twelvian): CALIF: Lawrence C. Nurisso, San Francisco; OHIO: U. Herbert Garlaugh, Miamisburg; LOUISIANA: Pearl E. Weldon, Baton Rouge; COLO: V.A. Vaseen, Denver; PENNSYLVANIA: Geo. T. Lewis, Jr., Media; KANSAS: Glenn W. Watson, Kansas City; MICHIGAN: John E. Rowe, Detroit; KENTUCKY: C. Tom Sands, Louisville; IOWA: Leonard E. Deaver, Cedar Falls; INDIANA: Marion S. Henry, Indianapolis; NEW JERSEY: Frederick C. Heckman, Chatham; FLORIDA: John M. Yoder, Clearwater; MISSOURI: Walter P. Stark, Neosho; ILLINOIS: Robert F. Hernon, Oak Park.

FREMONT (Calif.) HTC spearheaded drive for funds for new \$300,000 Masonic Temple, with able assistance of the High Twelvettes. MEMBERSHIP OF H.T.I. 5/31/64 14,960, 5/31/65 = 14,023....drop of 937; 236 clubs....drop of 10 clubs. Recap of clubs chartered: Bastrop, La. 6/15/64; Yreka, Ca. 10/3/64; Hueneme Bay, Ca. 10/31/64; Deltona, Ca. 11/14/64; Rossmoor, Ca. 11/29/64; Gateway/St. Louis 2/12/65; Pinellas Park, Fla. 2/15/65; Livermore, Ca. 3/6/65; Westgate, Fla. 3/26/65; Woodland, Ca. 5/22/65.

10 LARGEST CLUBS - alphabetically: Alhambra, Ca; Birmingham (Mich.); Carmel-by-the Sea, Ca; Far Hills (Dayton), Middletown, Ohio; Oak Park, Ill; Rossmoor, Calif; St. Petersburg, Fla; Springfield, Ill; Toledo, Ohio. Figures not available.

The 44th Annual Convention, Kansas City, Kan. 6/27/-30, 1965 program was a spiral bound book which carried extensive advertising. The Convention Committee was incorporated as the "High Twelve Convention Committee, Inc." and was supported by Kansas and Missouri clubs. The following amendment to the International By-Laws, Art. III, Sec. 3, Sub. 2c carried:

"Each State Association shall adopt a Constitution & By-Laws which shall be submitted to the General Counsel of HTI. Such Constitution or By-Laws and subsequent amendments thereto must contain the following provision...." This Association acknowledges the supreme authority of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Jurisdiction wherein it

is situated in all matters of Masonic law, tradition or ethics. It is pledged never to interfere with or meddle in the affairs of any Masonic Lodge; nor to engage in or sponsor any activity prohibited by Said Grand Lodge; nor to permit its members to engage in unseemingly conduct which might reflect adversely upon the institution of Masonry'. Each such Constitution, B-Laws and amendments shall be in effect only upon receipt of their approval by the General Counsel."

The Board voted that Immediate Past President Burkin and Pres. Clynych attend the Grand Masters Conference February 27-28, 1965, Washington, D.C. and thereafter one of the 3 vice presidents attend. Outgoing President Charles F. Burkin, Jr. said, "...I think the Ladies Auxilliary (Twelvets, etc.) is a fine thing, and I certainly encourage participation wherever possible."

President Burken, writing in December, 1975, said he thought one of the greatest accomplishments of his year was the settlement of dispute over the Wolcott Foundation; that the greatest problem during his term until the settlement was the trouble between Wallie Wolcott and Herbert Hanon one side and the Wolcott Trustees on the other.

Elected for the 1965-66 term was President, Robert F. Clynych, of Baton Rouge, La; 1st V.P. Vinton S. Malcolm, Oakland, Ca; 2nd V.P. Leonard B. Voorhees, Chardon, Ohio; 3rd V.P. E.P. White, Jr., Louisville, Ky; Treasurer Wm. S. Roser, Louisville, Ky. The Secretary to the International Board and Administrator was C.W. Conard of Boone, Iowa. General Counsel, Arthur E. Schifferman, Laguna Hills, Ca; Editor, High Twelvian, E.P. White, Jr., Louisville, Ky and Production Supt. Max J. Reed, Louisville, Ky. Imm. Past Pres. Charles F. Burkin, Jr., Kansas City, Kan; Int. Chaplain, Bishop Stephen Robinson, Des Moines, Iowa.

Foundation Trustees - Chairman Arthur E. Buss, Calif; Vice Ch. Bishop Stephen Robinson, Iowa; Treas. Wm. N. Kinnard, Pennsylvania; Sec. N.S. Tuchman, Michigan; and Asst. Sec. Louis C. Ruebner, Ill.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: Credentials, Lewis Hoffman, Ohio; Nominations, W.D. Smith, Louisiana; Const. & By-Laws, W.K. Rose, Ohio; Budget & Planning, Emil M. Jecmen, Mo; Expansion, Ernest Ford, Calif; and Tallman Trask, Ca.; Masonic Activities, Dr. Louis A. Legett, La; Military Affairs (Internat. Clubs), James N. Robertson, Pa; and Ted Brewer, Greenland; Projects, Frank McWhorter, Ind; Pub. Rels., J. Carl Menke, Ill; Manuals & Info., T. Archer Brown, Mich; Resolutions, G.A. Royal, Calif; Youth, Walter J. Fullerton, Fla; Office Equpt., Harry Pierson, Ca; Leadership, Calvin O. Gill, Mich; Workshops, John E. Rowe, Mich; PIPs Charles F. Burkin, Jr., Kansas; Parliamentarian, Monta W. Shirley, Ca; Long Range Planning, E.P. White, Jr., Kentucky.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Indianapolis 16; Skycrast 12; DOWTOWN Louisville 11; Camden 9; Anna Maria 7; Quincy 6; K.C., Mo. 5; Bakersfield 4; St. Petersburg 2; Royal Oak 2; Monroe (Louis Daniel) 2; Media 2....and 1 each Sun Coast, St. Mathews, Howell and East Orange.

New President Robert Clynych in his acceptance speech said, "...We will expect the presidents of the State Associations to assume their full responsibilities as members of the Governing Board, to aid in the expansion and the progress of our International Association...." "...Not only do we have an International Project in the Wolcott Scholarships, but our membership supports on a local basis many other fine Masonic Youth activities, such as Order of DeMolay, Assemblies of Rainbow and Bethels of Jobs Daughters...." "I hope that each State Association will conduct a workshop for their constituent clubs where the common problems of the clubs in the State Association can be reviewed and resolved for the benefit of all...." "I would appreciate having the members of HTI devote 8 hours of their time during the coming year to attendance at Blue Lodges."

"...Dr. John T. Avery is doing a brilliant job of organizing clubs in California, said the July-August, 1965 High Twelvian. Those in Fremont and Leisure World are his handiwork. Walnut Creek and Livermore are to follow...."

SUN CITY CENTER (Fla.) charter issued 7/3/65. 25 members. Pres. Arthur R. Sherk.
AUGUST 11 to August 16, 1965 - WATTS RIOT (South of Los Angeles) BLACKS BURN CITY.

PASADENA HTC's 1965 Community Service Award went to Lee M. Merriman, Editor of the Pasadena Independent and Star-News. Presentation made by Past Pres. C. Lewis Edwards. Mr. Merriman is not a Mason. Awards made annually.

President of HTI Robert L. Clynch was elected President of the Masonic Youth Foundation. Organized by the Louisiana Grand Lodge previous year to provide support for DeMolay, Rainbow, Jobs Daughters and other Masonic-affiliated youth groups.

STURGIS (Mich.) HTC charter picked up Oct., 1965. Chartered 11/12/58.
TOPEKA (Kan.) HTC was honored 9/1/65 when Governor William Avery of Kansas became a member of that club in impressive ceremonies. Club Pres. W. L. Hamilton. State Pres. Glenn Watson was on hand.

OCEANA (Oceanside, Calif.) HTC charter issued 9/22/65. 61 members. Pres. Elaine Walker.

NEW JERSEY HTCS of East Orange, Newark and Union Co-hosted a meeting 10/21/65 to honor M. W. Walter W. Smith, Grand Master of Masons for New Jersey. 125 in attendance, including many Masonic dignitaries, including Fred Heckman Governor of the New Jersey State Assn.. Pres. Mervin Weiner of the East Orange Club was M. C. 2nd V. P. Leonard Voorhees brought greetings from International.

BELLEVILLE, Ill. HTC raised \$4,300.00 on a buffalo-Angus dinner, proceeds to take care of a room and furnishing for the new addition to the Memorial Hospital. The buffalo was donated by Oliver C. Joseph and the Angus by Dr. E. C. Asbury, gentleman farmer, past club presidents. The club had previously donated \$500.00. They expect \$1,200.00 more from collections, bringing the total to \$6,000.00 as pledged. Over 7 year period, Belleville HTC gave over \$14,000.00 to this hospital.

HEALDSBURG, Ca. HTC charter returned 1/22/66. Chartered 6/2/62. LAKEWOOD (Ohio) charter returned 12/31/65. Chartered 4/21/51.

The Mid-Year Governing Board Meeting was held 11/27/65 at the Albert Pick Mark Twain Hotel, St. Louis, Mo, Pres. Robert F. Clynch, presiding. Every state organization represented. States to be given more detailed financial accounting of operations of HTI. A monthly bulletin was being mailed to all State Presidents and International Officers. Pres. Clynch reported traveling 2,400 miles in 5 months, attended 38 meetings where High Twelve was officially recognized; attended 121 meetings since assuming office. Found a growing interest in and a revival of enthusiasm for High Twelve and its work. He gave special thanks to Mrs. Lillian George, Office Secretary, for "stepping into do a magnificent job of pinch-hitting for C. W. Conard, Administrator and Secretary to HTI Board during his illness and recovery period."

1st V. P. Vinton S. Malcom travelled 3,800 miles in interest of HTI. 2nd V. P. Dr. Leonard B. Voorhees contacted the officers and some members of the East Cleveland HTC. Made several club visitations. 3rd VP E. P. White Jr's report on Long Range Planning: "....committee made 12 recommendations - 1, Adopt a suitable headpiece (cap or hat); 2, Set up an Associate Membership; 3, Kit of color slides & tape recording now a fact...to be used in formation of new clubs; 4, New rug and furniture in St. Louis Office now a reality; 5, New International Staff member recommended to be hired to do nothing but work with local clubs in the formation of new ones; 6, Use salutation of 'Twelvian' before a brother's name; 7, Int. Conv. sites should be selected on basis of tourist attractions; 8, Wolcott Foundation, Inc. should be expanded to offer scholarships to students in schools of their choice to study courses of their selection. 9, Big name person should be selected and honored at President's banquet which terminates each International Convention. Secret committee to be appointed by President to make selection.

10, Posters should be printed and given to clubs for hanging in conspicuous places of meeting to advertise HT. (Paddock assigned project). 11, A discount should be at-

tached to dues to encourage advance payment semi-annually. 12, Tax deductible rating should be pursued and obtained for all members engaged in High Twelve work, since it is incorporated in Missouri, as a non-profit institution.

J. Carl Menke received certificate and pin from Pres. Robert Clynch for 18 years perfect attendance. The California Association of High Twelve Club's Ensign Mayo Loan Fund report for 1965 indicated 13 DeMolay undergraduate college loans. Assets had grown to \$5,300.00.

The Merit Award Point Schedule and rules effective 1/1/66 were published on pg. 12, Jan-Feb., 1966 High Twelvian. Quite involved. This is just a summary:
A - Club Monthly Reports and per-capita dues; B - Attendance at St. Conv. and at Int. Conv., member attendance at club meetings; C - Projects (not incl. fund raising function) local community sponsored by club. International Project.
D - Expansion - membership/ new clubs. There were recognitions for Banner Clubs, and for Honor Club. Points ranged from 5, 10, 25, 50, 100 to 1,000 (sponsor new club).

LANSING HTC Pres. John Snyder presented the Director of Camp Highfields a check for \$1,000.00 representing money donated by club members and friends....a project that the club's special committee on youth opportunity as the best immediate means of dealing with youth whose misdeanors are such that rehabilitation seems altogether possible. Contribution "certificates" were \$30.00, or more.

ECONOMIC REVIEW: DOW-JONES AVERAGES 12/31/62 = \$652.10; dividend average \$23.10; 12/31/63 D-J \$762.95, div. avg. \$23.41; 12/31/64 D-J \$874.13, Div. Avg. \$31.24; 12/31/65 D-J \$969.26, Avg. Div. \$28.61. A \$500 annuity in 1939 by 12/31/65 bought only about \$225.00 in goods. With the cost of living 1939 @ 100, now about 228. Purchasing power of the \$ in '39 = 100. Now only about 43.

OFFICIAL ROSTER OF CLUBS IN ILLINOIS, IND., IOWA & KANSAS (March-April, 1966 High Twelvian)
ILLINOIS: Belleville; East St. Louis (Geo. Washington); Freeport, Mattoon, Moline, Oak Park, Paris, Quincy, Rockford, Rock Island, Springfield (Abe Lincoln) & Wood River.
INDIANA: Columbus, Evansville, Evansville/Westside, Indianapolis, Lafayette, Logansport (Gass County), Seymour (Jackson County), Shelbyville & Terre Haute.

IOWA: Algona, Boone, Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, Clinton, Davenport, Des Moines, Dubuque, Fort Dodge, Fort Madison, Keokuk, Mason City, Oelwein, Sioux City (Founder's #1), Waterloo, Webster City (Glen E. Long). KANSAS: Clay Center, Kansas City, Kansas City (Huron), Laurence, Leavenworth, Manhattan, Shawnee Mission, Topeka, Wichita and Wichita/Keystone. (NOTE: Other states listed prior years & later yrs).

DIXIE WEST END (Louisville, Ky.) HTC charter issued 3/1/66. 16 members. C.R. Gregory, Pres. CHERRYLAND (Traverse City, Mich.) charter issued 1/8/66. SARASOTA (Fla.) HTC charter issued 3/1/66. 61 members. Pres. Leslie W. Sanders.

SEMINOLE (Florida) HTC charter issued 5/23/66. 19 members. Pres. John A. Nolan. Charter presented by State Association 1st V.P. Paul Elgland. Wm. F. Dee, President of Pinellas HTC was the organizaer, and was Installing Officer. Sec. J.R. Brady.

OROVILLE, Ca. HTC charter issued 5/28/66. 32 members. Pres. Richard L. Mark. NORTHEAST (St. Petersburg, Fla.) charter issued 5/8/66. 26 members; Pres. Geo. F. Haskell.

Harry Buckalew, PIP, by March, '66 had 39 years of perfect attendance. He was a charter member of Fresno HTC, 3/1/27. Had served as Club President, State President, and International President, 1936-37. Hobby is photography, especially flowers. Expansion Chairman Ernest Ford asked each club in International to appoint an Expansion Chairman to watch attendance, prospective members (and go after them), and to look for a location to organize a new club. Each State Association to have an Expansion Chairman appointed by the State President; and to be a member of the International Expansion Committee.

The Mexico (Mo.) HTC said it had too many worthwhile projects going to go dark during the summer. Examples - 1965 sent 14 children @ cost of \$176.00 to church camp schools. Helped children obtain glasses and eye surgery (Templar Eye Fund); had protruding teeth corrected for 13 year old girl @ cost of about \$700.00 over 2 or 3 years. Supported flower garden project at Masonic Home for \$150.00. All raised by free will contributions, ladies night dinners, fish fries, etc.

The Oakland (Calif.) HTC had a Christmas Party annually for 30 years at the Goodwill Industries, Oakland. "...Over the years besides your fellowship and encouragement, your equipment, dining tables, kitchen supplies, a motion picture projector, a pool table, recreation games and other useful items..." Goodwill Ind.

FORT DODGE HTC, the Shrine Club and the DeMolay Chapter collected \$443.00 for the Christmas Cheer Fund of the Salvation Army. This joint effort was the largest amount collected on any one day of the drive. An annual event.

TOLEDO OHIO HTC, "...largest in the nation, soon to pass the 300 mark," according to Everett Eakin. For the traditional Christmas Party, Dec. 23 for boys and girls of the Lucas County Miami Children's Center, 293 meals were served, including 100 to the young people from the Home, the greatest number of boys and girls the club had ever entertained."

STATE PRESIDENTS (as listed in the May, June, 1966 High Twelvian: CALIF: Herb Goddard, Calif; COLO: Clinton E. Elkins, Denver; FLORIDA Dr. Harold Pierce, Bradenton; ILLINOIS: Robt. F. Hernon, Oak Park; INDIANA: Floran W. Kennedy, LaFayette; IOWA: Dr. L. S. Trevarthen, Boone; KANSAS: Floyd F. Shields, Mission; KENTUCKY-ALABAMA: Hugh W. Cooper, Owensboro; LOUISIANA: Wm. A. Reeder, New Orleans; MICH: John E. Rowe, Livonia; MISSOURI: Paul Hobson, Kansas City; NEW JERSEY: Ed L. Natal, Cherry Hill; OHIO: Clarence Schiefer, Fremont; PENNSYLVANIA: Melvin "Teb" L. Ferol, Jr., Pottstown.

International Convention June 19-22, 1966 New Orleans. Conv. Ch. Louis A. Leggett. Convention dedicated to Founder E. C. Wolcott. Outgoing President Robert Clynch reported (summarization), "....I would recommend that continued emphasis be placed on the elected Board Members and State Association Presidents..." 2 - "...That Executive & Future Planning Committee meet on a quarterly basis....that developments can be reviewed and analyzed fore efficiently and with greater dispatch...."

3 - "...Continued support for Masonic Youth Organizations, especially DeMolay., including a token contribution to the International Office of the Order of DeMolay each year in the amount of \$200.00, and that we continue our support of the Leadership Camps and the local DeMolay chapters...." 4 - "Establishment of an award to an outstanding Mason each year at the International Convention....criteria - Masonic activities and service to Community and Nation." 5 - "Continue support of Wolcott Foundation, and that emphasis be placed on giving of a 'Memorial....in the name of deceased brethren.'" "

Expansion Chairman Ernest A. Ford said that a petition was to be presented to the Grand Lodge of Oregon at their Annual Communication. "...We hope this will clear the way for High Twelve to operate there...."

It was reported that the Grand Master of Kansas Masons, Wm.E.Montgomery was made an Honorary member of the Keystone HTC. More than 200 members and sojourners living in the Wichita area were present. Pres.G.R. "Barry" Stover contacted every Blue Lodge Secretary in Kansas for names and addresses of members living in or near Wichita. Letters of invitation were sent to these sojourners. The Grand Master welcomed the thought of speaking to sojourners living in Metropolitan Wichita.

Emil M.Jecman of St.Louis was a very popular Installing Officer. He made 2 installations in 1962, 5 in 1963, 2 in 1964, 5 in 1965 and 7 so far in 1966.

In FLORIDA STATE President Jonas M.Yoder's report to the Convention, he advised that as of 4/15/66 these 3 clubs had received charters: Pinellas Park, Sun City and Sarasota; and that applications had been received from Town House and Seminole. The State Expansion Charman was Warren Woode. As of 4/15/66 he reported there were 17 High Twelve Clubs in Florida, of which 11 were in Penellas County....total membership nearly 1,500 members.

Among the worthy projects of the Florida clubs included donations to the Masonic Home, Wolcott Fund, Retarded & Crippled Children organization, Bay Pines Veterans Hospital (plus 4,000 hours helping veterans) and Masonic Temple Building funds. 55 hospital gowns for folks at County Home of Largo; Donations to DeMolay to attend leadership camps. organized funeral teams to assist Masters of Lodges. They attended in a body....Blue Lodges, Churches and DeMolay Chapters.

During the Convention many Twelvians were privileged to witness their first investiture of the DeMolay Legion of Honor. J.Chris Nungesser, Grand Senior Councilor Order of DeMolay bestowed that honor on Outgoing President of HTI Robert F.Clynch and Alfred M.Barnes...in impressive ceremonies.

Outgoing President Robert F.Clynch said, "...last year High Twelve sponsored approximately 25% of the young men at the DeMolay Leadership Camps; and this year it appears that you have really opened up your hearts to our Masonic Youth and will sponsor nearly 50%...." "High Twelve is beginning to make great strides in being recognized throughout the country...."

"....I have travelled...from State of Washington to Florida, from Connecticut to California, and from Louisiana to Michigan....125,000 miles of travelling...." "High Twelve has been recognized by the following Bodies....Knights Masons of Ireland; Scottish Rite South Jurisdiction (at the meeting in Guthrie, Okla., where High Twelve was in a prominent spot in the receiving line); International Supreme Council of De Molay; official presentation of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana...." He went on to say he had visited DeMolay Headquarters, Kansas City, Mo. and International Supreme Headquarters Order of Rainbow for Girls in McAlister, Oklahoma; as well as being presented at Alexandria, Va., Consistory at George Washington Memorial, Alexandria. He attended all but 4 State Conventions, and at these, he had officers attend. "This Administration has lived within its budget, and will turn over a small surplus to the new officers....."

At the 7:30AM breakfast, 6/21/66, John E.Row, was Chairman of the Workshops, acting as the "Pace Setter." Speaker, "Selling High Twelve Projects", "Duties and Responsibilities of the President and Officers", Robert F.Clynch,Pr; "Duties of State Officers & State Presidents,"V.S.Malcolm, 1st VP; "Duties of Local Club Officers,"Leonard B. Voorhees, 2nd VP; "Public Relations & Importance of High Twelvian Mag., E.P.White,Jr., 3rd VP; "Masonic Relations Between High Twelve, Blue Lodges and Collateral Bodies", Charles F.Burkin,PF; Wolcott Foundation and you as a High Twelvian", Arthur E. Buss, Chairman, Wolcott Found.Inc. 9AM - Q&A panel, Jack Rowe, Moderator. Members of Panel - Clynch, Malcolm, Voorhees, White, Roser; Conard Sec.& Adm; A.E.Schifferman, Gen.Counsel; Art Buss.

Regarding the panel discussions, it was suggested that at future conventions, they be provided with the questions ahead of time, "so the empaneled officers could have more time to give superior answers." Frank W. McWhorter, Projects Committee Chairman said, "The most important project we have in High Twelve is to sell High Twelve. Sell them on all features of High Twelve, not just fellowship..." Sell the whole package."

Past Michigan State President T. Archer Brown, Chairman of the Manuals Committee recommended that the Manual be patterned after the California Manual. The Committee had been working on a re-write of the current out-dated manual. J. Carl Menke, both Auditor and Chairman of Public Relations said, "...we have a Public Relations Group of about 15,000. Let's all do our part to make this 25,000....members."

Greetings from Most Worshipful Peter Bernard, Jr., Grand Master of Louisiana Masons. Jonas M. Yoder, Florida State Association President commented, "Imagine how much more good could be accomplished if there were more auxiliaries." Retiring General Counsel Arthur E. Schifferman, "....Probably the most significant objective that I have been plugging for several years is the matter of having High Twelve International declared Federally Tax Exempt." "....It gives me pleasure to report to you that application for that status has finally been prepared and filed."

"....We need more joint meetings between local club," said Charles F. Burkin, PIP; "....and more visitations by the individual members." Administrator C. W. Conard, "...Every state should have three workshops per year...." "V. P. Leonard B. Voorhees, "...Our IMAGE is growing in stature and prestige." V. P. E. P. White, Jr. complimented the splendid relations between the International Officers and the Headquarters staff.

Newly elected President V. S. Malcolm said, "....I cannot over-emphasize the importance of establishing a close relationship between the individual clubs and their Zone Officers...."

Arthur E. Buss, Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. recalled that the previous year in Kansas City, "....we observed that 2 students could not be called a program." "....during the past year, your project has really become a program of which you can be proud and truly reflect the image of High Twelve." "....Masonry in action". "We are pleased to report to you that since our Kansas City Meeting, we have had a total of 8 students enrolled in the School of Government, George Washington University.... 13 other applications received.... of which 3 not academically qualified and 1 withdrew application...."

"...Up to the present time, your Trustees have been in the position of having money but few students. Now the trend has completely reversed. We have students but little money." "....fortunately the donations from you members have about doubled this past year over a five year average...."

The membership for 5/31/66 was reported 13,858, a drop of 44; 229 clubs (down 7). The Convention Sergeant-at-Arms was Russ Webb of Michigan.

Officers elected for 1966-67... President, Vinton S. Malcolm, Oakland, Ca; 1st V. P. Leonard B. Voorhees, Novelty, Ohio; 2nd V. P. E. P. White, Jr., Louisville, Ky; 3rd V. P. Howard M. Smith, Dunedin, Fla; Treas. Wm. S. Roser, Louisville, Ky; Immediate Past President Robert F. Clynych, Baton Rouge, La. General Counsel, James N. Robertson, PIP, Media, Pa; Sec. to Board, Robert F. Clynych. Editor High Twelvian, Max J. Reed, Louisville, Ky; Assoc. Ed. D. L. Paddock; Office Manager Mrs. Lillian George, St. Louis. Int. Chaplain Phil W. Barrett DD, San Jose, Calif.

(Zone #1)

ZONE OFFICERS: / Pres. Malcolm - Calif., Oregon, Wash., Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico; Zone #2, 2nd V. P. Voorhees - Ohio, Mich., Wisc., West Va., Virginia & Minnesota; Zone #3, 3rd V. P. White - Ind., Ill., Iowa, South Dak., & Nebraska; Zone 4 - VP Smith - Florida, Ala., George, So. Car., N. Car., Zone #5, PIP Clynych - Louisiana, Mississippi, Ark., Okla. & Texas. Zone #6, Treas.

Roser - Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee & Kansas; Zone 7, Gen.Coun.Robertson - Penna; New York, New Jersey & New Hampshire.

STANDING COMMITTEES: Const. & B.L - Thad Jones, Iowa; Expansion - Ernest Ford, Calif; Budget, Emil Jecman, Mo; Youth Activities, Walter Fullerton, Jr., Florida; Projects, Harold Brillhart, Calif; Masonic Activities, Theodore Meriam, Calif; Military Affairs, Thomas Garner, Calif; Public Relations, Darven L. Paddock, Calif; Other Committees: Resolutions, Eldred Wolford, Calif; Credential, Lewis Hoffmann, Ohio; Necrology, Dr. Phil. Barrett, Calif; Nominations, Milt Pensien, Mich; Manuals, Don Mathewson, Calif; Office Equipment, Harry Pierson, Calif; Leadership, Rev. Brooks. Barker, Ill; Workshop, John E. Rowe, Mich; Parliamentarian, Monta Shirley, Ca; Long Range Planning, Howard Smith, Florida; Auditor, J. Carl Menke, Ill; Operations & Development, 1st V.P. Leonard B. Voorhees, Ohio;

SAN LEANDRO (Calif.) HTC sponsored 19 members of the San Leandro Chapter of De Molay on their trip during the summer to Kansas City, Mo. to visit the Mother Chapter. They visited with former President Harry S. Truman (and were photographed with him), and placed a wreath on the grave of DeMolay Founder Dad Frank S. Land. During their stay, they were escorted by the KCHTC, who also hosted them at their luncheon.

7/1/66 - MEDICARE PROGRAM STARTED FOR CITIZENS OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE.

Five Louisville, Ky. area clubs met jointly at Parkland Lodge Temple, and emphasized the purpose of High Twelve as being a friendly and productive association; Promotion of the Masonic effort, and a night out for the wives. MC'd by T. Vance Rose. Joe McClanahan, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was present at the affair, one of the largest turnouts of members in local High Twelve history.

TULSA HTC in the Fall of 1966 presented a \$200.00 undergraduate scholarship award to a Tulsa Youth, Stevan Grant Williams, 18 at Phillips University, Enid, Okla. He was a Past Master Councilor of Highland Park DeMolay Chapter. John J. Coleman, Club Pres.

CRESCENTA-CANADA (Glendale, Cal.) HTC held its 6th Annual Award dinner for outstanding service to the Community, especially in the field of Youth Work to Mr. Robert Barrett. Good newspaper publicity always accompanied the presentation of this award. LODI HTC donated \$191.40 worth of basketball suits to the Lodi DeMolay Chapter.

President Vinton S. Malcom stated in the Sept.-Oct., 1966 High Twelvian that there were now 3 DeMolay Leadership Camps... Southeast, Midwest and West Coast. "...We must keep up this fine work, and.....sponsor many more boys for next year's camps. Let us not procrastinate...."

Between September 7 and October 9, President Vinton S. Malcolm and his wife travelled 6,400 miles, attended State Conventions in Colorado, Ohio and Kentucky-Alabama; and between conventions he visited local clubs in Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Ohio and Kentucky. Previously, he had visited California clubs.

YUCAIPA HTC chartered (Calif.) Sponsored by the Pasadena HTC. Charter presented by Calif. State President Herbert H. Goddard. State 2nd V.P. Louis Black was Installing Officer. Area VI V.P. George Robb was MC. Pres. Gary L. Miller; Sec. J. L. Souter. 21 members.

PESHAWAR HTC (Peshawar Air Station, Pakistan charter issued 10/15/66. 26 members. TSgt Robert C. Ritter, Jr., Pres. (NOTE: I'm very sorry, but I have no further information on this club. That's too bad, because this sounds real interesting. Previously, we had clubs as far away as Manila, P.I. and Rio De Janeiro, Mexico City, Newfoundland, Madrid, Spain, France, London, etc., but Pakistan was half way around the Globe from St. Louis, Mo. our International Headquarters. In the past we have been truly International. It is too bad we cannot seem to get established in more foreign countries at this time. DLP)

Mt. CLEMENS (Michigan) HTC member Robert F. Kujat was honored as outstanding Dad Advisor at the Michigan Conference of DeMolay. His daughter was chosen DeMolay Sweetheart. He was congratulated later at Traverse City by H.T. State Pres. Howard H. Jennings and Grand Master Robert A. Hockstad (a charter member and board member of Cherryland HTC.) (Fall of 1966)

The Glendale-Acacia HTC officers had just been installed by 1st State Executive V.P. Louis P. Black when State Immediate Past President Herbert H. Goddard approached the rostrum and said, "...One of the happiest moments of my term in office just a year ago was when I was handed a check for \$500.00 to present to the Wolcott Foundation. Tonight this same person gave me another check for \$500.00 for the Wolcott Foundation....again with the request his name be withheld. (NOTE: Donation was made by member Fred Fraley, now deceased. Fred believed in doing his good deeds here and now as he saw it, for as Fred put it, "Tomorrow may be too late." His widow, Mildred, is very active in the Glendale Twelvets. DLP)

CLEVELAND (Ohio) Area High Twelve Clubs gave a party at the Masonic Temple 11/5/66 in honor of the new State President Roy O. Hinch. Worshipful Don Thompson was M.C. The idea was conceived by 3rd V.P. Ohio Association Homer Spence. He chaired the committee. Dr. Leonard B. Voorhees, 1st V.P. High Twelve International, represented International. Miss Prudence Ives, 1965 Wolcott scholar gave an enlightening a/c of her experience as a student at George Washington University.

BELLEVILLE (Ill.) HTC held a combined Masonic and Ladies Night 11/24/66. The State banner was presented to State President Wib Mager. Heads of all of the local bodies and auxiliaries were present. PSP Harry Boyd and others made presentations.

MID-YEAR Governing Board Meeting 12/3/66 (place ??) Chairman of Youth Committee Walter A. Fullerton said, "...High Twelve Clubs sponsored 100 boys to camps this past year, exceeding all other organizations; and that International President Vint Malcolm visited the Western Leadership Camp and was much impressed. The Advisors' Quarterly was mailed to about 30,000 Masons (Advisors), who now know something about High Twelve International..."

A picture of the new wall posters to hang near the Tiler's desk (if permitted) measured 9x12", blue and gold on heavy white stock, and shows the High Twelve International banner. Read...."Master Masons are welcome to Fellowship Luncheons on..... at.....;High Twelve Club. At the bottom it read, High Twelve desires to unite Masonry in the happy bonds of a social hour. Come...Join the fellowship." "...an idea of Darven L. Paddock, Associate Editor of the High Twelvian and Chairman of Public Relations. 25 copies for 1.00)."

President Vinton Malcolm wanted to pass on to Twelvians everywhere the enthusiasm existing in Florida in regard to forming High Twelve Clubs. Approximately 7 clubs in formative stage, each with a very substantial membership...."A challenge to other State Associations..."

At a High Twelve Club meeting in Fort Dodge, Iowa during the winter, Pres. Dr. L. S. Trevarthen of the Iowa State Association asserted that it was important to prove to Masonry that the High Twelve movement could aid it. "...Once this is demonstrated, High Twelve International will grow in 50 states...."

MANSFIELD, OHIO charter night was 10/28/61. Int. 2nd V.P. E.P. White, Jr. presented the charter. Pres. Samuel T. Burrows. Sec.-Tr. P.C. Schnieder. Int. 1st V.P. Leonard B. Voorhees spoke on "Our American Heritage." 30 members on charter.

At the Mid-Year meeting, St Louis, Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, Founder E.C. Wolcott attended for the first time in several years. Mrs. Wolcott had passed away Sept. 2, 1966. They lacked one month of having been married 64 years. It was inspiring to hear Wallie refer to his wife as "sweetheart". He expressed gratitude for his pension, which enabled him to give his lady the loving care he wanted her to have.

A special committee was formed to establish a double entry bookkeeping system in the International Office and to work on tax status. Chairman Ed Natal, New Jersey; Assistant Chairman Louis Black, Calif; Asst. Chairman Howard Richardson, Mich. The Governing Board worked on a format for the State Associations and guide lines for changes in the State Constitution & By-Laws; agreed to devote more time to work shops at International Convention, with more membership participation. Recommended change name of the Military Affairs Committee to International Club Affairs.

It was decided to rewrite the Manual for local clubs, using California's manual as a guide, and to include International Constitution & By-Laws, together with the Installation Ceremony; also Induction Ceremony for installation of new officers.

It was agreed to eliminate the position of Administrator, and to change the title of Administrator to Office Manager wherever so shown in Constitution & By-Laws. (The necessity for economy in management of headquarters was recognized. In effect, since 1967 the old position of office secretary has been upgraded to Office Manager, and there was no Administrator in the sense Vorhes or Conard were, and certainly no one with the authority and responsibility that E.C. Wolcott held as Executive Director has since been on the payroll. There have been no paid "organizers" under any title since Wolcott and Vorhes and to an extent Conard performed...less and less as time went on. Club formation was performed by the clubs themselves, aided and abetted by Area, State and International Expansion Committees, International Zone Officers, State and International Officers...and the results often reflected the amount of thought, time and drive the State and International Presidents devoted to the subject of expansion, retention and membership drives and/or contests. This was often a great problem inasmuch as the Presidents not only had their own businesses or professions to handle, but rode, heard on many other committees, projects and visitations to State Conventions, conferences, meetings and charter parties. There is no doubt that this is the weak link in the operation and future well being of High Twelve, Extension. Who are these Brothers who can and will spearhead this vital drive at all levels? Without them we will die as an organization, for so many clubs are lost every year....so many members pass away, move away, feel they can no longer afford to belong, or whom we no longer seem to be able to reach. There just has to be a much greater and broader effort expended toward expansion, retention and membership drives/contests. DLP)

The Mid-Year Governing Board established an Executive Committee, as part of the By-Laws, to consist of the International President, 1st, 2nd, 3rd V.P. and Int. Treasurer. All actions taken were subject to ratification of the Governing Board, next reg. meeting.

The Jan-Feb., 1967 High Twelvian referred to an article on the HOUR, official publication of the California Association. Editor Darven L. Paddock commented that a great deal of space was devoted to articles about the club bulletins. Each issue contained information about the clubs, but one issue attempted to have 6 to 10 lines about every club in the State Association. The current issues were cold-type offset to save money. The Editor of the High Twelvian commented, "...A good publication like the HOUR will contribute much to the growth of High Twelve Clubs within a state. It is almost a must to help maintain good communications throughout a state or area."

A busload of Twelvians from WICHITA, KANSAS CITY and MANHATTAN, Kan. descended on the CONCORDIA, Kan. group discussing formation of a new club, and helped with the organization. R.W. "Bob" Busby was the Concordia "spark plug" and acting president. He served as Master of his Lodge previous year, and was currently (late '66) President of the Past Masters Club. Roy Kelly acting Secretary during orgiz.period.

James L. Turnbull, Youth Activities Chairman of South Dakota Clubs Organization in Sioux Falls in speaking of assistance given DeMolay by High Twelve, asked in the March-April, 1967 High Twelvian, "What about the International Order of Jobs Daughters, Rainbow for Girls and probably others?" "...We should expand our Masonic Youth program in all the facets, and by name so that all Brothers and People know our total youth activity program." He invited all Brothers to visit and get active in Masonic Youth programs.

DOWNTOWN TOLEDO HTC, largest in the nation, continued to average more than 100 at weekly meetings. It took in 60 members during 1966 under the leadership of Presidents Richard Swartzell and Everett Eakin, each service 6 mo. now over 310 members.

CALIFORNIA CLUBS AS OF 2/1/67: Alameda, Albany, Alhambra, Arcadia, Arlington, Atwater (Geo. Bloss), Bakersfield, Baldwin Park, Beale AFB (Far West); Berkeley, Burbank, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Castle AFB (G.D. Richardson); Chico, Chula Vista (South Bay); Coachella Valley, Concord, Covina (Happy Hiram), Culver City (Heart of Screenland), El Cajon, Fort Ord (Army Memorial), Fremont, Fresno, Glendale-Acacia, Hamilton AFB, Hayward, Hemet (Hemicite), Hollywood, Hueneme Bay, Idyllwild Mile Hi; Lemon Grove (Mt. Helix), Livermore, Lodi, Downtown LA, L.A. (4th Estate), March AFB (Hap Arnold) Maryville (Yuba-Sutter) Monterey Park, Montrose (Crescenta-Canada), Morro Bay (Estero), Napa, Downtown Oakland, East Oakland, Oceanside (Oceana), Paradise, Oroville, Pasadena, Paso Robles, Petaluma, Pomona, Richmond, Riverside, Rosemead (San Gabriel Valley), Sacramento, Salinas, San Diego (NorthPark), San Francisco, San Jose, San Leandro, San Louis Obispo, San Rafael (Marvelous Marin); Santa Rosa, South-Pasadena-San Marino, Stockton, Taft, Temple City, Twain Harte, Walnut Creek, Rossmore, Woodland, Yreka, Yucapia....a total of 42 in Northern Calif. and 30 in Southern Calif...total 72 clubs.

Northern California DeMolay Association officers, their sweetheart and a group of legislatures met recently in Governor Reagan's office to witness the signing of a proclamation designating March 12-15, 1967 as DeMolay Week. A picture of the event is in the May-June, 1967 High Twelvian. PSP Fred Doty and other prominent High Twelvians were present.

MEMBERS BY STATES: about 1st of Jan., 1967...CALIF: 4,369; FLORIDA: 1,461; MICHIGAN: 1,123; OHIO: 1,123; IOWA: 1,096; ILL: 1,015; MISSOURI: 682; PENNSY: 612; KANSAS 563; LOUISIANA: 419; INDIANA: 392; NEW JERSEY: 368; KENTUCKY-ALABAMA: 288; COLORADO: 206; WASHINGTON: 147; SOUTH DAK: 126; OKLA: 82; NEW YORK: 52; NEBRASKA: 37; MISSISSIPPI: 31. total 14,192.

PORTRAIT OF A GOOD CLUB...High Twelvian May-June, 1967: "The Youth Committee gets things done for the DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, Rainbow Girls, Wolcott and other funds. The Civic Committee gets the clubs to participate in Fairs, Parades, Public Schools Work, Citizens of the Year Awards, etc. The Expansion Committee is activating members into getting new members, retaining old ones and finding possible new club locations. The Visitation Committee sees that members really do visit Blue Lodges en masse; and that other clubs are visited on an exchange basis.

"The Program Committee brings good clean interesting programs; the Publicity Chairman tells the world about it. The Bulletin Editor issues a newsy sheet with this and other pertinent information. The Secretary and the Treasurer are Workers. There is a sign (or two) posted on the main thoroughfares. Someone hangs a sign in front of the Cafe when meeting day arrives. A Host greets the visitor at the door, and assigns

a member to stay with the visitor and introduce him around. Members wear lapel pins.

"The club displays its banner. Its lectern has a High Twelve insignia. Business cards, book matches and brochures are handed out. (Your printer will print cards). Every town has an agent for book matches; and International, St. Louis now has brochures..."

"The meeting is opened with a flag salute and a prayer to Deity. There is a quiet period for renewal of acquaintance. Blue Lodge Announcements are made. Then Old Pot does his job, and there's fun and frivolity....some clean jokes. The good president wouldn't conduct club business at a regular meeting for anything. He leaves that for the Board Meeting. Then he quiets everyone down and the Program Chairman for the day introduces the speaker. Now, everyone is attentive and respectful.

"When it is all over, everyone is welcomed back. Members who are on their toes are quietly working on visitors who are prospects. The speaker is given a token of the Club's esteem for having gone to the trouble to come and to give a talk.

"Everyone leaves, thinking, 'What a great club. I'm glad I belong (or I wish I belonged)'. IS THIS A PORTRAIT OF YOUR CLUB?" DLP

At the 1966-67 Annual Convention of the Florida Association Elmer Olson of the Sun Coast Club was elected President, succeeding Dr. H. V. Pierce. President of HTI Vinton S. Malcolm reported he had visited all 14 State Associations, plus many local clubs during his year as President. "...It is my fervent hope that in some way I have succeeded in spreading the sunshine and good fellowship of HTI at these meetings, for I certainly have derived pleasure beyond description from the visits."

Editor Max J. Reed of the High Twelvian acknowledged John L. Barrett of Lancaster, Pa. as the artist who did the high quality art work for the High Twelvian covers. He was a project designer for Armstrong Cork.

ROSSMOOR HTC, Walnut Creek, Ca. had more than doubled in size since its founding in 1965 to a total of 343, and rightly wondered if they by now were the largest club in HTI. The club's list of good deeds, contributions to worthy causes and projects was a goal to be envied by most clubs. The California clubs spent during 1966 \$4,620 on the 77 De Molay boys they sent to camp.

DEARBORN (Mich.) HTC charter forfeited during May, 1967. It was chartered 12/3/57. HAMILTON (Ohio) Charter presented 5/20/67 by Dr. Leonard Voorhees, 1st V.P. HTI, with Roy Hinch Installing Officer. Formed through efforts of Ohio State Assn. 2nd V.P. Herman H. Lawrence, M.C. 44 members. Pres. Geo. C. Dalton, hoping to have 75 mbrs soon.

6/5/67 - 6/10/67 SIX DAY WAR BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARABS.

International Convention, Oakland, Ca., Hotel Claremont, June 25-28, 1967. Singles \$13.00, Twinbeds \$17.00; Reg. and Activity books - Men \$30.00, Women \$27.00. HAMILTON (Ohio) HTC club charter party 5/20/67. 160 guests and members present. 44 members on charter. \$77.50 was collected and given to the Wolcott Foundation, in the name of one of their charter members, James R. Fitzgerald, who was inducted posthumously. Charter presented by Pres. Roy O. Hinch, Ohio Assn. 3rd V.P. Homer A. Spence of Ohio Assn. installed. Herbert H. Lawrence, 2nd V.P. Ohio, was M.C. He was also the guiding light in formation of the club. Pres. Geo. Dalton. Presentations made by numerous clubs.

At the Convention, Oakland, Walter A. Fullerton, Chairman of the Youth Committee

reported High Twelvians were sending more DeMolays and Masons to Leadership Camps than there were High Twelve Clubs....nearly 250....roughly double previous year.. Marvelous Marin HTC was sending 7. Fullerton said there were 2,500 DeMolay chapters."..so we have a long way to go."

3rd Int.V.P. Howard M.Smith brought up PIP Robert F.Clynch's 9 point program of Long Range Planning. He asked the question, "Why are the Service Clubs of about the same age as High Twelve many times larger? 1. We lack continuity, and must learn to transmit information from one year's officers or committees to the next. All standing committees should be for a period of 3 years (3,2 & 1 yr to start)." (NOTE: This makes several times this idea has been proposed over the years.)

"2. We are not a Masonic Organization, but an organization of Master Masons. We must bind ourselves closer to the Symbolic Lodges and function as a Masonic Service Club. "...When we become more interested in the projects of the Grand Lodge in which we are located, we will be in Service to Freemasonry, and they will respond and help us grow." 3. Leadership training and work shops are of vital importance if we are to expand." "...To meet and eat is not enough, and without well planned and interesting programs and activities, we will not progress."

4. "Every State Association should ascertain if the Masonic Service Association has a Director in their state, and what you can do to assist him. He will no doubt be located at a government hospital and rehabilitation center...." 5. "Arrange an annual High Twelve Day at the Masonic Home in your jurisdiction."...."May need Guild helpers."

6. "Does your Grand Jurisdiction have a blood bank? Join it for the benefit of the members. 7. "Do your local clubs keep in touch with the widows of High Twelvians? Do you invite them to Ladies Days, and provide transportation for them when needed?" 8. "Instead of giving flowers, give a living memorial to the Wolcott Foundation." 9. "Every club should have a Masonic Relationship Committee, and work with the local Lodge Officers; and should announce at each meeting of the club what work is scheduled for the ensuing week. This is a wonderful committee to be headed by a Past Master."

The Public Relations Committee objectives were listed as Better programs; more publicity; more and better bulletins; wider use of promotional items (posters, pins, banners, plaques, business cards, book matches, brochures and signs); greater emphasis on Public Education; more youth activities; more Community Recognition activities; speakers bureau (every club with 2 or 3 members who can give a 15 minute pitch before Blue Lodges, etc. on purposes and activities of High Twelve.) Settle on standardized jacket and hat; and more participation in parades and fairs. DLP

These Constitution & By-Laws changes adopted by roll call vote at the 1967 Convention: Art.IV, Sec. 1 of the Const.of HTI to read, "The Officers of HTI shall consist of the Pres.,1st V.P., 2nd V.P., 3rd V.P., Immediate Past President, Sec., Treas., Genl.Counsel;" and ART II, Sec.3b..."The Secretary and General Counsel shall be appointed by a majority of the Governing Board; and Art.II, Sec.7f, Office Mgr., "The Governing Board may, in its sole discretion appoint an office manager (job description given)."

"Art II, Sec.9 of By-Laws, "Officers (other than Secretary) shall serve without compensation; but they shall be reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties. The Compensation for the Office Manager and the Secretary shall be fixed by the Governing Board from time to time."

Article III, Sec.1f, Delegation of Powers, "The Governing Board may assign to any officer or officers of HTI, authority to exercise on its behalf various duties. Pro-

vided, that such duties shall be delegated by specific action of the Board for designated purposes only, or delegated to an Executive Committee for general purposes, said committee's actions to be subject to the Board's review and ratification at the Board's next meeting."

ART.III, Sec.2c, Reports. "Promptly after the last meeting of each month, the Secretary of each local club shall send to the Office Manager an official Monthly Report, made on forms to be provided by HTI, containing such information and data as the Governing Board may prescribe."

ART.V, Sec.1....Standing Com: "The President shall appoint as soon as possible after assuming office, the following standing committees: Const.& B-L., Expan.& Future Planning; Budgetary; Youth Activities; Projects; Masonic Activities; International Club Affairs; Public Relations.

ART.VI, Sec.2b related to statement dates, "On each February 1st, the Office Manager shall send to the Secretary of each local club a statement of the amount payable as per-capita dues for the immediately preceding December. Payment shall be made on or before March 1st subsequent thereto. A similar statement shall be sent on August 1st for the number of active members shown on the club's report for the immediately preceding June, and payment shall be made on or before Sept. 1st subsequent thereto. In the absence of a December or June report, the statement shall be based on the latest preceding report."

Int.1st V.P. E.P.White,Jr. listed various suggested programs suitable for club use, the result of a questionnaire: 1. Discuss the year's program at outset of new officers taking over; 2. Effective and impressive installation of officers; 3. Crippled or handicapped children are heart stiring subjects;4 Church recognition Sunday; 5. Media appreciation Day; 6. Fashion Show for Ladies Day or Night. 7. Golf Tournament; 8. Father & Son Luncheon; 9. Inter-club visitation; 10. One club attributed 30% increase in membership to entertaining programs. 11. Honor and reward policemen, firemen, etc; 12. Thanksgiving, Lincoln, Washington, Christmas provide reasons for obvious programs; Constitution, Bill of Rights, Flag Day talks. 14. mock wedding for June, Trick or Treat for October. Let humor prevail; 15. Representatives from Masonic oriented organizations; Service Organizations representatives, such as Salvation Army; 17. Member recognition; 18. State Association President or Vice President...International Officers.

In reflecting back on his year as International President, Vinton Malcolm recently indicated one of his problems was the illness of the Administrator, who "could not operate to his full capacity", so was relieved of his post. "We also got out of the red and ended the year in the blue." "...We were trying to apply for exemption for the IRS, and we have Louis Black to thank. He did a good job,as he had to go back many years." "...We had a steady growth in membership."

The workshop breakfast was interesting. Panel members were given 5 minutes each to make a point or two on the subjects assigned. Pres.Harlan G.Richardson of the Michigan Association moderated. International Officers were panelists. The incoming president Leonard R.Voorhees was interviewed for T.V. PIP James N.Robertson installed the new officers (listed below). The Florida Association won the California-Florida(new club charter)contest with Expansion Chairman Ernest A.Ford presenting the trophy which he had made in his own workshop out of California redwood. Ford gave credit for Florida's current growth to Expansion Committee Chairman Warren Wade and to International V.P.Howard Smith. Florida 1st V.P.Henry Hood accepted the award. 2nd V.P.Smith said that Florida again challenged California, proposing a point system...net increase in clubs 50 points; net increase in dues paying members 50 points; Contest to end 4/30/68.

The membership was listed at 14,808 in 237 clubs (increase of 8 clubs).

Officers elected for 1967-68 term. President Leonard R. Voorhees, Newbury, Ohio; 1st VP - E.P. White, Jr., Louisville; 2nd V.P. - Howard M. Smith, Dunedin, Fla; 3rd V.P. - John L. Shaw, Temple City, Ca; Treas. Wm. S. Roser, Louisville, Ky. The General Counsel was James N. Robertson, Media, Pa; Im. P.P. V.S. Malcolm, Oakland, Ca; Chairman Wolcott Foundation - Arthur E. Buss, Escalon; Editor, High Twelvian - Max J. Reed, Louisville, Ky; Asso. Ed. Darven L. Paddock, Glendale, Ca; Int. Chaplain Bishop Stephen Robinson, Des Moines, Iowa; Office Manager, Mrs. Lillian George, St. L. Headquarters still at 3681 Lindell Blvd., St Louis, Mo. 63108 (& for many years to come).

The High Twelvian listed the following as State Presidents: CALIF: Marvin E. Lechner, San Rafael; COLORADO: Walter L. Rymill, Boulder; FLORIDA: E.W. Olson, Palm Harbor; ILLINOIS: Lee W. Goby, Springfield; INDIANA: Lloyd H. Nickerson, Columbus; IOWA: Newell F. Guarnsey, Sioux City; KANSAS: John H. Murray, Leavenworth; KENTUCKY-ALA: Verlon Gosser, Louisville; LOUISIANA: Stanton D. Neal, Jr., Shreveport; MICHIGAN: Harlan G. Richardson, Detroit; MISSOURI: Ben E. Stover, Springfield; NEW JERSEY: Sidney Dantine, Bridgeton; OHIO: Roy O. Hinch, Euclid; PENNSYLVANIA: Peter Stevens, Morristown.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: Const. & By-Laws - Wm. K. Rose, Ohio; Expansion - Herman Lawrence, Ohio; Budgetary - Emil M. Jecmen, Mo; Youth Activities - Walter A. Fullerton, Jr.; Projects - Walter L. Rymill, Colo; Masonic Activities - Granville Youngs, Fla; International Affairs (Military) - Col. Wilber J. Myers, Mich; Public Relations, DL Paddock.

OTHER COMMITTEES: Resolutions - Florian W. Kennedy, Indiana; Nomination - Dr. L. S. Treverthen, Iowa; Leadership - Rev. Brooks Barker, Ill; Manuals - Don Mathewson, Ca; Office Equipment - Harry Pierson, Calif; Convention - Lewis Hoffman, Ohio; Credentials - T. Archer Brown, Mich; Necrology - Bishop Stephen Robinson, Iowa and Rev. Clarence J. Bradbury, Ohio; Workshops - Clarence Schiefer, Ohio; Parliamentarian - Monta Shirley, Ca; Auditor - J. Carl Menke, Illinois.

Newly elected President Leonard B. Voorhees outlined his plans for his term. 1. Improve communications, especially Local Clubs, State Associations and International, and by committee functions. 2. Continue history of State Associations; 3. Job descriptions of elected and appointed officers and employees through implementation of the new manual in process; 4. Analyse and emphasize importance of attendance....now averages only 30%.

5. Spend more International Officer time on saving clubs. 6. Identify and clarify duties of International Representative; 7. Establish a Convention File for use of future Convention Chairmen; 8. Improve our IMAGE through Community Service and furthering our Masonic Principles.

DR. J. WALLACE FORBES DIED at 62 in Philadelphia. He was President of High Twelve International 1950-1951, and chairman for many years of the Wolcott Foundation. He was a member of the Temple University School of Dentistry staff for 30 years. 7/22/67.

CLEARWATER (Florida) HTC received the High Twelve International Honor Award from International 2nd V.P. Howard M. Smith in recognition for its many services, including to Freemasonry, Youth, Masonic Home, DeMolay camp, Veterans of Bay Pine Hospital among others.

JULY, 1967...BLACKS RIOT IN NEWARK, N.J. and in DETROIT (7/23 - 7/30)
10/20/67 ...7 WHITE MEN CONVICTED OF SLAYING 3 CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS 6/22/64 IN MISSISS.
1967 Wholesale price set at 100. By '72 = 119.1; '73 = 134.7; 6/74 = 155.3.

Pres. Dr. Leonard B. Voorhees to the Governing Board and all Club Secretaries.....
"In 1921 the first High Twelve meetings were based on a fellowship hour with pie and coffee for about a quarter. Time has changed much of our format, and a modern realistic purpose or mission should have evolved. Our fine International project - Wolcott Scholarship Fund....is only part of why we exist." "...A somewhat similar relationship has evolved with DeMolay and the Leadership Camp Candidates." He felt these are projects rather than missions.

"High Twelve is 46 years old and only 15,000 members out of a total of possibly well over 4 million..." "We tend to view the work of High Twelve somewhat apart from Masonry. It is really an adjunct to Masonry. Then to promote Masonry is to promote our Freedom." "...Let us rededicate our efforts to the Mission of Masonry."

PENINSULA HTC (Calif.) chartered in 1967 according to memo. No date, etc. shown. The Berkeley HTC and the California Association presented the Benjamin Franklin Award to Dr. S. H. Babbington, President of the California Assn., 1950-51 by authorization of International President Dr. Leonard B. Voorhees and State President Marvin B. Lechner. Presentation made by PIP Vinton S. Malcolm.

The Mid-Year meeting of the Governing Board of H.T.I. was held 12/2/67 at St. Louis, Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel. It was well attended and marked by a very noticeable feeling of enthusiasm. 11 of the 14 State Presidents were on hand, and numerous Past International Presidents, including Wallie Wolcott, Founder, and Past State Presidents and faithful committee chairmen.

Dr. Leonard B. Voorhees, president, said, "...High 12 is basically service to our Bro. Mason or fellow human; but in reality is much more, because it brings together people who find a common ground..." The Workshop speaker was Charles F. Burkin, PIP. Dr. Leonard B. Voorhees' topic was "What HTI has to offer." Ohio State Assn. Past Pres. Roy O. Hinch and T. C. Hitt, Sec.-Tr. R. M. Shall talked on, "...How the State Assn. helps." Panel Moderator P. P. Ohio Assn. Clarence Schifer. Panelists Dr. Leonard B. Voorhees, E. P. White, Jr., Tallman Trask, Robert F. Clynnch, J. N. Robertson, Arthur Buss and Max Reed. Pres. Voorhees reported on his trip to Alaska and his calls on prospects for High 12 Clubs in the Northwest and North Central States.

SEMINOLE HTC, Florida V. P. Heber E. Jester reported 25 new members were added in January. International Pres. Dr. Leonard B. Voorhees was a recent speaker. There were 5 new clubs in Florida... Homestead, Jacksonville, Leesburg, Fort Myers & Venice, now making a total of 25 active clubs in Florida.

CLUBS BY STATES, SPRING OF 1968 (see previous years and later years for other States): KENTUCKY: Dixie West End; Louisville (Audobon); Louisville (Downtown); Louisville (Al E. Orton); Louisville (St. Mathews); Owensboro.

ALABAMA: Birmingham; Vulcan (Birmingham); COLORADO: Boulder; Denver; Idaho Springs (Rocky Mountains) and Westminster.

MICHIGAN: Benton Harbor; St. Joseph (Fruitbelt); Birmingham; Bloomfield Hills; Downtown Detroit; Northwest Detroit; Redford (Detroit); Furniture City (Grand Rapids); Highland Park; Howell, Jackson, Lansing, Mt. Clemens; Plymouth; Pontiac; Port Huron; Roseville, Royal Oak; Southfield and Cherryland (Traverse City). MISSISSIPPI - 1 club, Natchez.

FAIRCHILD AFB (Evergreen, Wash). Charter issued 1/1/68. 28 members. Pres. Carl O. Pollin.

1/23/68 - U.S.S. PUEBLO & 83 MAN CREW SEIZED IN SEA OF JAPAN.

International President Leonard B. Voorhees suggested in the March-April, 1968 High Twelvian these Points to Ponder... The ABC of Success: A. To increase club fellowship. 1. Joint installation with nearby club; 2. Recognize birthdays, special table & cake; 3. "Every Member" attendance day; 4. Church attendance Day yearly. 5; Announce Blue Lodge activity... also in bulletins... Have a "Masters Day"; 6. Analyze membership by age, lodge number of children, etc. Don't publish names - just totals; 7. Exchange bulletins with nearby High Twelve Club(s).

THE MISSION OF HIGH TWELVE, an article by Dr. Leonard B. Voorhees, Pres. of HTI, in the May-June, 1968 High Twelvian, "...Too much effort has been self-centered on High Twelve only. We need to enlarge our vision to include SERVICE THROUGH MASONRY

toward others." "...High Twelve is an ideal, an activity and an ideal to which we give ourselves in support of promotion." "...It becomes necessary to evaluate our organization in terms of the local club's service to our Masonic Brothers, to the Youth who are standing on tomorrow's threshold, and to the community in which the club has its being."

GLENDAL-ACACIA HTC (Calif.) had a big membership contest, according to Pres. Kenneth Barrette. "...The gold team vs the green team. Members of the winning team will pay $\frac{1}{2}$ the regular price for their lunch, Ladies Day, August 8. 30 points for bringing a Masonic guest; 20 points 2nd visit of this Masonic guest; 10 points 3rd; 20 points for bringing a member who has not attended for past 6 or more meetings; 250 points for signing up a new member; 5 points for team members attending the meeting; 100 points for any member with perfect attendance 3/14 through 8/1/68. Also, during the contest period, the high point man for the interim periods ending April 4, May 2, May 30 and June 27 (roughly 1 mo. each) got his lunch for $\frac{1}{2}$ the regular price if he was present the Thursday following these periods."

C.J. Hyde, PIP was now (by 4/1/68) Police Chief of Louisville, Ky. Many Twelvians were present at the gala party celebrating the event. NEOSHO, Mo. HTC charter dropped 3/28/68. Was chartered 4/29/53. (NOTE: It is so sad to write these items about clubs dropping by the way-side after having been active so many years. It just points up how desperately we always must be working on new clubs; and how important it is for some one in International (Zone Officer) and the State President to ride herd on failing clubs before they have reached the point of no return. DLP)

MASCAUTAH (Ill.) HTC received charter, according to March, 1968 High Twelvian. On 8/31/68, the Master, Worshipful Louis Hindermann of Douglas Lodge wrote a letter lauding the club for its assistance to the Blue Lodge. "It had publicly supported the Junior College bond issue; provided \$500.00 scholarship fund the the name of Douglas Lodge #361; started a High Twelve Degree Team to aid local lodges; stimulated interest and participation in Blue Lodge activities (recently all chairs but one filled with Twelvians); during period since its founding, all petitions for admission to Douglas Lodge have been submitted by High Twelve Club members." High Twelvian, May, '69.

- 3/30/68 - U.S.A. halted bombing of 90% of North Vietnam
- 3/31/68 - PRES. LYNDON JOHNSON ANNOUNCED HE WOULD NOT SEEK NOMINATION FOR OFFICE.
- 4/4/68 - DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ASSASSINATED IN MEMPHIS, TENN.
- 4/14/68 - RACIAL VIOLENCE ERUPTED IN 125 CITIES IN 29 STATES.

WOLCOTT FOUNDATION 5/1/67 to 4/30/68. Chairman Arthur E. Buss, Calif; Vice Ch. Bishop Stephen Robinson, Iowa; Treas. Wm. Noble Kinnard, Pa; Sec. Louis Huebner, Ill; Asst. Sec. Isaac Robertson, Mich. Total cash received \$12,110.04. Donations \$9,773.53; Memorials \$989.00; dues \$685.65; Interest, etc. \$661.86. Cash disbursements (incl. \$19,499.00 George Washington University tuition, subsistence, payment on 'Wolcott Scholarships '67-68 academic year) Net cash disbursements over cash rec'd. for year \$8,471.30. Balance on deposit 4/30/68 = \$12,097.04 (5/1/67 = \$20,568.34).

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, HTC charter issued 5/22/68. 81 members. Pres. Charles E. Schafer. SAN BERNARDINO (Calif.) HTC charter issued 5/24/68. 34 members. Pres. Neil V. Ryan.

6/5/68 - U.S. SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY SHOT & KILLED, HOTEL AMBASSADOR, LOS ANGELES.

Associate Editor of the High Twelvian Paddock resigned from that position because of loss of sight of left eye, "and could not be of use to High Twelve as a writer."

The International Convention was held June 23-26, 1968, Dayton, Ohio, Sheraton-Dayton Hotel. 47th Annual Convention. Chairman Lewis Hoffman. The Convention program carried advertising.

Henry Hood, President of the Florida State Association presided over a breakfast of State Presidents. Monday morning June 24. During the informal discussion conducted

by Bro. Hood, the following points were made; Most successful clubs have - good programs, good active projects, inform members by mail, have good reporter to write articles for local press, President's newsletter or State High Twelve paper with news about local clubs; take High Twelve material to other Masonic organization and inform them of High Twelve programs. Visit Blue Lodge as a High Twelve group; work through Grand Lodges with their blessing and cooperation; use telephone committee; have Ladies Day(s).

Expansion is initiated by 1. Finding a few interested Masons in a community; meeting with them and invite others to an organization meeting...always work with blessings of Grand Lodge. Dues...9 states reported had per capita State dues from 75¢ to \$2.00. (Florida has none; they finance their State program by selling advertising in the State Convention program.) Club dues vary from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Clubs budget from nothing to \$150.00 for International Convention expenses.

Howard M. Smith was appointed to write a new and complete history of High Twelve Int. Total membership HTI 5/31/68 = 15,529; 5/31/67 = 14,808. Increase of 721. 5/31/59 = 14,073 = incr. 1,456 1959 to 1968 ... or an average increase of 145 per year. 25 new clubs in 10 years. (The great growth of former years had slowed drastically percentagewise.)

News release from the International Convention 6/24/68 (Patriotism Committee).... HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL AT ITS ANNUAL CONVENTION, DAYTON, OHIO WENT ON RECORD AS LAUDING THE EXERCISE OF LEGAL PROTEST, WHILE EXPLICITLY DEPLORING THE CURRENT RESORT TO UNLAWFUL OCCUPATION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY, DAMAGE TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND AREAS SACRED TO THE HISTORY OF THE NATION.

TO RIOT AND TO COMMIT VIOLENCE AGAINST LEGALLY CONSTITUTED AUTHORITY IS LIKEWISE REPUGNANT TO HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL. THE CURRENT TENDENCY BY A VERY SMALL MINORITY AND GROUPS OF MISGUIDED STUDENTS IN ATTEMPTS TO INDICATE THEIR VARIOUS DISLIKES BY BREAKING THE LAW WILL, IF PERMITTED TO CONTINUE, LEAD TO A COMPLETE BREAKDOWN OF LAW AND A DEGENERATION INTO ANARCHY. (NOTE: The release received widespread coverage, DLP)

"The social portion of our Convention was very fine, but one cannot help but wonder how the membership feel regarding this matter. Are you satisfied with the Annual Convention as it is now constituted, and if not, what suggestions do you have for its improvement..?" Article in the July-August, 1968 High Twelvian.

The Past Grand Master of Masons of Ohio, Ralph M. Francisco was M.C. Col. C. J. Hyde, PIP, FGM Masons in Kentucky and Louisville Chief of Police installed the officers.

Officers for 1968-69. President E. P. White, Jr., Louisville, Ky; 1st VP Howard M. Smith, Dunedin, Fla; 2nd VP, John L. Shaw, Temple City, Ca; 3rd V.P. Wib. L. Mager, Belleville, Ill; Treasurer Wm. S. Roser, Louisville, Ky. Immediate Past President Leonard B. Voorhees, Newbury, Ohio; Int. Sec. James W. Bibb, Louisville, Ky; General Counsel, James N. Robertson, Media, Pa. Pres. Emeritas E. C. "Wallie" Wolcott, Webster Grove, Mo; Editor High Twelvian, Max J. Reed, Kentucky. Office Manager, Mrs. Lillian V. George, St. Louis. Chairman, Wolcott Foundation, Arthur E. Jones, Escalon, Ca; Int. Chap. Rev. C. J. Bradbury, Lodi, Ca.

State Presidents: California - Louis P. Black, Arcadia; Colorado - Leslie C. Whitney, Denver; Florida - Henry C. Hood, Bradenton; Illinois - Frank E. Bedford, Moline; Indiana - Elisha Moore, Boggstown; Iowa - James L. Turnbull, Sioux Falls; Kansas - D. Raeburn Rosendall, Topeka; Kentucky-Alabama - J. P. Bicknell, Owensboro, Ky; Louisiana - Donald H. Spurlock, Baton Rouge; Michigan - Roland H. Copp, Cedar Rapids; Missouri - Charles P. Anton III, Hannibal; New Jersey Governor Joseph C. Leuser, Union; Ohio - Clair C. Youngkman, Findlay; Pennsylvania - Peter Stevens, Norristown.

International Executive Committee: Pres., 1, 2 & 3rd VPs, Treas., Sec., Gen. Counsel, Im. P. I. P & Budget Chairman.

International Zone Officers: L.B.Voorhees - Ohio, Mich., Wisc., Virginia, West Va., Minnesota; W.L.Mager - Ind., Ill., Iowa., S.Dak. & Nebraska; H.M.Smith - Florida, Alabama, Georgia, N.Carolina & S.Car; W.S.Roser - Kentucky & Missouri; C.F.Burkin Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Okla., Kansas & Texas; J.N.Robertson - Penna., N.Y. N.J., New Hampshire & Mass; John Shaw - Sou.Calif., Utah., Mont., Wyo., Colo., New Mexico & Arizona; V.S.Malcolm - Northern Cal., Oregon, Washington & Nevada.

International Officers' Committee Liaison: H.M.Smith - Budget, Resolution, Cred., Leadership, Nominating, Convention & Necrology; John Shaw - Expansion, Youth, Masonic Activities, Public Relations, Projects, Future Sites; W.L.Mager - Const. & By-Laws, Long Range Planning, Manuals, Workshops & Auditor; L.B.Voorhees - Intern'l. Clubs, Masons in Foreign Countries, Office Equipmt; Ex-Officio: J.N.Robertson- Constitution & By-Laws, Credentials & Resolutions; Treasurer - Budget & Auditor; Secretary - Manuals; All Officers - Long Range Planning.

Committee Chairmen, 1968-69: Expansion - Walter L.Rymill, Colo; Const.& By-Laws- Leslie C.Whitney, Colo; Budgetary - Emil M.Jecman, Mo; Youth Activities - Walter J. Fullerton, Fla; Projects - Tallman H.Trask, Calif; Masonic Activities - C.J.Hyde FGM, Kentucky; Int.Club Affairs - Dr.Louis A.Legett, La; Public Relations - Frank W.McWhorter, Ind.; Resolutions - Hicks G.Griffiths, Mich; Leadership - Fred W.Doty, Ca; Nominations - Harlan G.Richardson, Mich; Manuals - Don Renau, Kentucky; Office Eqpt.-Lee W. Goby, Illinois; Convention - W.L.Weiss, Mo; Patriotism - D.L.Paddock, Ca; Sergeant-at-Arms - Geo.Spindler, Mo; Credentials - J.A.Hodge, Ky; Necrology - Rev.Clarence J. Bradbury, Ohio; Workshops - Clarence Schiefer, Ohio; Auditor - J.Carl Menke, Ill; Masons in Foreign Countries - Edward L.Natal, N.J; Long Range Planning, Harold Sivers, Ohio; Past International Presidents - Leonard B.Vorhees, Ohio; Parliamentarian - Chas. F.Burkin, Jr., Kansas

The following future International Convention Policy was adopted: "The convention shall be under the control of and directed by High Twelve International, with a local club or State Association being the host. HTI will set up an advance loan fund which will operate as a loan to the International Convention Host Committee, upon request, not to exceed \$500.00, in order that the Committee may proceed immediately to secure the necessary facilities for a High Twelve International Convention. If there are any surplus funds left over from the Convention, after repayment of all loans and bills, these funds will be divided between International and the Committee.

"The funds mentioned above are the convention funds and not funds realized from sale of advertising, although it is recommended that the Host Association will use some of these advertising funds to reduce the cost of hospitality books. HTI will advance a Host Convention Committee after submission of an accounting to the International Executive Committee additional funds to make up any deficit which the Host Committee might incur. Only 50% of this advance will be repaid to HTI on a non-interest bearing program.

"High Twelve International sets up the business program, allotting the necessary time to conduct all business of an International Convention. Then the Host State Association adjusts the social activities around the business sessions as outlined by High Twelve International. A Convention Committee Advisor should be one of the following: A Past International President; a present line officer, possibly 1st V.P; the Zone Officer in charge of the Zone Area where the Convention is to be held.

"The General Chairman will direct all of the activities of the Convention Comm. The Advisor will act as liaison officer between HTI and the State Assn.Hosts. The Convention Committee Chairman shall give a report at the International Mid-Year Meeting prior to his International Convention, at which time he will lay out the plans, as to business and social functions of the coming Convention, and to include the financial picture thereof. That the HTI Future Site Committee shall pick out sites for the Convention, which sites are able to have the facilities to conduct a truly International Convention. Ref. Sec.13, Art IV of By-Laws.

President Dr. Leonard B. Voorhees for 1967-68 term recently stated that he considered one of his greatest accomplishments during his year the "saving of clubs that had folded, the compilation and design of a High Twelve folder to use in helping new clubs (with Max Reed doing the layout)" His greatest problems, "keeping harmony on officers and the turmoil at International office. Poor records, Howard Smith was most cooperative and helpful. There was much discussion on International dues; and the growth was slight."

To help the reader gain a picture of size of High Twelve International, and to get some idea of the relative age of the individual clubs, for the first time I am listing all clubs by the Club Number assigned by International. As I have indicated before, in the early years there was little rhyme or reason in the numbering system. A club might have been chartered a year after another, yet bear an earlier number. A club may have dropped out for a year, two, even ten, and on re-entering, get a low number, probably its old one...yet another club, out several years might get a number much newer. Nevertheless by showing the following clubs with assigned numbers, the reader will get some idea of age relativity.

ALABAMA: Birmingham #94; Birmingham (Vulcan) #287. CALIFORNIA: Alameda #227; Albany #179; Alhambra #53; Arcadia #330; Arlington #322; Atwater (Geo. Bloss) #279; Bakersfield #95; Baldwin Park #328; Beale AFB (Far West) #341; Berkeley #8; Burbank #201; Carmel-by-the-Sea #266; Castle AFB (G. Dick Richardson) #269; Chico #251; Chula Vista (South Bay) #327; Coachella Valley 153; Concord; Covina (Happy Hiram) #263; Culver City (Heart of Screenland) #232; El Cajon #294; Fort Ord (Army Memorial) #284; Fremont #384; Fresno #10; Glendale-Acacia #162; Goleta Valley #420; Hamilton AFB #351; Hayward #81; Hemet (Homacinto) #385; Hollywood #302; Hueneme Bay #389; Idyllwild (Mile High) #378; Lemon Grove (Mt. Helix) #149; Lodi #152; Los Angeles (Downtown) #173; Los Angeles (4th Estate) #225; March AFB (Hap Arnold) #257; Marysville (Yuba-Sutter) #203; Montebello #422; Monterey Park #366; Montrose (Crescenta-Canada) #282; Morro Bay (Estero) #368; Napa #238; Oakland (Downtown) #2; Oakland (East) #37; Oceanside (Oceana) #398; Oroville #403; Paradise #275; Pasadena #36; Paso Robles #291; Petaluma #350; Pomona #309; Richmond #183; Riverside #115; Rosemead (San Gabriel Valley) #278; Sacramento #335; Salinas #296; San Carlos (Peninsula) #413; San Diego (North Park) #210; San Francisco #27; San Jose #15; San Leandro #347; San Louis Obispo #256; San Rafael (Marvelous Marin) #132; Santa Rosa #272; South Pasadena (South Pasadena-San Marino) #202; Stockton #9; Taft #216; Temple City #220; Twain Harte #358; Walnut Creek (Rossmoor) #391; Walnut Creek #184; Woodland #396; Yreka #388; and Yucaipa Valley #405.

COLORADO: Boulder #85; Denver #11; Idaho Springs (Rocky Mts.) #246; Westminster #245. ENGLAND: Lakenheath (Arnold Page) #298. FLORIDA: Anna Maria Island #357; Bradenton #386; Clearwater #273; Clearwater (Skycrest) #307; Deltona #390; Dunedin #410; Fort Meyers #423; Holiday #418; Homestead (AFB) #419; Jacksonville #421; Lake Worth #316; Largo (Ru-So) #314; Leesburg #424; New Port Richey #411; Palm Harbor (Suncoast) #373; Pinellas Park #394; St. Petersburg #297; St. Petersburg (Central Plaza) #412; St. Petersburg (Downtown) #313; St. Petersburg (High Point) #332; St. Petersburg (Northeast) #404; St. Petersburg (Westgate) #393; Sarasota #401; Seminole #402; Sun City Center #397; West Pasco #409.

GUAM: Anderson AFB (General Curtis E. LeMay) #290. ILLINOIS: Belleville #35; East St. Louis (George Washington) #33; Freeport #43; Mattoon #89; Moline #88; Oak #52; Paris #161; Quincy #40; Rockford #56; Rock Island #59; Springfield (Abe Lincoln) #38; Wood River #83; INDIANA: Columbus #337; Evansville #240; Evansville (West Side) #367; Indianapolis #55; Lafayette #99; Logansport (Cass County) #323; Seymour (Jackson County) #353; Shelbyville #355.

IOWA: Algona #167; Boone #72; Cedar Falls #196; Cedar Rapids #7; Clinton #100;

Davenport #47; Des Moines #4; Dubuque #119; Fort Dodge #41; Fort Madison #48; Keokuk #44; Mason City #84; Oelwein #271; Sioux City (Founder's Club #1); Waterloo #46; Webster City (Glen E. Long) #106.

KANSAS: Kansas City #6; Kansas City (Huron) #342; Lawrence #114; Leavenworth #5; Manhattan #108; Mission (Shawnee Mission) #329; Topeka #17; Wichita #45 and Wichita (Keystone) #376. KENTUCKY: Dixie West End #399; Louisville (Audubon) #288; Louisville (Downtown) #105; Louisville (Al E. Orton) #289; Louisville (St. Matthews) #270; Owensboro #93.

LOUISIANA: Bastrop #387; Baton Rouge #260; Baton Rouge (LSU) #371; Bossier City (Overton Brooks) #310; Monroe (Louis Daniel) #253; Monroe (Harry M. Lemert) #372; New Orleans #258; Shreveport #92; West Monroe (Jeff W. Caldwell) #370.

MICHIGAN: Benton Harbor, St. Joseph (Fruitbelt) #231; Birmingham #32; Bloomfield Hills #319; Detroit (Downtown) #13; Detroit (Northwest) #14; Detroit (Redford) #348; Grand Rapids (Twin City) #236; Highland Park (#19); Howell #318; Jackson #16; Lansing #20; Mt. Clemens #24; Plymouth #64; Pontiac #87; Port Huron #121; Roseville #42; Royal Oak #23; Southfield #381; Traverse City (Cherryland) #400.

MISSISSIPPI: Natches #380. MISSOURI: Brentwood #360; Clayton #61; Hannibal #26; Jefferson City #67; Kansas City #3; Kirkwood #416; Mexico #71; Neosho #219; Overland (Saints John) #58; St. Joseph #49; St. Louis (Gateway) #392; St. Louis (South Side) #30; Springfield #51; Webster Grove #415. NEBRASKA: Bennington & Elk City (Rural Douglas County) #131; OMAHA #68.

NEW JERSEY: Bridgeton #113; Camden #73; East Orange #137; Newark #127; Princeton #364; Union #383; West Orange #406. NEW YORK: White Plains #143.

OHIO: Cleveland #138; Cleveland (Downtown) #199; Dayton #69; Dayton (Downtown) #331; Dayton (Far Hills) #211; Euclid #205; Fremont #197; Hamilton #414; Lebon #315; Mansfield #408; Miamisburg (Mound) #217; Middletown #363; Sandusky #174; Toledo (Downtown) #25; Toledo (East) #324; Toledo (West) #165; Willoughby #224. OKLAHOMA - Tulsa #18. PAKISTAN: Peshawar Air Station (Peshawar) #407.

PENNSYLVANIA: Chester #311; Glenside (William Penn) #264; Lansdowne-Upper Derby (Delco) #276; Media #280; Norristown (Valley Forge) #305; Philadelphia #50; Pottstown (Pottsgrove) #321; West Chester #343. SOUTH DAKOTA: Huron #145; Rapid City (Ashlar) #295; Sioux Falls (Cavaliers) #91. SPAIN: Torrejon Air Base #417. WASHINGTON: Seattle #12.

"Every club should publish a monthly bulletin, which should contain date, time and place of meetings; outline regular programs with speaker's name; give dates and meeting places of Masonic youth groups; have message from club president and/or officers; urge attendance to Blue Lodge and Masonic youth meetings; give dates & location of State and International meetings; See that bulletin is on display at all Masonic meeting places" Frank W. McWhortor, Chairman Public Relations., High-Twelvian of Sept-Oct., 1968.

PAINESVILLE (Ohio) HTC received charter from International 7/6/68. According to High Twelvian charter party 7/12/68. Ohio State Pres. Clair C. Younkman presented it. Ohio 1st V.P. Herman Lawrence Installing Officer. Sponsored by the Willoughby Club. Int. 1st V.P. Howard M. Smith spoke. 53 charter members. Pres. Louis A. Kokenyessy.

8/20 - 8/21/68 - SOVIETS INVADED & CRUSHED CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

WEST JACKSONVILLE (Fla.) HTC charter issued 9/20/68. 18 members. Thurman T. Cook, Pr. OCEANA (Oceanside, Cal.) charter returned 9/20/68. Chartered 9/22/65.

New clubs I may have missed earlier: WEST ORANGE (N.J.) charter issued 4/30/66. 47 members. Pres. Alonzo L. Jones; DUNEDIN (Fla.) charter issued 1/5/67. 81 members. Pres. Clarence L. Sanderson; NEW PORT RICHEY (Fla.) 1/28/67. 116 members. Pres. Leslie J. Langlois; CENTRAL PLAZA (St. Petersburg, Fla.) 2/8/67. 30 members. Robert E. Crone; PENINSULA (San Carlos, Ca.) charter issued 6/3/67. 30 members. Pres. Harrington S. Brooks; Webster Groves, Mo. Charter issued 6/19/67. 36 members. Pres. Rudolph Beuc, Jr.; Kirkwood, Mo. Charter issued 7/7/67. 27 members. Allen O. Shreffler Pres; TORREJON AFB Spain 10/24/67; HOLIDAY (Fla.) charter issued 12/4/67. 51 members. Pres. George Ehrgood; HOMESTEAD AFB (Fla.) charter issued 1/6/68. 46 members. Pres. Herbert L. Clonch; GOLETA VALLEY (Calif.) charter issued 3/2/68. 29 members. Pres. Oren R. White; JACKSONVILLE (Fla.) charter issued 1/24/68. 21 members. Pres. Archie Tucker; MONTEBELLO, Ca. charter issued 2/11/68. 35 membs. E. L. Carpenter, Pres. FT. MYERS, Fla. charter issued 2/13/68. 43 members. Pres. H. R. (Bob) Wilson; LEESBURG Fla. charter issued 1/25/68. Pres. Harry Harris, Jr. 33 members. VENICE (Fla.) charter issued 2/1/68. 21 members. Pres. Louis Sutar. MASCOUTAH, Ill. charter issued 3/5/68. 26 members. Pres. Walter Hassebrock. TYNDALL AFB (Fla.) Charles B. Roach; charter issued 3/9/68. 28 members. Pres. Frederick Dunsmoor.

ROCKFORD (Ill) HTC staged a successful auction 9/22/68, benefit local School of Hope. \$1,575.00 raised in spite of bad weather. Event Chairman was Past President Cedil Williams. Sale of clothing handled by the wives under Co-Chairmanship of Mrs. Claude Pierce and Mrs. Lee Allison. Donations ran from books to used cars. Auctioneer Al Strawser and his men donated their time.

Office Manager Mrs. Lillian George provided Pres. Leonard Voorhees with a breakdown of travel funds to clubs and other meetings, so he could gauge such expenses: Pres. Burkin \$1,617.60; 1st V.P. Clynch \$1,609.16, and Pres. Clynch \$3,137.78; 1st V.P. Malcolm \$2,317.00, Pres. Malcolm \$3,356.14; 1st V.P. Voorhees \$1,191.55, Pres. Voorhees \$3,576.00; 1st V.P. White \$841.89.

Im. P. I. P. Voorhees wrote 10/1/68, "I hope to be able to convince our good Pres. White that these expenditures are not excessive and should be continued in about the same averages as established by the president of the previous officers."

At the Mid-Year International Governing Board Meeting, St. Louis 12/7/68, Founder E. C. "Wallie" Wolcott, PIP, in a quiet 'father to son' manner appealed to all High Twelvians to walk with youth, and by example, encourage them to become part of Masonry and High Twelve.

PALMETTO (Fla.) charter issued 11/20/68. 62 members. Pres. A. L. Redmon, Jr.; DAVIS, Calif. charter issued 11/15/68. 29 members. Pres. Philip H. Curtiss; ORLANDO (Fla.) HTC charter issued 11/25/68. 48 members. Pres. Harold W. Bremer; NAPLES (Fla.) HTC charter issued 11/21/68. 64 members. Leon L. Treon, Pres.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF DE MOLAY ... Entire cover of this 9x12 High Twelvian of Jan-Feb., 1969 issue devoted to this great landmark.

"Mr. Secretary, you are a V.I.P." said Tallman Trask, Sr., Chairman of the International Committee on Projects and Secretary of the California Association of HTCs. "Secretaries are very important persons, because they give so freely of themselves and their time in one of the most important of local club High Twelve jobs...."

"....First he must be an advisor to his President and remind him of important dates and events. He must attend all club board and committee meetings, not only to act as an advisor, but to keep up to date on every phase of a club's program. The Secretary handles the club's correspondence, keeps accurate and complete minutes of all meetings, and is prompt in getting out all reports." "....The Secretary is the source of all information. He knows names, addresses, business connections, departments, speakers and programs...."

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION held 12/14/68 was the largest ever; Statler-Hilton Hotel, Bradenton. President Henry C. Hood presided. 30 Florida clubs represented. International President E. P. White, Jr. installed the officers; and noted there were 262 clubs in High Twelve International. 4 new clubs were chartered during bro. Hood's term, and 8 more under process of organizing or under consideration.

There is a notation that during 1968 San Bernardino HTC received its charter.

By 1968 the purchasing power of the \$ was only 40¢ now vs 1939. A \$500.00 annuity of 1939 was now buying only about \$200.00 worth. With cost of living 1939 @ 100, it was about 240 now. (Ref. "Inflation Simplified" US News & World Report, '69; and Dow-Jones Investors Handbook, 1967. Another source of information for interesting facts has been the World Almanacs. DLP)

The new brochure, "This is High Twelve" was now available at no charge from the St. Louis office, according to Mrs. Lillian George, Office Manager. The Youth Committee Chairman Walter A. Fullerton listed Leadership Camp results - top 4 states percentage wise: Calif. with 75 clubs sent 84 DeMolay to camp; Florida with 28 clubs sent 39½; Iowa with 16 clubs sent 19 boys; and Colorado with 4 clubs sent 7. Michigan with 19 clubs sent 12; Ohio with 19 clubs sent 10; Illinois with 13 clubs sent 9. (Sioux City was high club with 8 DeMolay and Twelvians.) Remainder of states with 8 clubs sent 6 boys.

WHITE PLAINS (HTC of) NY held its 1st scholarship award dinner 10/24/68, with Dr. Robert Reynolds, Dean of Westchester Community College as speaker. Dis. Deputy Grand Master of Masons Richard W. Luger spoke briefly on Masonry in education. Recipient of this 1st scholarship was Thomas Henry Callahan III in memorium of Bruce Einar Engstrom, who was killed in action 2/3/68 in Vietnam. Pres. Robert A. E. Ott of the White Plains Club announced the establishment of the Einar Engstrom Memorial Scholarship, supported by the family and the club.

CAMDEN (NJ) HTC Annual Ladies Night with 80 in attendance was 10/22/68. They celebrated the 22nd year of Camden HTC; and had 68 members. Were starting a new membership campaign. 50% average attendance. Among their projects... Wolcott Foundation, New Jersey Masonic Home (over \$1.00 per member); 2 boys to DeMolay Leadership camp; 2 Scholarships years to Camden County College @ \$300.00 each.

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM as suggested by Patriotism Committee: Pledge of Allegiance; One verse of America; Serving of meal; Recognition of Veterans/Gold Star Mothers if on Ladies Day; Recognition of visiting Masonic Bro. and other distinguished guests; Reading of article, "What Veteran's Day means to me"... or similar; Speaker (Patriotic Program); Benediction.

The Consumer Price Index Averages - all items for 1965 = 94.5; and for 1970 = 116.3. Hourly earnings in Mfg. Ind. (yearly avg) - gross... 1950 = \$1.440; 1968 = \$3.01; 1972 = \$3.81. (NOTE: Could it be that the foregoing evidence of inflation is the reason for High Twelve International having reached a "plateau" in club and total membership growth, percentage wise?)

6/30/68 "Tet" Offensive started by Viet Cong.

4/69 USA Armed forces in South Vietnam peaked at 543,400.

6/18/69 SOUTH VIETNAM & NORTH VIETNAM OPENED PARIS PEACE TALKS.

7/8/69 PRES. NIXON BEGAN WITHDRAWING MILITARY SUPPORT FROM SOUTH VIETNAM.

CHAPTER 11 PLATEAU

PARADISE (Ca.) HTC and the Ladies of the White Shrine of Jerusalem joined to provide a tableau, "The Last Supper", according to the May-June, 1969 High Twelvian. It was displayed 4 times during 1968, and was to be produced several times in early 1969 before several other Masonic gatherings.

The costuming and makeup were due largely to the planning and efforts of Mrs. Charles Redner, Past Worthy High Priestess of Paradise Shrine. The Paradise HTC aided by supplying the men to portray the part of Christ and His Disciples, as well as cooperating with makeup and costumes.

JACKSON (Mich.) HTC distributed almost 3,000 American flags to 1st and 2nd graders in the 21 Elementary Schools in the Jackson school system, as a project to carry out the HTI program of fostering and encouraging patriotism timed to coincide with George Washington's Birthday. May-June High Twelvian, 1969

2nd International Vice President John L. Shaw of San Gabriel, Calif., "...Masonry in general and High Twelve in particular has this one principle, the furtherance of brotherly love and affection for each other..." "...What then should be the Mission of High Twelve? (It is) "...to bring other Masons into the fellowship of our organization, to spread the brotherly love and affection which we have for each other, to other Masons in our community. Only by sharing our fellowship, can we truly enjoy our rewards." He said, "...The four 'F's of High Twelve are FELLOWSHIP - FOOD - FUN and FRIENDSHIP. Our MISSION in High Twelve is to extend our Friendship, Love & Affection...."

LAGUNA HILLS (Calif.) HTC was organized at this Leisure World by T. Archer Brown, Past State President, Michigan. The charter party was 5/8/69. Art Schifferman, formerly of Downtown Los Angeles HTC and Past International General Counsel and Tom Hines of Downtown L.A. HTC also were very instrumental in the founding. 26 members. T. Archer Brown, President.

BOAZ (Escondido, Calif.) charter issued 5/2/69. 61 members. Pres. Arlie W. Bergman. TUCSON (Ariz.) HTC charter issued 6/21/69. 45 members. Pres. LaVern P. (Buck) Graham. TUCKERTON, N.J. HTC charter issued 6/24/69. 22 members. Pres. Rolland J. Lund.

The 48th Annual Convention was held in St. Louis, Mo. June 8 - 11, 1969. Program contained advertising. William L. Weiss was General Chairman. Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel. For the 1st time I've noted, while technically under the auspices of the Missouri State Association, the convention was run by a corporation of High Twelve Clubs from the Metropolitan St. Louis Area (7 St. Louis Clubs & 4 from nearby Illinois Clubs.) DLP

WOLCOTT FOUNDATION, INC. Excerpts from Treasurer Wm. Noble Kinnard's report. 5/1/68 to 4/30/69. 4/30/69 Assets = \$13,509.73; Cash Receipts \$10,376.51; Cash Disbursements \$8,963.82; Rec. over disb. \$1,412.69. Bal. 5/1/68 = \$12,097.04; Net Rec. \$1,412.69; bal. 4/30/69 = \$13,509.73. Disbursements: Tuition, etc. \$7,500.00; Other \$1,463.82 = \$8,963.82. Cash on hand 4/30/69 = \$13,512.73 - total \$22,476.55.

Receipts (Wolcott F. Inc.) - Donation = \$7,910.73; Memorials \$1,185.00; Dues \$716.95; Interest Time deposits \$443.14; Int. Bonds = \$120.79 - \$10,376.51; Cash on hand \$12,097.04 = \$22,476.55.

Top donations to Scholarship & Memorial Funds: CALIF: \$2,866.42; Mich. \$1,225.52; Illin: \$1,162.68; Penna: \$1,061.50; Iowa: \$671.81; N.J.: \$290.00; Ohio: \$271.00; Colorado: \$160.00; Kansas \$150.00; Missouri \$125.00; Indiana: \$100.00; E.C. Wolcott: \$100.00.

Workshop Breakfast: Clarence Schiefer, Chairman. Individual panel discussion groups....For Presidents, E.P.White,Jr; Vice Presidents: Howard M.Smith; Secretaries: John L. Shaw; Treasurers: Wm.S.Roser; Int.Representatives: Wib L.Mager. After lunch, the Records of each of the 5 groups reported, followed by a group participation question and answer period.

The Speaker for Monday noon was Most Worshipful Bro.Elvis A.Mooney 32° KCCH, Grand Master of Missouri Masons. E.C.Wolcott was presented a red, white & blue Grosgrain ribbon with the High Twelve emblem appended as a jewel, as the official insignia of the 1st President;to be symbolically handed down to each incoming President. Bro.Wolcott was delighted and wore it all during the Convention. At the President's banquet, the decoration was transferred to the personage of Pres. Howard M. Smith.

The following resolution was passed at the 48th Annual Convention, "Be it resolved that High Twelve International publicly expresses its abhorrence of such tactics (the violent and crude disruption of religion services and planned attempts to destroy our democratic system of government, institutions,etc.) and urges the law abiding citizens of this country, whatever their race, creed or color may be, to involve themselves now in the preservation of our constitutional rights & American heritage; and be it further resolved that monetary blackmail of any kind and under any guise be vigorously denied and exposed." Patriotism Committee.

Officers to serve for 1969-70: President Howard M.Smith, Dunedin,Fla; 1st V.P. John L.Shaw, Temple City,Ca; 2nd V.P. Wib L.Mager, Belleville,Ill; 3rd V.P. Howard H.Jennings, Lansing, Mich; Treasurer Wm.S.Roser, Louisville,Ky; Immediate Past President E.P.White,Jr., Louisville, Ky. General Counsel James N. Robertson, Media, Pa; Int.Sec. Robert F. Clynych, Baton Rouge, La; President Emeritus E.C. "Wallie" Wolcott, Founder, Webster Grove,Mo; Chairman Wolcott Foundation Arthur E.Buss, Escalon,Ca; Int.Chaplain Father Michael M.Kippenbrock,Enterprise,Fla. Editor High Twelvian Leonard B.Voorhees PIP, Newburry, Ohio, Asso.Ed. Max J.Reed, Louisville,Ky; Office Mgr., Mrs.Lillian V.George, St.Louis,Mo.

INTERNATIONAL ZONE OFFICERS: Pres.Smith - Florida & Georgia; V.P.Shaw - Sou. Calif., Ariz. & Utah; V.P.Mager - Ill; Ind; Sou.Missouri; V.P. Jennings - Mich. and Wisc; Im.PIP - Kentucky- Alabama; Gen.Counsel Robertson Central & E.Penn. Mass. & N.H. Sec.Clynych - Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas & Arkansas; PIP Burkin-Kansas, North Missouri. PIP Malcolm North,Calif., Oregon, Wash. & Nev. PIP L.B. Voorhees, Ohio, Virginia, W.Va. & W.Penna; James L.Turnbull - Iowa, S.Dak., Minn. & Nebr; Henry Hood - North & So.Carolina; Ed Natal - New Jersey & N.Y. Walter Rymell - Colorado, Wyoming, New Mex. & Mont; Les Newmark, Okla.

Clubs outside of North America at this time: Arnold Page, Lakenheath, Eng; Gen.Curtis E.LeMay, Andersfon AFB,Guam; Torrejon Air Base,Spain. 2nd Annual State Presidents meeting at Int.Conve., PSP Henry Hood (Fla.) presiding. PIP Voorhees, Int.VP Shaw and several Past and present state presidents attended.

State Presidents as of 1969 (according to High Twelvian): CALIF: Harold E. Brillhart, Soulsbyville; COLORADO: H.Baird Whitaker, Denver; Florida: Cecil Dunham, Clearwater; ILLINOIS: Lindell L. Barker, Belleville; INDIANA: Dr.W.T. Scholl, Evansville; IOWA: James W.Coyer, Waterloo; KANSAS: Donald R.Fisher, Manhattan; KENTUCKY-ALABAMA: O.Lee Wiseheart, Louisville; LOUISIANA: Claude Mayers, New Orleans; MICHIGAN: Harry A.Etienne, Detroit; MISSOURI: Wm.D.Morgan, St.Joseph; NEW JERSEY: Alonzo L.Jones, West Orange; OHIO: Herman H.Lawrence,Middletown; Pennsylvania: Daniel L.Marquette, Pottstown.

Speaker at the Installation Banquet, Int.Convention - Walter E.Floeser, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Missouri for Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of North America., Southern Jurisdiction.

7/18/69 - CHAPPAQUIDDICK - MARY JO KOPECHNE FOUND DROWNED IN SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY'S CAR.

7/20/69 - U.S.ASTRONAUT NEIL A. ARMSTRONG FIRST MAN ON THE MOON.

BAY AREA (Coos Bay, Oregon) Charter issued 8/9/69. 29 members. Pres.Orrin R.Ormsbee. Vinton S.Malcolm PIP presented charter. George W.Robb, V.P.Calif.Association; Fred Havrilla, Jules Gerhardt and Lester Phillips, all three California Area Vice Presidents attended. Sec. Wm.A. Donaldson.

TUCSON HTC reported earlier had its charter presented 6/21/69.by California Assn. 1st Executive V.P.John L.Shaw. Calif. Assn.President Harold Brillhart was Installing Officer.PSP Louis Black, General Counsel James Robertson and California Sec. Tallman Trask assisted. Past Grand Master R.C.Nicholson, a club charter member, brought greetings from the Arizona Grand Master. Also present, 4 Worshipful Master of Masonic Lodges, and Shrine Potentate Thomas Roor.

The International Representative's position in the individual club was explained thusly in the July-Aug-Sept., 1969 High Twelvian, "...Each club is entitled to one. He is the liaison officer between High Twelve International and the local club. The International Representatives are the direct representative of the International Governing Board in their local clubs. He is entitled to cast one vote on each question submitted to vote at the International Convention..."

"At the time this office was created, there were no State Associations. The number of clubs were small, and it was of great benefit to the International Office to keep a check on the local clubs through such an officer. In the future, it may be possible that the duties of the International Representative may be changed materially, that many of the duties which heretofore had been assigned to him will devolve upon others, primarily because of the increase in the number of clubs and the added burden of correspondence by the International Office with individual clubs."

"...Above all he should be an Ambassador of High Twelve Fellowship, and be a key man in the promotion of our Masonic Objectives. He should never assume a dictatorial attitude or attempt to dominate his club. His position is one of objective counseling..." (NOTE: Later, this position was eliminated, and many of his responsibilities conferred upon the newly created post of Masonic Representative, who had the added duty of being chief liaison between the club and the nearby Elue Lodges, etc. He retained his vote at International Conventions. I feel that the title International Representative was eliminated because too many Club Presidents were complaining, "Who's boss?" DLP)

WICHITA (Kan.) HTC celebrated its 25th anniversary 7/28/69 with over 100 present at the home of Orville Bell, one of 8 charter members present. Charles F.Burkin, PIP was present. Club Pres.Jim Wilson presented a light hearted comedy characterization of the Club's programs. Don Fortney and his band provided the music.

VILLAGES (South San Jose, Ca.) HTC charter party 9/13/69. 41 members. Pres.Roy H. Olson; Sec-Tr. Eugene Moore. TUCKERTON (NJ) charter party was 9/11/69. 22 members. Charter presented by International Zone Officer Edward Natal. Installing team...Gov. Alonzo Jones and Nelson Craig. By charter night there were 27 members. Pres.Col. Rolland J.Lund; Sec.J.Clifford Sooy. Int.Rep. Col.B. Victor Cranston gave a history of Masonry and High Twelve.

ROCKFORD (Ill.) HTC presented \$3,000.00 to the School of Hope 9/13/69. Auctioneer Cecil Williams, the Committee Chairman. Club President Lee Allison. LAKE CUMBERLAND (Somerset, Ky.) HTC charter issued 9/17/69. 19 members. Pres.John A. Daulton. SIGNAL HILL, Ca. (Long Beach) charter issued 11/8/69. 20 members. Pres. Earl G.Beebe. (NOTE: I will never forget the first organizing meeting of this group. We met on a concrete platform next to the well head of a working oil well, Signal Hill, Calif., under a small canvas canopy. Howard K.Noble picked up hamburgers at a nearby cafe. This has since become one of the great clubs of Southern California. DLP)

11/3/69 - PRESIDENT NIXON TURNED THE FIGHTING OVER TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE. 271
11/15/69 - GIANT NATIONWIDE ANTI-WAR PROTESTS START.
1969 HOURLY EARNINGS IN MFG.IND. (Yrly Avg) GROSS = \$3.19 ('55=\$1.86; '60=\$2.26).

President Howard M. Smith in the Oct-Dec., 1969 High Twelvian reaffirmed previous commitments to "....continue the expansion of new clubs and to revitalize the older clubs so we would be represented in every Grand Jurisdiction..." "....To continue the plans of my predecessors and the Long Range Planning Committee to build the image of High Twelve, so that no longer will we have the question asked by our brother Masons, 'What is High Twelve?' To make High Twelve a truly Masonic Service Organization, not only to the Symbolic Lodge, but also to the Masonic Youth Organizations."

"....To establish a system of continuity for all committees, projects and planning at the International, State and Local level...." "....To see established a project which will inspire the membership to full participation. Many are dissatisfied with the 'give away' features of our International Project, and would prefer a method of placing some obligation upon the recipient...."

"....To work out a better system of scheduling State Conventions so that there would be no overlapping of dates, thus enabling the International President to be present at all the State Conventions....To encourage a more universal usage of High Twelve jewelry.....To build a closer alliance with the Grand Lodges by urging attendance of the members at meetings of the Subordinate Lodges and the Grand Lodge, and to assist the Grand Master in helping carry out his projects...."

WEST SHREVEPORT (La.) HTC Charter relinquished 12/7/60. Chartered 4/12/56.
SALISBURY HTC (Maryland). Their charter was given up 12/60. " " " 11/22/55.
EL CERRITO (Calif.) HTC charter relinquished 1/13/61. Charter issued 2/22/55.
ROCKY MOUNTAINS HTC (Idaho Springs, Colo.) charter relinquished 11/30/69. Iss'd 5/55.

Dr. Leonard B. Voorhees PIP wrote of the Ohio club that had so declined that those interested "....met to vote on disolvement or continuation....A few stalwarts who believed in High Twelve as an adjunct to Freemasonry insisted on trying a new approach, which would include a service attitude toward our Fraternity. The club began to look alive, to grow and to afford services to the local Blue Lodge and Community." "....This club continues to grow and brings its members the challenge of DeMolay participation, along with other youth groups sponsored through related Masonic activities...."

ABE LINCOLN HTC of Springfield, Ill. celebrated its 25th birthday 12/5/69. Past President and Co-Founder Judge Harlington Wood, Sr. talked about the early days of the club. 15 Past Presidents were present. Robert Ring, Chairman for the event.

California Association President George Robb had a slogan, "Hitch our wagon to a Star", as he embarked on a big expansion drive, with Chairmen for north and south. His goals - 25 new clubs, 1,000 new members and 500 new DeMolays. 3 Charter applications received in two months to date (12/69).

Bro. Henry Hood Florida PSP and International Zone Officer visited with M.W. Wm. Grimball, Grand Master of Masons, South Carolina, in his office at Charleston 9/18/69. International Pres. Howard M. Smith and Hood visited Grand Masters in Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina. They were received very courteously, according to Bro. Hood. They met with Most Worshipful John Riley, G.M. of Masons in Tennessee 10/20/69 at the Louisville Grand Lodge meeting. Hood met the Grand Master Wm. A. Hooks, Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina at Grand Lodge, Raleigh, where 3 other Grand Masters were present.

Money raising events were held by many High Twelve Clubs during the Fall of 1969 for victims of the recent hurricane...working through the Grand Lodges of Mississippi and Louisiana. SPRINGFIELD (Ill) HTC reported having had an interesting award program earlier in the year. The Gold Cane Award to the outstanding Senior Male.

Citizen of the area. Chairman Carrol C. Hall said, "...It is inexpensive, effective, and affords community recognition of selected senior male citizens, who in their retirement years are continuing to contribute to the welfare of others through hobbies and charities and personal service...." A beautiful certificate with gold border and appropriately inscribed was presented to each recipient.

MID-YEAR meeting of the International Governing Board was held 12/12/69-12/13/69 in Louisville, Ky., Quality Courts Motel. President Howard M. Smith presided. 1st V.P. John L. Shaw reported that Kona, Hawaii had 81 charter members on petition; also a new club at Sun City, Arizona. He recommended that the Wolcott scholarships be on a loan basis; that it be for subjects other than political science and government; that it be available for undergraduates; and that it be granted to applicants training in Trade and Vocational College work. A survey of total membership will be made for reactions to the proposals.

President Howard M. Smith installed the Officers of the Louisville Area Clubs, and members at the Mid-Year meeting were present. A summary of the suggestions made at the State Presidents' Roundtable were referred to the Long Range Planning Committee for further consideration and future disposition.

The Youth Committee Chairman, Walter Fullerton of St. Petersburg, Fla. reported in the Jan-Feb-March, 1970 High Twelvian that there were now 6 DeMolay Leadership Camps. The cost was now \$75.00 per boy. "Our goal for 1970 is 400 boys in Leadership Camp...."

At the Mid-Year meeting, there was a discussion on operation of Workshops. Indicated Workshops should be by SUBJECT, rather than by OFFICE...e.g. Instead of by President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc., should be by CLUB ADMINISTRATION, PROJECTS, YOUTH, PROGRAMS, MEMBERSHIP & EXPANSION....."

The use of the International Office in St. Louis and Mrs. Lillian George's duties were discussed. "...She cannot provide the answers; she must manage the Office only. She does, however, handle Monthly Reports, and these Monthly Reports should be submitted to the International Office regularly. It was recommended by the Committee that Mrs. George, International Office Manager, should inform the State President and the appropriate Zone Officer of any clubs which are delinquent in their dues. This information should be sent on May 1st and Nov. 1st...."

MISSOURI State Association's Club Expansion Committee Chairman Pete J. Crosby "...has devised a way of locating areas where a club would flourish. There are 114,000 Master Masons affiliated with 588 Lodges, many in non-urban areas. There are 13 High Twelve Clubs in the State, of which 7 are in St. Louis Metropolitan Area."

"...The Committee took a map of the State and a copy of the proceedings from the Grand Lodge, and marked every city, town and village where a Masonic Lodge is functioning." "...We located those lodges within 20 miles of each other, and obtained the Lodge number, name and Secretary's name and address, together with the name and address of the District Deputy Grand Master for that area...."

"....The program includes the sending of a letter to each Secretary and to the District Deputy Grand Master containing information and pamphlets related to High Twelve. We point out the reasons why a High Twelve Club will help rekindle interest in Lodge attendance and the resulting increase in Masonic Fellowship." "....Every Lodge in Missouri will learn about High Twelve because the groundwork is laid...."

President Howard Smith reported in the Jan-Feb-Mar., 1970 High Twelvian that there were now clubs in 3 states which had no clubs....Arizona, Hawaii & Oregon. "Interviews have been had with Grand Masters in four other Jurisdictions where High Twelve

is not presently represented...Nevada, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee."
"...All Masonic Grand Jurisdictions but six have shown a loss of membership last year; but High Twelve has again shown an increase....the direct result of your dedication devotion and hard work. How simple it would be if every member would bring in just one new member...."

3rd Vice President Howard Jennings' suggestions for improving relations between High Twelve and Grand Lodges: 1, Representation at Grand Lodge Meetings; 2, State Presidents send congratulatory letters to new State Officers of Masonic Bodies; 3, High Twelve Public Information Officer with direct access to the Editor of the High Twelvian; 4, State Presidents of High Twelve should approach the Grand Master and ask what High Twelve can do for him and other Grand Officers; 5, Help with project that the Grand Master is promoting; 6, Make the Grand Master a member of High Twelve, honorary or regular; 7, State Associations should have officers present at Grand Lodge Annual Conventions; 8, On visiting a Grand Lodge, present the Grand Master with name and address of the State Association Officer so he will be recognized; 9, Invite Master and Senior Warden and Wives to club social events; Invite Grand Officers to High Twelve State Conventions months in advance. (NOTE: In California this invitation must be made a year in advance.DLP)

KONA (HTC of) Island of Hawaii charter presented by HTL 1st V.P. John L. Shaw 1/17/70. Louis P.Black, California P.S.P. was Installing Officer. Calif.Executive V.P. W.J.Patton delivered the charge. President Dr. Thomas M.Mar; Sec.Robert L.Bates. Dr.Mar had discussed the idea of forming a club with Donald Campbell, P.G.Lecturer of GL California 10 years earlier. In 1965 Most Worshipful Myron E.Smith, Grand Master of Masons, California & Hawaii recommended to Dr.Mar the formation of a High Twelve Club in the Kona Area. P.M. Alexander K.Bell,M.C., and other Masonic dignitaries and members from Hilo were present.

CLAYTON HTC honored the new Illustrious Potentate of Moolah Temple Edward W. Garnholz 2/11/70 with 77 members present....a record. Wallie Wolcott presented the Potentate with a T.V. set for the young mens' lounge at the Temple. Bro.Garnholz was a member of the Clayton Club.

General Counsel James Robertson,PIP, answering the question, "Why incorporate" in the April-May-June issue of the High Twelvian said, "...Should be discussed with a local attorney." "...Generally, when a group incorporates, and the corporate charter is issued, there are several steps to take to obtain the charter....registration of name with Bureau of Corporation in the State; prepare and file a petition to incorporate; advertise the intention to seek a corporate charter in accordance with the act (some states require a Court hearing); recording final corporate charter; and paying the required filing fees and court costs....."

"....Once the charter is obtained from the State, there may be certain forms and reports which must be filed with the State, as the Corporation is a 'person' under the law and has legal status. Action may then be taken under the International Revenue Code to have the corporation listed under Section 501. This merely means that the corporation is exempt from paying taxes, but certain annual reports are normally required....."

TEHAMA COUNTY (Red Bluff, Ca.) charter issued 2/7/70. 55 members. Pres.G.E.Messinger; SUN CITY (Ariz.) HTC charter issued 2/14/70. 50 members. Pres.Donald A.Flenniken. SUNSET POINT (Clearwater, Fla.) charter issued 1/20/70. 35 members. Pr.Th.A.Courtney. AKRON (Ohio) HTC charter issued 2/9/70. 28 members. Pres.Herbert D. Kelley; HILLSBOROUGH (Tampa, Fla.) Charter issued 3/3/70. 37 members. Pres.Maynard S.Cory; FT.LAUDERDALE (Fla.) charter issued 3/10/70. 35 members. Pres.Robert R.Miller; BAYSHORE (Bradenton, Fla.) charter issued 3/20/70. 35 members. Pres.Joseph H.Austin; DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS (Ohio) HTC charter issued 4/10/70. 53 members. Pres.Thomas.M.Major. VISTA (Ca.) HTC charter issued 4/10/70. 57 members. Pres.Frank W.Allen;

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Left to right: Most Worshipful Thomas David Henderson, Grand Master of Arizona; Howard M. Smith, President of High Twelve International; Most Worshipful Chester R. MacPhee, Grand Master of California and Hawaii; John L. Shaw, First Vice-President High Twelve International; and Most Worshipful Paul W. Sorensen, Grand Master, Oregon; all of whom were photographed at the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D. C. on February 24, 1970. This picture is to commemorate the coming of High Twelve to Arizona, Hawaii and Oregon.

The above cover of the High Twelvian will give future generations some idea of the size and general appearance 1962 of High Twelve International's official magazine. It was published from 4 to 6 times yearly, depending on the state of the finances at the time. DLP

MAINLANDS (Pinellas Park, Fla.) HTC charter issued 4/3/70. 54 members. Duncan B. Thomson; SOUTH JACKSONVILLE, (Fla.) charter issued 5/5/70. 24 members. Pres. James M. Rogers; YUMA (Arizona) charter issued 6/13/70. 36 members. Pres. Harry A. Moxon.

SUN CITY (Ariz.) HTC's charter party was evening of Feb. 14, 1970, 187 High Twelvians and guests present. Most Worshipful Thomas D. Henderson, Grand Master of Masons in Arizona gave encouraging remarks pertaining to High Twelve's support of Masonic youth in Arizona. A bus from Tucson brought 32 members to the party, Tucson having sponsored the new club. Bro. Dean Tillotson, PM, presented the bell and gavel. Short talks were made by Shaw and by International Expansion Chairman Louis P. Elack, who presented the charter. V.P. Shaw was Installing Officer. Pres. Don A. Flenniken; Sec. Harvey H. Spiegel. Lyle A. Waterman of Glendale, Ca. and Dean Tillotson were Marshalls.

HILLSBOROUGH HTC (Tampa, Fla.) became the 34th club in Florida. 48 Twelvians were in attendance. Charter presented by International President Howard Smith. Rev. Mike Kippenbrock, State President and International Chaplain Installing Officer, assisted by Past State President Cecil Dunham.

CLAYTON HTC's Past Pres. and PSP Emil "Luvable" Jecmen installed his Son, Emil M. Jecmen, Jr. as President of the club, introducing him as the 'second best President Clayton ever had'. He didn't say who was the best! AKRON HTC's charter night party on 2/9/70 had most of the Ohio Association clubs represented. Ohio Assn. President Homer Spence was an enthusiastic proponent of formation of the club.

Allan R. Furman, Wolcott Fellow 1961-62, writing in the Spring of 1970 about the meeting with the Trustees, Farrington, White and Shaw, "...The question has also been raised as to whether or not other areas of study might not be incorporated into the program. I believe this would be unwise. It would lead to a loss of focus on important objective ... that of placing outstanding young men in Public Service; and it would inhibit the impact and effectiveness of the present program by scattering the number of potential candidates over too many areas of employment." "...Other programs are tied to other educational institutions in the field of International affairs. Only the Wolcott and the Scottish Rite Fellowship Programs provide financial support for graduate studies in Public Service."

"...The major deficiency in the program is the lack of funds.....I would hope that at the next International Convention the membership will have an opportunity to endorse an expansion of this important program. (NOTE: Mr. Furman was sponsored by the Des Moines HTC....He joined the agency for International Development in June, '62, and has served in Washington, D.C. and East Pakistan in various positions concerned with the administration of foreign economic assistance projects.)

FOUNDER E.C. "WALLIE" WOLCOTT celebrated his 89th birthday 4/22/70. "He has a complete office in his bedroom, and is continuously working on the organization of new clubs through mailing and telephone calls...." Emil Jecman, Sr.

President Howard M. Smith reported in the April, May, June, 1970 High Twelvian that he and 1st V.P. John L. Shaw attended the meeting of the Wolcott Scholarship Trustees, Students and Max Farrington at George Washington University, Washington, D.C. "The meetings of the Grand Masters' Conferences which we attended were informative and inspiring. The contacts we made should enable High Twelve to establish new clubs in areas where we are not represented...." "...We attended the Grand Masters' Banquet, where we were invited to sit at the table reserved for the Grand Lodge of Arizona with Grand Master Tom Henderson, presiding...."

"...The visit to the House of the Temple, Home of the 33rd^o was a most enjoyable event. We were the guests of Sovereign Grand Commander Clausen of the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, Elmer Wagner, invited us to be his guests and accorded us the rare privilege of sitting with the Grand Officers of his State...."

"From all of these remarkable experiences, I wish to recommend that in the future the President of High Twelve International attend the Grand Masters' Conf."

1st V.P. John L. Shaw, writing on his plans for the year ahead, starting, June, '70, said, "....Our program was to be the 'YEAR OF THE MASTER MASON'. First, there should be an attempt to get all Master Masons into High Twelve. 2nd We should support the Symbolic (Blue) Lodge. Phase a - Attempt to get the sojourning Mason into the High Twelve Clubs and from there back into active participation in the Blue Lodge; b, Support of the Blue Lodge in its activities and encourage visitations to Blue Lodge; c. Assist in the formation of Blue Lodges...."

Past President Clarence M. Shields of the Downtown Toledo HTC said, "...After more than 3 weeks in a hospital room, I can only conclude that Masonry's strength is the Brotherly concern we have for each other." "...As I was about to go to surgery, a Brother Mason and a Fellow High Twelvian asked if I would need blood. As I recovered later from the anesthetic, my wife told me that two men from High Twelve had given blood for me. I can never fully thank or repay these Masonic Brothers. Many special acts of kindness were accorded me during the next several weeks. One nurse remarked, 'Masonry seems to be so important to these men.' " "...If we take our Masonic obligation seriously, and demonstrate our Brotherly love, potential members are certain to be attracted to Masonry...."

CLUBS BY STATES & COUNTRIES as of 4/1/70: 2 Alabama; 2 Arizona; 79 California; 3 Colorado; 1 England; 36 Florida; 1 Hawaii; 13 Illinois; 6 Indiana; 16 Iowa; 9 Kansas; 7 Kentucky; 9 Louisiana; 19 Michigan; 13 Missouri; 2 Nebraska; 8 New Jersey; 1 New York; 21 Ohio; 1 Oregon; 1 Oklahoma; 8 Pennsylvania; 3 South Dakota; 1 Spain; 2 Washington; 1 Guam. = total of 265 clubs.

5/4/70 KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (Ohio) 4 STUDENTS KILLED & 9 WOUNDED IN DISTURBANCES.
5/3/70 - 5/5/70 12,614 ARRESTED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR CIVIL DISTURBANCES.

SOUTH BAY (Chula Vista, Ca.) charter relinquished 6/70. (Chartered 1/16/60).

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 6/21/70-6/25/70, Fort Lauderdale, Fla; Galt Ocean Mile Hotel. Genl Ch. for Convention Elmer W. Olson. Singles \$11.00, doubles 15.00; studios \$22.00 Suites \$35.00. At this convention the Masonic Representative replaced the International Representative. "....he becomes more important than in the past." "....We now want to stress a more important current need. This man is to serve Masonry." "....He simply transfers his interests from International to performance at Masonic activities...." "...he heads his club delegation at (International) Convention..." "....(must) visualize what he might do to improve relations with the Master of his Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Chapter, etc...." Billed as 49th Annual Int'l. Conv.

The 108 page program had considerable advertising. The budget as approved showed office rent in St. Louis up from \$1,800.00 to \$2,400.00. The general chairman of Workshops was Tallman Trask of Calif. Breakdown: Club Administration, Ch. John R. Mitchell, Ohio; Projects & Youth Programs, Ch. Walter Fullerton, Fla; Masonic Relations, Ch. Harry Etienne; Club Programs & Publicity, Ch. Leonard Ballman; Membership Retention & Expansion, Ch. Geo. Robb, Calif. A Printing Committee was established to review prices and quotations on printing.

The Governing Board discussed the raising of the per capita for the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. from 5¢ to 10¢ per member. Instead it was recommended giving the

Wolcott Foundation, Inc. \$500.00 for publicity material. Considerable discussion re. continuation of the student subsistence allowance vs. just tuition and books. Opinion seemed to be to encourage the students to work for the government, their Congressmen, etc. part time and make the term 2 years.

George Robb, President of the California Association favored having the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. loan the money to more students than to give outright grants to fewer....as an endowment loan....to not depreciate the capital each year; to work; assistance - not as a total commitment in financing. "....If we send 3 or 4 students a year, we limit our prestige. We limit our influence, our ability to help."

There was discussion re. attendance at the Grand Masters' Conference, Washington, D.C. 1st obtain permission of your own Grand Master who attends the Conference; "Then meetings are open to you...." Smith, "We made progress, but could make a lot more progress if one man was to go back for a number of years....5 years, because when you go into this group of 500, it is extremely difficult to make a lot of contacts. It could be done in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Wolcott Trustees and in advance select those states....we desire to expand into..." He indicated that it would be beneficial if the one who attended had an exceptionally good Masonic background.

Vice Pres. Shaw thought that with the Grand Masters changing yearly in most Jurisdictions this wasn't necessary. He favored the International President and the International First Vice President being sent. Robert Clynch, PIP said that the 3 Past Grand Masters who are also Past State President of the Louisiana High Twelve Association felt they had "had" it by the time they finished as Grand Masters to do anything for another body (High Twelve). Pres. Smith didn't feel that the 1st V.P. should go as he wouldn't have the prestige of the President. It was voted to send the International President.

Outgoing President Howard M. Smith in his report to the convention said, "....We build upon the ashes of those who have gone on before us, and we lay down the gavel of leadership; (then) we too become a part of those ashes upon which our organization is built." The one previous Florida Convention was in Clearwater in '61, when President William L. Worthen, also from California, was outgoing President, "....at that time Florida was a fledgling unit of the whole, and today is giving California a run for its money insofar as size and influence are concerned," Shaw.

At the mens' luncheon Monday, "Chubby" Wright 33^o, Secretary of the Miami Valley Rite delivered a stirring address. At the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. meeting, presided over by Chairman Arthur E. Buss,....Cecil Dunham of Florida and Wm. Kinnard of New Jersey were elected to the Board of Trustees. Former Wolcott scholar Allan R. Furman gave a fine talk on the status of the Wolcott Scholars.

The local Blue Lodge played host to some High Twelvians, who witnessed the work in the 3rd degree. The State Presidents Breakfast was presided over by George W. Robb, California's State President. California State Secretary Tallman Trask chaired the workshop session. A stirring, yet humorous talk was given by Roy T. Lord, FGM Masons in Florida and Grand Sovereign Inspector for Florida Scottish Rite; was Genl. Chairman for the Florida State Convention, 1970. 8 Past Int. Presidents attended Conv. A trip through the inland waterways on the "Paddlewheel Queen" was enjoyed by all.

Incoming President John L. Shaw said at the June 24, Int. Board meeting that the emphasis for his convention will be on the Golden Anniversary of High Twelve, to be held 7/11 - 7/14/71, Denver.

A few convention statistics: 445 attended - 262 men & 183 ladies. 18 states represented. 55 signed up for post convention trip to Nassau. On 6/25/70 the "Apollo

70" High Twelve Club was organized inside a Greyhound bus travelling along Interstate 95 between Cocoa and Melbourne, Florida. International President John L. Shaw led the discussion among the 19 charter members and their ladies on the way to Cape Canaveral. To hold only one meeting annually, a ladies day. 8 states represented. Alton Emerson Acting Secretary. Int.Pres. to convene annually.

John L. Shaw, Temple City, Ca. was elected President for the 1970-71 term. 1st V.P. Wib L. Mager, Belleville, Ill; 2nd V.P. Howard H. Jennings, Lansing, Mich; 3rd V.P. William K. Rose, Toledo, Ohio; Treasurer Wm. S. Roser, Louisville, Ky; Immediate Past Int. Pres. Howard M. Smith, Dunedin, Fla. Internat. Sec. Robert F. Clynch, PIP, Baton Rouge, La; General Counsel James N. Robertson, Media, Pa; Wolcott Foundation Chairman Arthur E. Buss, Escalon, Ca; Pres. Emeritus E. C. "Wallie" Wolcott, Webster Groves, Mo. Editor, High Twelvian E. P. White Jr., Associate Ed. Max J. Reed, both of Louisville, Ky. Int. Chaplain Rev. Phil Barrett, San Jose, Cal. Far West Assoc. Editor D. L. Paddock, Ca. Office Manager, Mrs. Lillian V. George, 3681 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis 63108.

International Zone Officer assignments: Robertson: Pennsylvania, N.Y., N.J., N.H., Mass., Vermont, Main, Rhode Is., Dela. & Connecticut; Smith: Florida, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, S. Car; Roser: Kentucky & Tenn; Clynch: Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Ark; Burkin: Kansas, Colorado, Okla; Neb. & Western Missouri; Mager: Illin., Iowa, S. Dak., N. Dakota, Eastern Mo. & Minnesota; Jennings: Mich., Wisc. & Indiana; Malcolm: Northern Calif, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah & Canada; Rose: Ohio, West Virginia & Virginia; Worthen: Southern Calif., Nevada, Ariz., New Mexico & Mexico; Shaw: Alaska & Hawaii.

State Presidents as listed in High Twelvian: California, George W. Robb; Colorado, H. Baird Whitaker, Denver; Florida, Michael K. Kippenbrock, Orlando; Indiana, Roger E. Hellman, Columbus; Iowa-South Dakota, James W. Coyer, Waterloo, I; Kansas, Donald R. Fisher, Manhattan; Kentucky-Alabama, Harold D. Council, Louisville, Ky; Louisiana, Henry M. Messinger, Bastrop; Michigan, Harry A. Etienne, Detroit; Missouri, Leonard H. Ballman, St. Louis; New Jersey, Victor A. Cranston (Governor), Mendham; Ohio, Homer A. Spence, Willowick; Pennsylvania, Daniel L. Marquette, Pottstown.

International Officers Liaison with Committees: 1st VP - Budget, Resolutions, Credential, Leadership, Nominations, Convention, Necrology; 2nd V.P. Expansion, Youth Activities, Masonic Relations, Public Relations, Projects, Future Sites, Jewelry; 3rd VP, Patriotism, Const. & B-L., Long Range Planning, Manuals, Work Shops, Auditor; Immediate Past President, International Club Affairs, 200th Anniv. Conv; Office Equipment; Ex Officio - General Counsel, Constitution & By-Laws, Credentials, Resolutions; Treasurer, Budget & Finance, Auditor; Secretary, Manuals; All officers - Long Range Planning.

1970-71 Executive Committee: Pres., 1st, 2nd & 3rd VPs, Treas., Sec., Genl. Counsl., Immed. Past Pres. and Budget & Fin. Ch.

Committee Chairmen: 1970-71: Expansion - L. E. Delebarre, Calif; Const. & B-L - Monta W. Shirley, Ca; Budget & Finance - Emil M. Jecmen, Sr., Missouri; Youth Activities - Walter J. Fullerton, Fla; Projects - Cecil Dunham, Fla; Masonic Rels - John Murray, Kan; Intern. Club Affairs - Theodore Arter, La; Public Relations - Darven L. Paddock, Calif; Resolutions - Harlan G. Richardson, Mich; Leadership - Herbert Goddard, Calif; Nominations - Charles F. Burkin, Jr., Kansas; Credentials - Lewis Hoffman, Ohio; Office Equipment - Lee W. Goby, Ill; Manuals - Glenn R. Woods, Ill; Convention - Leslie C. Whitney, Colo; Workshops - Karl M. Huston, Ind; Patriotism - Dr. H. M. Chabut, Mi; Long Range Planning - Harold Sivers, Ohio; 200th Anniversary - Wm. N. Kinnard, Pennsylvania; Necrology - Phil Barrett, San Jose; Auditor - J. Carl Menke, Ill; Jewelry - T. Archer Brown, Calif; Conventin Site Com ('73) Howard H. Jennings.

The Post Convention trip from Miami on the "New Bahama Star" to Nassau was great. PIP and Mrs. James N. Robertson, General Counsel said, "...As parents, we never saw so

many families represented at a post convention activity...." Editor E.P.White,Jr. commented in the July-Aug.,1970 High Twelvian, "....This is Bro.Shaw's year! The focus of attention will be on him as President because what he does, what he says, what he thinks determines the future course of our organization....." Aboard the "Bahama Star" the International Convention High Twelve Club was organized with 49 Charter members. 1st Pres. Richard W.Gordon of St.Louis, Mo. The ship was about 100 miles from shore at that time. (NOTE: We had a ball,DLP)

NORTH PENINSULA HTC (near S.F.,Calif.) charter party had the distinction of having as principal speaker Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in California Chester McPhee. Charter presented by International President John L. Shaw; State Secretary Louis P.Black, PSP was Installing Officer with assistance of Wolcott Chairman Arthur E.Buss. State President George Robb delivered the charge; and V.P. W.J.Patton was Marshall. Club sponsored by the Downtown San Francisco HTC, whose President Robert Clark presented ball and gavel. Pres.W.Neil Andrus; Sec.Chas. Von Storch. Summer High Twelvian.

ROSSMOOR (Calif.) initiated large class of 30 new members, giving that club a total of 449, according to Pres.Lester Forsyth who claimed this to now be largest of the High Twelve Clubs.

MT.CLEMENS (Mich) HTC was selected as "Organization of the Year" by the Amvets Post of Mt.Clemens. Milton R.Penzion, President. The citation read in part, "Some fraternal clubs exist and other 'do', and amongst the foremost 'doers' in Mt.Clemens is the High Twelve Club. Since its inception in the mid-thirties, this Masonic Mens' Club has endeavored to promote and support worthy projects in the community.

Prime fund-raiser for these projects is the Annual High Twelve Show, proceeds from which benefited the YMCA, Memorial Statium, Mt.Clemens General and Martha T. Berry Hospitals, Red Cross, Salvation Army, County Youth Home, Boy and Girl Scouts, DeMolay, YMCA Building Fund, Mt Clemens Art Center, and a host of others.

"A measure of success is the fact that in the past five years the High Twelve Club has turned over \$12,750.00 to local charaties, including \$6,000.00 to the Camp of Underprivileged Children, \$4,000.00 to the YMCA Building Fund and \$900.00 to the Boy Scouts...." Signed Harold E. Addis, Commander.

DAVENPORT (Iowa) HTC congratulated Bro.Julius Lage for securing 20 new members, uly initiated, since January, 1970. "....Your first duty, other than your regular attendance, is to get a new member applicant's name on the dotted line for good fraternal fellowship and the best in programing....only Brother Master Masons in good standing can qualify...." Summer 1970.

As of August 27, 1970 there were 270 club, total membership of 16,770. GEORGE W.ROBB, President of the California Assn. of High Twelve Clubs was honored 9/18/70 by an appreciation reception in Riverside, with San Bernardino and Riverside High Twelve Clubs as co-hosts. 136 present, including State Officers and 12 High Twelve Clubs. FREMONT (Ca.)HTC charter relinquished 6/15/70. MONTEREY PARK (Ca.) HTC charter relinquished 8/13/70. Founded 2/9/63.

International President JOHN L. SHAW was honored at a reception at the Huntinton-Sheraton Hotel, Pasadena in the Fall of 1970. Nearly 200 members, wives and guests attended the banquet. Ten Twelvian leaders took turns "roasting" Bro.John, all in good fun. Present were two International Past Presidents, W. L. Hopperstead and Wm. Worthen, six additional Past State Presidents, many state, area and club officers and Grand Lodge dignataries.

List of State High Twelve Sponsors to DeMolay Leadership Camps (provided by Tom

W.Moberly, DeMolay Headquarters, Kansas City. (Nov-Dec.,1970 High Twelvian)
California = 61; Florida = 27; Michigan = 12; Iowa = 11½; Missouri = 11;
Ohio=10½; Kansas=6; Illinois = 5; New Jersey = 3; Arizona = 2; Indiana = 2;
Kentucky = 2; New Mexico =1, Virginia = 1; Colorado =½; South Dak.=½. Tot.,156.

KNOXVILLE (Tenn.) HTC charter issued 8/14/70. 16 members. Pres. Sam L.Hansard.
GOLETA VALLEY (Santa Barbara vicinity,Calif.) Charter relinquished 10/70. Had
been chartered 3/2/68.

MONTEBELLO HTC had a 1932 Chevrolet convertible in the local Anniversary Parade,
which had 132 entries; and was viewed by thousands of spectators 10/17/70. Entry
was driven by Don Rumbough, owner, with seven Twelvians (shirt sleeved and straw
hatted) as passengers, including Pres. Bob Will. Along the parade route, they
threw 2,000 pieces of candy and other goodies to children watching. Signs on the
side made of cloth, read, "Montebello High Twelve Club - Masonic Fellowship Lunch-
eon." Signs on the front and back were the metal High Twelve medalion signs.

PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT (1941-42 DR.EDWIN E.HRUSKA, lifelong resident of
Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died 10/19/70 following a sudden illness. He was born April 9,
1895 in Cedar Rapids; and was married to Emma Svododa April 17, 1965. A veteran
of WWI, Dr.Hruska, a dentist, opened his practice in Cedar Rapids in 1917. PM
Mt.Hermon Lodge AF&AM. He held many positions of honor and responsibility in
Masonic affiliated organizations.

California's Governor Ronal Reagan spoke at the California Association of High
Twelve Clubs, Riverside 10/23/70. Over 500 attended this Annual Convention, presided
over by State President George W. Robb. Int.Pres.John L.Shaw installed E. Wells
Smith as President for the ensuing year. State Secretary Louis P.Black, PSP, was
endorsed as California's candidate for 3rd International V.P., 1971, Int.Convention,
Denver. The Convention,Riverside, was preceded by 12 Area Conferences throughout
the State and Arizona (at that time part of the California Association). Each Con-
ference probably as well attended as many State Conventions.

"As we approach this holiday season (Nov.Dec.,1970 High Twelvian), your Internat-
ional extends loving hand of brother love and friendship to all brothers of High
Twelve.....In the daily struggle to maintain ourselves and our family, we sometimes
lose sight of the needs and desires of our brethren who may be depressed and in dis-
pair. May we then remember our obligation to stretch forth a helping hand to aid
a fellow brother."....."Let's not wait till we see the sign of distress given, but
let us seek out those who need our help, and let us gladly give of ourselves that
the fallen may rise again." "...May the circle of sincere affection encompass all
of us into one closely knit group of friends and brothers, and may our hearts be filled
with love and joy for one another, and may peace and good will prevail for one and
all." John L. Shaw, International President.

At the KNOXVILLE (Tenn.) HTC Charter Party 8/14/70, Int.Sec. Robert F.ClynchPIP,
presented the charter, gong and gavel to President Dr.Sam L. Hansard; Sec-Tr.Haley
M.Jamison. HENRY HOOD, Florida PSP reported in the Nov-Dec.,1970 High Twelvian,
"....During my visit with Grand Masters of Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia,
North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia they were very courteous to me
and were glad to have someone from HTI to visit with them." "...they welcomed me
into their homes to meet their wives, so I am sure we have made some gains for High
Twelve on this trip....."

"Several years ago President Robert F.Hernon of the Illinois State Association
started 'Regional' Board meetings; State divided into Downstate, Central and North-
ern Section...." "Last meeting in Moline was so well attended that it even attract-
ed the Wilsons and Jeckmens from nearby Missouri, proving that if done smartly, you
can 'combine business and pleasure'" Walter F.Maas. (Result...a 'Mini' Convention).

VALLEJO (Calif.) HTC charter issued 11/7/70. 41 members. Pres. Howard Gee.

The new Constitution and By-Laws was now ready for distribution, thanks to the industry and talented efforts of James N. Robertson, PIP, Robert F. Clynch PIP and Int. Secretary, and Wm. K. Rose, Int. 3rd V.P.; to be in possession soon of all club and state officers. Unbound 8 1/2 x 11 punched copies free. \$1.50 if included in 3 ring binder.

A High Twelve poem written by Glory L. Brillhart, wife of 1969 California State President Harold Brillhart. She is author of "Notes with Glory", a book of her poems. (NOTE: The underscoring is mine for the uninitiated. DLP)

Enthusiasm and dedication drew
Men to High Twelve in the past, as they do today.
Although at inception, they numbered but a few.
Now cities and towns install them without delay.

As a new club begins, the older ones grow,
Enjoying each club day's lunch and fellowship;
Their aim, to aid youth, as those helped now show,
Whether journeys be far, or rather short trip.

Many attend Conventions, and their ladies too;
The DeMolays in college, they aid with a loan.
They urge joining a 'Rainbow', as many girls do.
Then on to Job's Daughters... Clubs seek young boys half grown

With talent apparent, through Wolcott Foundation,
Groomed as diplomats for our great nation.

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION (8th Annual) 12/1 and 12/2/71 Orlando.... Elected as President Raymond Rhude, International President John L. Shaw outlined plans for the 50th Anniversary Convention and was Installing Officer. Past Grand Master Roy T. Lord 33° Grand Lodge of Florida gave a talk on the importance of Masonry to our way of life. 5 of 6 Past State Presidents were present. ".... Because of our continued growth, it was necessary to activate another region in the State and elect 7 Regional Vice Presidents to help the line officers in supervising and assisting our 38 clubs and the expansion we expect to make...." The Convention endorsed PSP Henry Hood for International 3rd Vice President.

ROSSMOOR HTC (Calif.) saluted the 94—50 Year Masons living in Rossmoor Leisure World 10/27/70. 83 were present, all but 11 were members of the club. The 83 represented a total of 4,396 years. This may be a record.

11/3/70 - ALLENDE, COMMUNIST-MARXIST SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT OF CHILE.
11/9/70 - CHARLES DE GAULLE DIED.

1970 GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT = \$977,080,000 (in 1950 it had been \$284,769,000).
1970 Hourly earning in Mfg. Ind (Yrly) Avgs) gross \$3.36 (1960 = \$2.26).

The "50th Anniversary is to be built into a valuable contest", according to Pres. John L. Shaw, writing in the Jan-Feb., 1971 High Twelvian. "Wallie gave 50 years - What About You?" ".... Any member of High Twelve International who brings in 10 new members between Jan. 1, 1971 and 6/15/71 will become a Golden Award member, and become a member of the NIFTY FIFTY CLUB. His name will be published in the High Twelvian, and he will receive a gold ribbon...."

"The second phase of this promotion covers the entire year for 1/1/71 to 12/31/71.

Any High Twelve Club that forms a new club during the year of 1971 will receive a gold ribbon to be attached to their banner, to be known as the Golden Anniversary Award Club. Club receiving most gold ribbons will be presented the President's Golden Anniversary Award trophy. In the event of a tie, the winner will be based on a total number of charter members of the clubs formed by each club...."

"...The third phase covers entire year. Every club with 50% increase will be a blue ribbon award to be placed on club banner. Every club with 25% increase, will receive a red ribbon. Every club with 10% will receive a white ribbon.

EAST OAKLAND (Calif) HTC #37 charter relinquished 12/17/70. (Another old one gone!)

By the end of 1970 the California Association of High Twelve Clubs' Ensign May De Molay Loan Fund assets had grown to about \$67,573.00, with 101 DeMolay Loans. Loans were interest free. Repayment history nearly perfect. (Undergraduate College Loans).

J. NELSON TRUITT, PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 1953-54 DIED IN HARRISON, ARKANSAS. When President of International he was a resident of Denver, Colo. He served for several years as Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation after his term as President.

The Board of Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc., Washington, D.C. appointed Philip E. Cartwright Trustee to replace the late Isaac Robertson. Scholars were introduced and answered questions pertaining to the program. President John L. Shaw and V.P. Wib Mager were present. Chairman Arthur E. Buss presided. It was agreed the scholarship application form needed updating to conform to present policies, and to make it a stronger contractual document between scholar and Foundation. Each Trustee henceforth to be assigned to a Zone for which he would be responsible for working with the State Wolcott Chairman to distribute information and answer inquiries. Bro. Shaw set the Wolcott Fund Goal at \$50,000.00 for the 50th Anniversary year.

Chairman Art Buss quoted from the By-Laws of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. as follows, "Sec. 5 - Proxies. Any member of a constituent club of HTI may vote the written proxies of the members of his club who are members of the Foundation, and he may also vote the proxies of the members of not more than 5 other club...."

BRANDON (Fla.) HTC charter night was 1/9/71. 118 High Twelvians and guests present. Sponsored by the Sun City (Fla.) HTC. Charter presented by PIP Howard M. Smith. Pres. Rutherford L. Hughes. 21 charter members.

MID-YEAR meeting of the Governing Board was held in St. Louis, Mo. Unfortunately, the High Twelvian of March-April, did not give the date... probably January. Nearly all of the 14 State Presidents (and N.J. Governor) were present to take part as Governing Board members.

"...Financially HTI is in beautiful shape. Productively it is in an equally enviable condition., i.e., things are running along smoothly under the firm and guiding hand of Pres. John L. Shaw, and the future looks bright." Editor. The Long Range Planning Committee spent several day and night sessions to wind up the composition of the Convention Manual to be produced for the benefit of future groups who undertake the job of hosting an annual affair in their locality. The Governing Board discussed and approved the various slogans and programs for the 50th Annual Convention.

At the State Presidents session held prior to the Mid-Year Governing Board meeting, some 15 men assembled under the leadership of 1st International Vice President Wib L. Mager. They discussed reducing the number of "work sessions" at International Conventions from 6 to 3; to call these gatherings "seminars" to be staggered so all sessions could be attended by everyone. Designate the recent 1st V.P. of H.T.I. as "President-elect." All resolutions to be presented in writing to the Resolutions Committee. Gave unanimous approval of the new Manual. Clubs and State Officers not having one could

obtain them from St. Louis for \$1.50.

Six Past International Presidents attended the meeting. President John L. Shaw announced the appointment of Harold D. Council, Louisville, Ky. as Chairman of Youth Activities to succeed Walter Fullerton, resigned.

The International DeMolay Headquarters advised that there were now 8 Leadership Camps, with the standard price per boy at \$75.00. High Twelve Clubs were urged to as always support this annual project. ST. CHARLES, Mo. Charter issued 2/6/71. 23 members; President Adrian J. Lohman.

WEBSTER GROVES, Mo. HTC entered a High Twelve float in the Annual Community Day parade. Webb T. Rogers had a High Twelve insignia sews to his golf cap publicizing High Twelve even on the golf course. (This was probably in the spring of 1971). (NOTE: Sometimes it's hard to figure out the dates). DLP

As of April 30, 1971 there were 271 clubs in High Twelve Int., and 17,303 members. SALEM (Oregon) HTC charter issued 3/22/71. 57 members. Pres. George Dilts. By the end of 1971, GEORGE BLOSS (Atwater, Calif.) HTC charter had been relinquished.

3/10/71 - SENATE APPROVED 94-0 AMMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION LOWERING VOTING AGE TO 18.
5/1/71 - AMTRACK WENT INTO OPERATION "TO GET THE PEOPLE BACK ON TRAINS."

HUI AWAKEA (Honolulu) charter issued 5/30/71. 26 members. Pres. Robert C. Kong. (NOTE: There had been several previous High Twelve Clubs in Honolulu over theyears.) DLP
EAST OAKLAND (Calif.) charter relinquished 12/17/70. TORREJOH (AFB SPAIN) Charter relinquished 3/30/71 (NOTE: Reactivated 4/9/73)

6/30/71 - OHIO RATIFIED 26th AMENDMENT TO CONST., LOWERING VOTING AGE TO 18. NOW LAW.

Pre-Convention Board Meeting, Denver, Colo. 7/11/71. 2nd V.P. Howard Jennings said that one Grand Master wasn't interested in High Twelve because it wasn't a Civic Organization. One of our publications had stated that High Twelve was not a Civic Association. He felt this should be changed.

It was agreed that the Policy Manual include that the President, a Vice President and the Immediate Past President attend the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D.C. In the event of incapacity of any of the three, the Presiding Officer to appoint the 3rd party to attend.

The Board approved a jewelry contract with the Klitzner Co. Bro. E.C. Wolcott reported that he had been carrying on a heavy correspondence and phoning, in an endeavor to start new clubs. He mentioned Oklahoma City having 8 or 9 interested Masons, but no restaurant willing to accomodate them; also Muscatine, Iowa working on a list of 24 names. The hotel in Mascatine would take the club.

Finances 1970-71: Club dues \$47, 935.50; Reinstated Member fees \$235.50; New Member fees \$4,314.00; Charter member fees \$618.00; Sale of jewelry & club supplies \$8,030.96; Interest-Sav. A/C. of Dep. \$792.56, Misc. \$52.50 = \$61,979.02 - Cost of jewelry & club supplies \$6,396.90 = \$55,582.12.

Expenses '70-71: E.C. Wolcott \$4,800.00; Office Salary \$6,950.50; Travel (all) \$14,062.77; Hi. 12 Mag. \$14,623.96; Promotional Lit. \$1,611.94; 50th Ann. Promotion \$1,348.60; Other \$9,352.85... Total Expenditures \$52,750.62 ... Excess of income over expenditures (or retained earnings) \$2,831.50.

50th Anniversary Celebration & International Convention, Denver, Colorado July 11-14, 1971. Denver Hilton Hotel. General Chairman Leslie C. Whitney. The 50th Anniversary Souvenir Program contained advertising. Wednesday July 14 was "Wallie Wolcott Day." Bro. John Vanderhoof, Lt. Governor of the State of Colorado spoke, "...We cannot permit our children to delude themselves that America alone, without allies, can

live securely behind the barriers of the two oceans in an age of Inter-Continental Missiles." Bro. John H. Hacker, Director of Revenue of Colorado (next in line behind the Lt. Gov.) was introduced by Ed Natal, Past Governor New Jersey Association of High Twelve Clubs. Bro. Hacker was Past President of the Camden Htc, 1st Secretary of the New Jersey District, and the High Twelve Governor of New Jersey. He mentioned that not only was Lt. Gov. Vanderhoof a Mason, but that the Governor was too.

After reports from State Association Presidents, Pres. Shaw called on representatives from Tulsa, Bruce Phillips; Knoxville, Tenn, (Univ. of Tenn. Agri. Dept. Personnel) Harold Council; & Francis Haller, representing Washington State. PIP Vinton Malcolm, Oakland, Ca. reported that about a year ago they started the Bay Area Club in Coos Bay, Ore., and several months ago had started a new club in Salem, Ore., whose president Geo. Dists was a former Davenport, Iowa HTC member.

Public Relations Com. Chairman Darven L. Paddock made a strong pitch for development of an audio visual program for presentation at Grand Lodge room of President.. High Twelve officials, lodges or wherever else it would be permitted....slide first and film later. Members were urged to send in their best colored 35mm slide negatives.

President Raymond Rhude of the Florida Association presented a plaque to President E. Wells Smith of the California Association for having started more clubs during the year than Florida had. T. Archer Brown, Jewelry Chairman said the jewelry catalogue was nearly completed and would be mailed to club secretaries.

V.P. Wm. K. Rose (speaking of manuals) remarked about the lack of communication between International and the clubs. "...is constant, yet 99% of the answers to their questions are in this book....for the first time in 50 years, we now have permanently, right up to date the answers to practically all of the problems that arise from time to time." "...Almost a majority of the local club officers say they've never seen it. Others acknowledge they have a copy but rarely read it...."

Wolcott Nifty Fifty reibbons were presented to representatives of the top 50 contributing club, where special contributions were sent to the International Office as per instructions. Also...the Nifty 50 ribbons presented to those bringing in 10 members; and those clubs with 25% increase....Sun City, Ariz; Arlington, Ca; Palm Springs, Ca; Bradenton, Fla; Holiday, Fla; Venice, Fla; West Jacksonville, Fla; Mason City, Iowa.

73% of the clubs made no contributions to the Wolcott Foundation 1969-70 (except 5¢ per capita?). San Bernardino HTC therefore submitted a proposed amendment to Art. IV, Sec. 2a of the By-Laws, raising semi-annual dues from \$1.50 to \$2.00; and Art. III, Sec. 4, adding Sub-Sec. b, whereby HTI would pay the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. \$1.00a year (per member) payable August, as per membership of the previous December. This had been discussed previously at the Mid-Year meeting and rejected. The proposal was also defeated at this convention.

Past International President Harold Sivers advised that a Convention Manual had been prepared by PIP Holland F. Flahavhan and committee, was up to date, and had been printed; so any club or State Association extending an invitation to a future convention could obtain this manual from the St. Louis office.

President show reported that the membership was now about 17,500. He mentioned that he had visited the Florida State Association, Hawaii, Missouri, New Jersey, Iowa State Conv. (and the 50th Anniversary Convention site, Denver 3 times), in addition to visitations in California and Arizona.

"...You have heard much concerning the Grand Masters' Conference. I feel that this is one of the outstanding things we have done to improve our relationship with

Grand Lodges...." " I personally attended the Grand Lodges of California and Arizona. Howard Jennings has attended the Grand Lodges of Wisconsin & Michigan. Wib Mager attended the Grand Lodge of Missouri and Illinois. Other High Twelvians have attended other Grand Lodges and have brought to them the message of High Twelve...." John L. Shaw. President Shaw was interviewed extensively over local T.V. in Denver during the Convention in defense of the F.B.I. (NOTE: Shaw was a former Agent. DLP)

Officers for 1971-72 - Pres. Wib L. Mager, Belleville, Ill; 1st V.P. Howard H. Jennings, Lansing, Mich; 2nd V.P. Wm. K. Rose, Toledo, Ohio; 3rd V.P. Louis P. Black, Arcadia, Calif; Treasurer Wm. S. Roser, Louisville, Ky; Int. Secretary Robert F. Clynych, Baton Rouge, La; General Counsel James N. Robertson; Im. Past Pres. John L. Shaw; President Emeritus E.C. "Wallie" Wolcott, Webster Groves, Mo; Chairman Wolcott Foundation, Inc. Arthur E. Buss, Escalon, Ca; Editor, High Twelvian E.P. White, Jr., Louisville, Ky; Ass. Ed. Max J. Reed, Louisville, Ky., Far West Asso. Ed. Darven L. Paddock; Int. Chaplain W. George Wilson, St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Lillian V. George, Office Manager, 3681 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.

State Presidents: California - Elliott Wells Smith, Walnut Creek, Calif; Colorado Harry Price, Denver; Florida - Raymond Rhude, Bradenton Beach, Fla; Illinois - Glenn R. Woods, Sr., Mascoutah; Indiana - Albert R. Kalley, West Lafayette; Iowa-South Dakota Hervert H. Jacobs, Mason City, Iowa; Kansas - Orvalle V. Millikan, Wichita; Kentucky-Alabama-Tenn. - Foster G. (Greg) Lord, Owensboro, Ky; Louisiana - Richard L. Scott, Shreveport, La; Michigan - Keith W. Seales, Howell; Missouri - Adrian J. Lohman, St. Charles; New Jersey - Nelson W. Craig, Jr., Governor, Audubon; Ohio - Lewis Hoffman, Dayton; Pennsylvania - M. Warren Bolton, Norristown.

Executive Committee: President, 1st, 2nd & 3rd VPs, Treas, Sec., Genl. Counsel & Immediate Past President. ZONE OFFICERS: Robertson - Penn., N.Y., N.J., New Hampshire; Mass., Vermont, Maine, Rhode Island, Delaware & Connecticut. Howard M. Smith - Florida, Georgia, N. Car., South Carolina; Roser - Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama; Clynych - Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas & Arkansas; Jennings - Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, N. Dakota; Wm. Rose - Ohio, Indiana, North Carolina & West Virginia; (NOTE: Both Smith & Rose shown as assigned North Carolina); Vincent Malcolm - Oregon, Wyoming, Idaho & Montana; Black - Sou. Calif., Nevada, Ariz., Colo; New Mex. & Utah; Shaw - Northern Calif., Washington, Alaska & Hawaii; Mager - Missouri, Kansas & Okla.

Officer Committee Liason: 1st VP - Budget, Resolutions, Credentials, Leadership, Nominations, Convention & Necrology; 2nd VP - Expansion, Youth Activities, Masonic Relations, Public Relations; Projects; Future Sites & Jewelry; 3rd V.P. - Patriotism, Const. & By-Laws, Long Range Planning, Manuals, Workshops & Auditor; Immed. Past Pres. - International Club Affairs, 200th Anniversary & Office Equipment. EX-OFFICIO: General Counsel - Const. & By-Laws, Credentials, & Resolutions; Treasurer - Budget & Finance & Auditor; Secretary - Manuals; All Officers - Long Range Planning.

Committee Chairmen 1971-72: Expansion - L.D. DeLeBarre, Calif; Constitution & By-Laws - Chas. F. Burkin, Jr., Kansas; Budget & Finance - Edward L. Natal, New Jersey; Youth Activities - Don Marsh, Ohio; Projects - Nelson W. Craig, Sr., New Jersey; Masonic Relations - John Murray, Kansas; Int. Club Affairs - Theodore Arter, Louisiana; Public Relations - Wally Maas, Illinois; Resolutions - Nathaniel S. Tuchman, Mich; Leadership - Victor A. Cranston, New Jersey; Nominations - Wm. L. Worthen, Calif; Credential - Carleton L. Crispin, Illinois; Office Equipment - Lee W. Goby, Illinois; Manuals - Glenn R. Woods, Calif; Convention - Don A. Yocum, Michigan; Workshops - Homer A. Spence, Ohio; Long Range Planning - John L. Shaw, Calif; Patriotism - Milton Shaw, Florida; 200th Anniversary - Wm. N. Kinnard, Pennsylvania; Necrology - W. George Wilson, Missouri; Auditor - J. Carl Menke, Illinois; Jewelry - Chuck Henning, Michigan; Convention Site Comm. '74, Wm. Rose, Ohio; Past Presidents of Int. - John L. Shaw, Calif.

Short Course In High Twelve Club Public Relations (Or How To Get and Keep Members)

1. Every club president is in effect his own Public Relations Chairman, and this is one of the most important functions of his job as president.

2. This is the 50th Anniversary of High Twelve International. Obtain from last year's president the bulletin regarding how to celebrate this event. This is the best opportunity your club will ever have to obtain great publicity on High Twelve. Utilize the two releases that accompanied the bulletin. We hope you have a tremendous Anniversary meeting or party.

3. We assume you have a club publicity chairman. In addition to taking releases to the paper(s) regarding programs, does he take advantage of visits from your State Presidents, International Officers and other important Twelvians? Does he turn in a story regarding attendance at state conferences, state and national conventions, etc? Most papers will give space to this if nothing else. Does your publicity chairman keep taking releases to the papers even though they are not printed? Tell him to keep trying! Some day he will have such an interesting program or story to tell that the newspaper will run it in spite of its prejudices.

4. Bulletins are good sources of public relations, especially if copies are mailed to the Blue Lodge Secretaries or Masters.

5. Your old International Representative is now called the Masonic Representative. Inasmuch as the Master Mason is your "Public", this representative, especially if he is a Past Master, can be a very valuable public relations man for your club. He should be able to advise you how to keep on the right side of the Masters and the Inspector in your area. He is your friend at court. If he arranges a club visitation at a Blue Lodge you must go all out to see that you have good representation at the meeting.

6. Speaking of Blue Lodges, did you get posters from St. Louis, which you can fill in with felt pen, indicating time, date and place you meet? Many Masters permit these to be posted near the Tiler's desk. It's worth a try.

7. Further in the area of promotional materials, St. Louis has metal roadside signs. Do you have one posted along with Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis as you approach town? St. Louis provides brochures, and other material telling Master Masons about High Twelve. Do you utilize these? Some clubs have had great success by asking the Masters to include a copy with their Trestle Board mailings.

8. The wearing of lapel pins, tie clasps, etc. is very important. The wives have jewelry available, which would be helpful. Most clubs utilize business cards indicating day, time and place of luncheons, and inviting Master Masons including sojourners to attend. Book matches are important. We will have a case or two at the International Convention, Denver, for sale at 50c a box. Don't overlook participation in Old Timers' Parades. Get ahold of an old car; plaster it with High Twelve signs. Dress up in vintage clothes or hats, and you'll be surprised at the publicity you get. It's fun. Same with home town fairs. Try a booth, and invite Master Masons to stop and chat and sit down and rest.

9. The most important public relations gimmick of all, however, is to have good, wholesome programs. The visitor will want to return if he enjoys himself. You may lose him forever though if the stories are too raw.

10. Last but not least . . . your greeting committee must do a good job; and when the visiting Master Mason departs, the members of the Greeters must urge him to come back again.

Darven L. Paddock,
Far West Assoc. Editor

The Wolcott Foundation, Inc. was in good shape according to Chairman Arthur Buss, who was re-elected, as was Phillip Cartwright for 3 & 5 years respectively. As a result of the spirited drive to increase the grant fund at the inception of President John L. Shaw's year, the balance of \$26,827.77 as of 4/30/71 was increased by \$7,396.05 as of 7/14/71.

The officers were installed by Emil Jecman, Sr., PSP of the Missouri Assn. Founder E.C. Wolcott was in attendance at this convention.

MAYFLOWER GARDENS (Lancaster, Ca.) HTC charter issued 7/21/71. 18 members. Pres. Robert L. St. Clair. YREKA (Calif.) HTC charter relinquished 9/29/71. Was chartered 10/3/64. DEERFIELD BEACH (Florida) charter issued 9/3/71. 19 members. Robert Mac Alvanah Pres. GATEWAY (St Louis) charter relinquished 11/30/71. Issued 2/12/65.

8/15/71 - 90 DAY WAGE-PRICE-RENT FREEZE INSTITUTED BY PRESIDENT NIXON.
9/28/71 - CHILE VIRTUALLY EXPROPRIATED ANACONDA & KENNECOTT COPPER MINES.

INTERBAY (Tampa, Fla) HTC charter issued 10/28/71. 29 members. W.B. Gresham, Jr. Pres. MIAMI (Fla.) HTC charter issued 10/30/71. 28 members. Pres. Charles R. Emerson; LAKE TARPON VILLAGE (Palm Harbor, Fla. charter issued 11/11/71. 36 members. Pres. Edward A. Komraus. GATEWAY (St. Louis, Mo.) charter relinquished 11/30/71. Was chartered 2/12/65. YREKA (Calif.) Charter relinquished 9/29/71; Chartered 10/3/64.

FOLLOWING LISTED AS RECEIVING AWARDS AT CONVENTION DENVER: No 50% increase; so no Blue Ribbon Awards. Clubs with 25% increase - Red Ribbon Awards: SunCity, Ariz; Arlington, Ca; Palm Springs, Ca; Bradenton, Fla; Holiday, Fla; Venice, Fla; West Jacksonville, Fla; Mason City, Fla.

10% increase - white ribbons: Tucson, Ariz; Concord, Ca; Far West, Ca; Hemacinto, Ca; Mt. Helix, Ca; North Park, Ca; San Bernardino, Ca; San Gabriel Valley, Ca; Vallejo, Ca; Bayshore, Fla; Dunedin, Fla; Hillsborough, Fla; Holiday, Fla; Lake Worth, Fla; Leesburg, Fla; Mainlands, Fla; Naples, Fla; Palmetto, Fla; Skycrest, Fla; West Pasco, Fla; Lafayette, Ind; Clinton, Iowa; Dubuque, Iowa; Laurence, Kan; Downtown Louisville, Ky; Harry M. Lemert, La; Port Huron, Mich; Southfield, Mich; Gateway, Mo; Kirkwood, Mo; West Orange, N.J; Hamilton, Ohio; Sandusky, Ohio; Downtown Toledo, Ohio; West Toledo, Ohio; Bay Area, Ore; Valley Forge, Pa; Wm. Penn, Pa. and Fairchild AFB, Washington.

Top clubs (by states) contributing to the Wolcott Foundation 1/1/71 - 6/1/71....
14 California; 7 New Jersey; 6 Florida; 6 Iowa; 3 Illinois; 3 Kansas; 2 Indiana; 2 Kentucky, 2 Michigan; 1 Ohio; 1 Arizona; 1 Pennsylvania & 1 Colorado.

The Kentucky-Alabama-Tennessee Association held its annual meeting. Chairman Jimmie Bittner. Int. Pres. Wib L. Mager installed officers. C.J. Hyde, PIP gave a semi-serious talk. M.W. George R. Effinger, Grand Master Kentucky Masons spoke briefly. James Bibb, Pres. Ky-Ala-Tenn. Assn. 10/15/-10/16/71.

The Ohio State Association Convention was in Dayton, 9/24 and 9/25/71. 150 High Twelvians and ladies present. Floyd W. Walton elected President. Model luncheon was conducted by Dayton, Far Hills, Mound and Downtown Dayton HTCs. The State Association was thanked for the \$2,500.00 gift to the Chappel Fund. Toledo Downtown was awarded plaques for gain in membership and membership gains. Many Masonic dignataries present. Int. Pres. Wib Mager spoke.

The Oak Park (Ill.) HTC won the scrapbook contest at the International Convention, thanks to Wally Maas who put a lot of time and effort into it. Book divided into monthly sections, each started with a news sheet and program card for that month. The club had a photographer and made a bid for regular publicity in local papers. The pictures and clippings were supplemented with good headings and artwork here & there. Wallie gathered all of his material, carefully marked for the entire year.

He added special events, obits, DeMolay....whatever, and then put the whole thing together.

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA (Calif.) HTC celebrated its 50th Anniversary 10/4/71 by holding a joint installation of officers with Army Memorial (Fort Ord) HTC. Address delivered by John L. Shaw, PIP. E. Wells Smith Installing Officer, with 1st Ex. V.P. W.J. Patton and 2nd Ex. V.P. Dr. Fred Havrilla assisting. Carmel honored 11 Past Presidents and 14 of the 23 active charter members. There were 115 Carmel members and 29 visitors present.

MIAMI (Fla.) HTC charter presented 10/30/71 by State Vice President Dr. Milton E. Nelson to President Chas. Emerson. State Pres. Raymond Rhude Installing Officer. Club sponsored by Ft. Lauderdale, with Pres. Herman Gingrich presenting the ball and gavel.

The next day, DEERFIELD BEACH received its charter. Pres. Robert T. MacAlvanah. Sponsoring club was Lake Worth, whose Pres. Elmer G. Kingman presented ball & gavel. Later in October, Inter-Bay HTC Tampa, charter presented by Howard M. Smith, PIP. Pres. W. B. Gresham. Bro. Cecil L. Dunham Installing Officer.

On Nov. 11, 1971 The Lake Tarpon Village HTC held its charter party in Palm Harbor. State President Rhude presented the charter to Pres. Ed Komraus. Installing Officer Cecil Dunham. Pres. James Galloway of sponsoring club, Skycrest, presented the ball and gavel. That was the 4th club within about 30 days, plus 1 earlier in the year, equalling 5, with two more due early in 1972 in Florida, the one state that had not hit its plateau yet.

CAMDEN (NJ) HTC celebrated its 25th Silver Anniversary together with High Twelve International's 50th Golden Anniversary in a Ladies Night celebration. 78 in attendance. State Governor Nels Craig of New Jersey Association congratulated the club, and in a special tribute presented charter member lapel pins to 6 charter members. Date?

The December, 1971 High Twelvian listed the following members as having sponsored 10 or more new members (the "Nifty Fifty") Elton Knowles, San Gabriel Valley, Ca; Harold Susman, Palm Springs; Jack Morris, Jr., Palm Springs; Benjamin Fisher, Holiday, Fla; Ray Hutchinson, Palmetto, Fla; John R. Mitchell, Downtown, Toledo; Albert R. Kelley, West Lafayette, Ind.

Number of clubs by States as of 11/1/71.... 2 Alabama; 3 Arizona; 76 California; 2 Colorado; 1 England; 43 Florida; 1 Guam; 2 Hawaii; 13 Illinois; 6 Indiana; 16 Iowa; 9 Kansas; 7 Kentucky; 9 Louisiana; 19 Michigan; 13 Missouri; 2 Nebraska; 8 New Jersey; 1 New York; 21 Ohio; 1 Oklahoma; 2 Oregon; 8 Pennsylvania; 3 South Dakota; 1 Tennessee; 2 Washington.....total = 271.

WESTMINSTER (Colo.) HTC charter relinquished Dec., 1971. Was chartered 3/1/55. HOMESTEAD (AFB, Fla.) charter relinquished 12/13/71. Was chartered 1/6/68.

The Mid-Year Governing Board Meeting Dec. 9, 10 & 11, 1971 was held in Sioux City, Iowa and Nebraska. Founder's Club #1 did the honors. The Board meetings were held at the Hilton-Marina Inn, Sioux City, Nebraska. This was intended as a salute to E.C. "Wallie" Wolcott, Founder, but Wallie was ill and could not make the trip. Newell Guernsey was Conference Chairman. President Wib L. Mager presided over the business sessions. Practically all State Presidents were on hand.

Membership total reported as being over 18,000; Finances in good shape; Morale good. The Denver Convention Chairman (Whitney) presented a check for \$825.25, representing repayment of loan to the Committee and a portion of the overage. A recommendation was presented by Charles Burkin PIP, and the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee that the Constitution & By-Laws Committee recommend that Art. II, Sec. 8 of the

By-Laws be amended by adding the following: "...A vacancy shall be deemed to exist upon the death or disability of any officer or upon the refusal or inability of any officer to perform the duties of his office. The Governing Board shall be invested with the authority to declare any office vacant upon the happening of any of the above (foregoing) conditions." This will be determined at the 1972 Convention. The State Presidents convened under the chairmanship of Int.1st V.P.Howard Jennings.

The afternoon sessions had attendance of between 20 and 30. There was discussion at the Governing Board meeting of assisting with the financing of the High Twelvian magazine with paid advertising. Each State President was called upon to speak on expansion and retention. It was reported that the Tucson,Ariz. club, only 3 years old, financed 15 boys to Leadership Camp and secured transportation for 15 more, all through a variety of money raising methods. "...Low dues do not breed healthy clubs.." "...We need the wisdom of the elderly with the vigor of the young."

Art Buss, Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation pushed for the adoption of the increase of members from 5 to 7, by dividing into geographical areas; each area to select and elect its own Trustee, instead of at-large as at present. There was a slide program on the life of E.C.Wolcott,Founder. MW John Rowe, FGM, Iowa, presently Grand Secretary, in speaking, dealt principally with our Masonic obligations. When he distributed questionnaires with Masonic and Non-Masonic questions (when, where,etc.) non-fraternal questions had 100% correct answer from the males present, while Masonic questions rated very low. He made his point. It was reported that PIP Charles Burkin, Jr. and C.J.Hyde were both now 33^o, Southern Jurisdiction.

The California Association President W.J. "Pat" Patton's 'tools in trade' are the Area Conferences...one in the spring and one in the fall for each of the 12 Areas. He attended Area 8 Conf. in Feb. and Area 4 in Feb. 1st Ex.V.P. Havrilla represented the State Officers at Area 2 and 11 in Jan., and Areas 3 & 11 in Feb. 2nd V.P. Darven L.Paddock attended Area I, 5 & 9 in Jan. and 6 & 7 in Feb. There were 5 to 9 clubs in most areas, and the new club presidents discussed their problems at these conferences. These Area Conferences were followed by the State Spring Conference at Carmel-By-The-Sea, a Mini Convention. The State Annual Convention is held in the fall after the Fall Area Conferences.

The previous year, Vice President Paddock had printed and gold stamped 1,000 date books. This year he was instructed to double the order, meeting a profit of about \$1,000.00 to be divided between the Wolcott and Mayo Funds. Int.Pres. and Mrs.Wib Mager were guests of the State Conference.

12/18/51 - PRESIDENT NIXON DEVALUED THE DOLLAR BY 8.57%. GOLD INCREASED FROM \$35 to \$38. GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT FOR 1971 = \$1,055,450,000. ('50 = \$284,769,000; '60 = \$503,734,000.) HOURLY EARNINGS IN MFG.IND. yrly avgs.GROSS 1971 = \$3.56.('50=\$1.44; '60 = \$2.26).
2/21/72 - PRESIDENT NIXON ARRIVED IN PEKING FOR TALKS TO ENDEAVOR TO EASE TENSIONS.

In January, 1972, Pres.Wib Mager, PIP John L.Shaw and W.J.Patton and families attended the installations of the KONA and the HUI AWAKEA (Honolulu) HTC's; and did some spade work in other prospective areas.

The Board of Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation,Inc. held annual Mid-Year Meeting at the George Washington University. Pres.Wib L.Mager and 1st V.P.Howard Jennings were present. Had discussions with Max Farrington and Phillip Grub, Counselor of Students. Talks covered undergraduate requirements for admission; and the need for maintaining contact with universities and colleges to insure that interested students prepare themselves by taking the necessary courses for admission to the program.

1/17/72 there was a merger between the CLEVELAND(Ohio) and DOWTON CLEVELAND HTC's. MAUMEE VALLEY (Toledo,Ohio) HTC charter issued 1/22/72. 165 members. Pres.Donald D. Addis. ATCHISON (Kansas) HTC charter issued 1/19/72. 45 members. Pres.W.E.Dent.

1/25/72 - PRESIDENT NIXON ANNOUNCED SECRET PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM.
3/30/72 - NORTH VIETNAM LAUNCHED ALL-OUT ATTACK.

LAKE CUMBERLAND (Somerset, Ky.) Charter relinquished 2/25/72. (chart'd 9/17/69).

At the Grand Masters' Conference, Washington, D.C., February, 1972, High Twelve's best interests were nicely handled by President Wib Mager, 1st V.P. Howard Jennings, and John Shaw, Im.P.I.P. "....It is felt by the line officers that High Twelve can favorably impress by adequate representative attendance at these top Masonic functions; and, as time goes on, the real and vital role High Twelve plays in the enhancement of the Blue Lodges will be thoroughly recognized and help to move the whole Masonic Scheme of things forward...." Ed. High Twelvian, Feb., 1972.

"....We talk a lot about Blue Lodge visitations, good relations with the Masonic Bodies, etc., but one of the best examples yet is the visit to Pentalpha Lodge recently by members from High Twelve Clubs of Alhambra, Arcadia, San Gabriel Valley, Pomona, La Crescenta and Burbank...."

"...The Worshipful Master, Bro. Ronald Hart, gave State President W.J. Patton, International 3rd V.P. Louis P. Black and others a full half hour after dinner to outline High Twelve and its continued growth in California. This was followed by an interesting question and answer period. This action opens the door in a section of Los Angeles where there are no clubs...." Spring, 1972. High Twelvian.

President Wib Mager on Friendship: "....What does being a friend mean? It means forgetting about yourself and caring about the other fellow. It means shifting your attention away from yourself. There are many troubled souls who can be soothed by your interest and kind words. Like bread on the waters, interest and love come back to you a hundredfold....but don't look for it...just be a friend...."the only way to have a friend is to be one." "....Through visitations to State Associations to State Association Conferences and Conventions, and local club appearances, Hazel and I have witnessed the willingness to accept persons for what they are, not who they are. We have been privileged to belong to a way of life, love, respect and concern of a brother through High Twelve...." High Twelvian, Spring, 1972.

4/15/72 - USA STARTED INTENSIVE BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM.

5/8/72 - USA MINED HAIPHONG AND NORTH VIETNAM PORTS.

MAIN LINE (Ardmore, Pa.) HTC charter issued 3/10/72. 40 members. Pr. James F. Strong.
NORTH PENN (Lansdale, Pa.) HTC charter issued 5/19/72. 56 members. Pr. John L. Krupp.
STURGIS (Mich.) HTC charter issued 5/27/72. 17 members. Jack Grim, Pres.
SAINTS JOHN (Clearwater, Fla.) charter issued 6/15/72. 31 members. Pres. C.E. Dunham.

MAIN LINE HTC charter was presented by Int. General Counsel James N. Robertson, PIP. Inasmuch as Pres. James F. Strong was unable to be present, it was accepted by 1st V.P. Cecil A. Fuerst. Bro. Strong 82 years old was the guiding light in organizing club.

TUCSON HTC, together with DeMolay, Rainbow and Jobs and Sabbar Shrine Charters on Easter Sunday, 1972 presented an hour program of entertainment at the Veteran's Hospital, transported by a London Double Deck Bus. The TUCSON HTC arranges this yearly.

President Wib L. Mager received the Key to the City of Leavenworth, Kansas from Kansas State Association 3rd V.P. Ralph E. Wilson recently, according to the April, '72 High Twelvian. Pres. Orvalle Milliken presided. Int. PIP Charles Burkin was present, as was PSP and FGM of Masons in Kansas John H. Murray. Leavenworth, Club #5 in International is the oldest club in Kansas. There were representatives from Huron, Kansas City, Lawrence and the newly chartered Atchison Club. Bro. Wilson also presented State President Millikan a Key to the City.

DOWNTOWN LOUISVILLE (Ky.) HTC celebrated its 25th year in a massive turnout of over 200 men and wives. Among the Past Presidents there were Max Reed, Verion Gosser C.J.Hyde, PIP, FGM, I.R.Ball, Norman Wade, James N.Bibb and August Baumer, Jr. James Bittner is President. Several Kentucky Grand Masters were members of this potent club. PIP C.J.Hyde was Anniversary Chairman. 2nd club in Kentucky, Owensboro being 1st. May, 1972 High Twelvian.

The following Wolcott Foundation Inc. Zones were announced by Chairman Art Buss:
 Zone 1 - Art Buss of Calif: Alaska, Northern Calif., Idaho, Montana, Wyoming & Wash.
 Zone 2 - Alton C.Emerson of Southern Calif: Arizona, Sou.Calif., Guam,Hawaii, Mexico, Nevada and Utah. Zone 3: Thomas C.Ryther of Kansas - Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Zone 4 - Harry H.Sauerwein of Illinois: Illinois, Iowa, Minn., Missouri, North Dakota, S.Dak. & Wisconsin. Zone 5 - Philip E.Cartwright, Ohio: Canada, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio. Zone 6 - Harold D.Council, Kentucky: Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tenn; Zone 7 - Wm.N.Kinnard of Pennsylv. Connecticut, Delaware, D.C., England, Maine, Maryland, N.H., N.J., N.Y., Penna., Rhode Island & Vermont. Zone 8 - Cecil L.Dunham of Florida: Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

ROSSMOOR HTC (Leisure World, Northern Calif.) celebrated its 7th year Feb.22, 1972 by welcoming its 500th member, Benjamin Armstrong, 92, a Master Mason since 1901. A retired construction engineer, he belonged to Nestle Masonic Lodge, Providence,R.I. Received a 35 year metal in 1936; a 40 year bar, a 45, a 50, a 55 and later a 60 yr. Jewel. His latest was a 65 year medal.

The Governors of Iowa, California and Nebraska each sent awards of appreciation to our beloved Founder E.C.Wolcott at the Annual Valentine Party, Webster Grove, Mo. according to the February, 1972 High Twelvian. Over 100 Twelvians and their ladies attended. Pres.Harry Hines,M.C. The Annual Affair was the kick-off of a campaign by Greater St.Louis Area Association to develop a greater degree of participation and collaboration between clubs in this area in and around St.Louis and nearby Southern Ill. President Wib Mager represented International.

The ROSSMOOR HTC report showed 469 members in good standing. The December Toledo report (DOWNTOWN HTC) showed 472 after bringing in 131 members during the year (20 in Dec.)....4 more than Calif. Rev.Eustace S.Heckert was President when this record was made. (The race between Rossmoor and Toledo seesaws back and forth, month by month, year by year.....a fantastic growth battle. DLP)

There were 9 DeMolay Leadership Camps planned for this year; and as usual, wherever there are High Twelve Clubs they are expected to help send boys to camp.

5/2/72 - J.EDGAR HOOVER, FBI DIRECTOR DIED.
 5/15/72 - ALABAMA GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACE SHOT IN LAUREL, MD.
 5/22/72 - PRESIDENT NIXON VISITED MOSCOW (FIRST AMERICAN PRESIDENT).
 6/13/72 - PRES. NIXON FROZE SOME RETAIL PRICES.
 6/17/72 - WATERGATE BROKEN INTO. 5 MEN ARRESTED.

International Convention of High Twelve Int. Traverse City, Mich (51st Conv.)
 June 18 - 21, Park Place Motor Inn. Genl.Chairman Don Anthony Yocum. James N. Robertson was appointed Parliamentarian. The proxied convention delegates to the Wolcott meeting voted to increase the Trustees from 5 to 8 according to zones above, and increase responsibilities of Trustees therein.

Wolcott balance on hand April 30, 1972....Memorial (Endowment) Fund (various deposits) \$26,269.36; Scholarship Fund \$12,582.42; Operating expense a/c \$432.94; Total all Funds \$39,284.72; Donations rec'd at convention \$3,055.75....total \$42,340.47. Bro.Max Farrington of George Washington University made his 19th HTI Convention appearance. He said that the scholarship students came from California - 11; Ohio -10; Iowa - 6; Michigan - 5; Pennsylvania - 5; Colorado - 4; New Jersey - 4; Missouri 3; South Dakota - 2; and 1 each from N.Y., Oreg.,La., Wash.,Myd.,Ind.,Va.,Kan.,Fla.

and Illinois. Of these 39 were in government service, 20 are Foreign Service Officers in the United States Embassies; 8 teaching at college level; 5 have PhDs, 4 in business (of these, 3 are on foreign assignments); 2 in Military Service; 2 are Housewives but have been in Federal Service, 1 a Baptist Minister; and 2 still working on Masters or advanced degrees. 2 are lost. Farrington said it now cost approximately \$4,000.00 to cover tuition, fees, board, room & book allowance.

There were 700 Convention Delegates and wives. Overflow crowd from Park Place Motor Inn was sent to nearby Holiday Inn. Machinery was set in motion to award plaques to 1, Outstanding High Twelvian of the Year; 2, Outstanding distinguished Citizen of the Year. Heritage Bonds to sell for \$5.00 through local clubs for benefit of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. Sympathy and get well cards now available. An Insurance Committee will check into High Twelve International's insurance needs.

On a moment's notice, Vice President Louis B. Black set up and conducted work shop programs, inasmuch as the Chairman Homer Spence of Ohio had passed away. Expansion, Retention and Membership were the main topics. The Workshop on Public Relations was moderated by Darven L. Paddock, 1st Ex. V.P. of the California Association.

Members were glad to hear that the TORREJON HTC, Spain, had been re-established. It was reported that the net membership of HTI increased 1,180 for the year. PIP John L. Shaw reported on the Past International Presidents' Meeting. He said HTI was wasting money in giving \$500.00 to the Order of DeMolay, as not nearly in line with checks presented by Scottish Rite, Shrine, etc. He also reported that while they didn't achieve goal of \$50,000.00 to the Wolcott Foundation during his and Wib Mager's term, it appeared contributions would reach a minimum of \$30,000.00

The Convention approved amendment of Art II, Sec. 8 of By-Laws by adding: "A vacancy shall be deemed to exist upon the death or disability of any officer, or upon the refusal or inability of any officer to perform the duties of his office, and the Governing Board shall be invested with the authority to declare any office vacant upon the happening of any of the above conditions..."

A Resolution was approved dedicating High Twelve International to support of separation of Church and State, by denying the flow of tax subsidies, direct or indirect to sectarian denominational schools and institutions.

Clubs with 50% increase in membership: Venice, Fla. and Cleveland, Ohio.....25% increase - Sun City, Ariz., Tucson, Ariz. and Happy Hiram, Calif; Yucaipa Valley, Ca., Leesburg, Fla; South Jacksonville, Sunset Point, Lawrence, Kansas; Dayton, Ohio. 10% increase...CALIF: Arcadia, Fresno, Hayward, Hueneme Bay, Laguna Hills, Mayflower Gardens, Montebello, Mt. Helix, Palm Springs, Paradise, Pomona, San Bernardino, San Gabriel Valley, Signal Hills, Tehama County, Temple City, the Villages, Vallejo, Yuba-Sutter; Denver, Colo; FLORIDA: Ana Maria Is., Bradenton, Dunedin, Ft. Lauderdale, Ft. Myers, High Point, Holiday, Interbay, Lake Tarpon Village, Largo, Mainlands, Northeast, Palmetto, Sarasota, Seminole. Hui Awakea-Hawaii. Quincy, Ill., Wood River; Columbus, Ind., Indianapolis, Ind. Iowa: Algona, Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, Clinton. Kansas: Keystone and Wichita. Downtown Louisville, Ky. Port Huron, Mich; Jedderson City, Mo. Kansas City and Kirkwood. Princeton, N.J, Tuckerton, Downtown Columbus, Ohio. Chester, Pa. Main Line and Philadelphia, Pa. Added later....Downtown Toledo, Ohio.

Financial Summary - Fiscal year ending 5/31/72....Income: Club dues \$50,285.85; Reinstated members \$238.50; New Members \$4,882.00; Charter mem. fees \$878.00; Jewelry & Club supplies \$8,713.55; Int. \$914.98; Misc. \$244.00. Total income \$66,156.88; less cost of jewelry and club supplies \$8,020.41 = \$58,136.47. Expenses \$4,800.00; E.C. Wolcott; Office Salaries \$7,200.00; All travel \$11,890.17; Magazine \$19,358.03; Promotional literature \$2,180.48; other \$9,438.51; total = \$54,867.19. Excess of income over expenses - or retained earnings fiscal yr end. 5/31/72 \$3,269.28.

The International Auditor, J. Carl Menke said all convention expense should be placed in the year of the International President; and that the \$500.00 convention loan repayment and any surplus should be placed in a separate account for use of future International Conventions.

E.C. Wolcott's health prevented his attending the convention. "...My 91 years are slowing me down.....I am looking forward to the Mid-Year meeting, which I hope will be in St. Louis...." SUN CITY, Ariz. HTC won 1st place in the Scrap Book competition.

New clubs chartered: St. Charles, Mo., sponsored by Clayton, ...2/6/71; Brandon, Fla., sponsored by Sun City Center 1/9/71; Salem, Ore. (Coos Bay) 3/22/71; Hui Awakea, Honolulu 5/30/71; Mayflower Gardens, Ca. 7/21/71; Deerfield Beach, Fla., sponsored by Lake Worth 9/3/71; Lake Tarpon Village sponsored by Skycrest 11/11/71; Interbay (Tampa) Fla. sponsored by Hillsborough 10/28/71; Miami, Fla. sponsored by Ft. Lauderdale 10/30/71.

The Souvenir Program carried advertising. The \$5.00 HERITAGE BOND as a means of raising funds for the Wolcott Foundation was approved. \$1.00 would stay with HTI to pay for costs. The printing of "Sympathy" and "get well" cards for use of the clubs was approved. An Insurance Committee was appointed, as was a Financial Advisory Committee to the President. Changes were proposed in the set up of the Monthly Reports, with California and Louisiana to conduct "Trial Runs."

1972 Traveling Memberships and Members-at-Large proposal was tabled. It was voted to have two special awards.... "High Twelvian of the Year" and "Founder's Award" for the Citizen of the Year of National Prominence, to consist of plaque and scroll for each. Recipients to be named at Mid-Year meeting and presentation at Annual Convention....and no other International awards to be given by HTI.

The Governing Board went on record that it "...would not look with disfavor at local club having its own Womens' Auxiliary (Twelvettes, etc.). However, the International Board emphasized that such an auxiliary would be a local club affair, and would have no official connection with High Twelve International.

OFFICERS FOR 1972-73: President - Howard H. Jennings, Lansing, Mich; 1st V.P. - William K. Rose, Toledo, Ohio; 2nd V.P. - Louis P. Black, Arcadia, Ca; 3rd V.P. - Leslie C. Whitney, Denver, Colo; Treas. Wm. K. Roser, Louisville, Ky; Int. Secretary - Robert F. Clynch, PIP, Baton Rouge, La; General Counsel - James N. Robertson PIP, Media, Pa; Immed. P.P. Wib L. Mager, Belleville, Ill; Chairman Wolcott Foundation, Inc. - Arthur E. Buss, Escalon, Ca; Pres. Emeritus - E.C. Wolcott, Webster Grove, Mo; Editor High Twelvian, E.P. White, Jr., Louisville, Ky; Asso. Editor Max J. Reed, Louisville; Far West Asso. Ed. Darven L. Paddock, Glendale, Ca. Int. Chaplain - Robert A. Hockstad, Elk Rapids, Mich. Office Mgr., Mrs. Lillian George, 3681 Lindell Blvd, SL.

STATE PRESIDENTS: California - W.J. Patton, Sherman Oaks; Colorado - Jay R. Gould, Boulder; Florida - Norman C. Hadley, Lantana; Illinois - Robert M. Ring, Springfield; Indiana - Frank W. Lundmark, Evansville; Iowa/South Dakota - Alfred Stewart, Oelwein, I. Kansas - Robert S. Truesdell, Jr., Kansas City; Kentucky-Alabama-Tennessee James W. Bibb, Louisville; Louisiana - Mere Milton Welsh, Baton Rouge; Michigan - Fred H. Korte, Jr., Clarkston; Missouri - Emil M. Jecmen, Jr., Clayton; New Jersey - Otto H. York (Governor) Parsippany; Ohio - Floyd W. Walton, Perrysburg; Pennsylvania - Claude J. Newhart, Ft. Washington.

ZONE OFFICERS: Malcolm - Washington, Oregon, Northern Calif., Idaho & Alaska; Black - Sou. Calif., Nevada, Utah, Ariz., Hawaii & Mexico; Whitney - Colorado, New Mexico, Montana, Wyoming; Burkin - Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma; Mager - North Dakota, S.D., Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Wisc., Ill; Rose - Michigan, Ind., Ohio; Clynch - Arkansas, Louisiana & Texas; Wm. S. Roser - Kentucky, Tenn., Alabama & Mississippi; Robertson Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Mass., Connecticut, Rhode Island, N.Y., Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland & West Virginia. Howard M. Smith - Southeast.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICER COMMITTEE LIAISON: 1st V.P. - Budget, Resolutions, Credentials, Leadership, Nominations, Convention, Necrology; 2nd VP - Expansion, Youth Activities, Masonic Activities, Public Relations, Projects, Future Sites, Jewelry & Printing. 3rd VP - Patriotism, Const. & By-Laws, Long Range, Manuals, Workshops & Auditor; Immed. Past Pres. - Int. Club Affairs, 200th Anniversary, Office Equipment. EX-OFFICIO: General Counsel - Constitution & By-Laws, Credentials & Resolutions; Treasurer - Budget & Finance and Audit; Secretary - Manuals and Long Range Planning; All Officers - Long Range Planning.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN for 1972-1973: Expansion - L.D. DeLaBarre, Calif; Const. & By-L Armand L. Koethen, Kentucky; Budget & Finance - George W. Keeler, Ohio; DeMolay Liaison - John Murray, Kansas; Youth Activities - Donald I. Marsh, Ohio; Project - Nelson W. Craig, Sr., New Jersey; Masonic Activities - Howard M. Smith, PIP Fla. International Club Affairs - Joseph Steffek, Louisiana; Public Relations - Wally Maas, Illinois; Resolutions - Thomas Major, Ohio; Leadership - Victor A. Cranston, New Jersey; Nominations - Harold Sivers, Ohio; Credentials - Carleton L. Crispin, Ill; Office Equipment - Ben E. Stoner, Missouri; Manuals - Roger Helman, Kentucky; Convention '73; John L. Shaw, PIP, Calif. Workshops - Emil Jecmen, Mo; Long Range Planning John L. Shaw, Calif; Patriotism - Vance Rose, Kentucky; 200th Anniversary - Co-Chairmen Wm. K. Kinnard and M. Warren Bolton, Pennsylvania; Necrology - Robert A. Hockstand, Mich; Auditor - J. Carl Menke, Ill; Financial Advisory - Norman E. Hadley, Fla; Jewelry Wib L. Mager, Ill Printing - Herbert H. Jacobs, Iowa; Convention Site - Leslie C. Whitney, Colorado; Past Presidents Wib L. Mager, Ill.

Leslie C. Whitney of Colorado and Roger E. Helman of Indiana were both placed in nomination for International 3rd V.P., with Bro. Whitney being elected.

Wib L. Mager, writing some time after he had served his year as President commented that his slogan, "Protect our Masonic Heritage" is still in use in some clubs. He made 73 visitations except Louisiana and Colorado (he started his term in the latter) "....I attempted to exercise the feelings within my heart, and share them with my officers, committee chairmen and brethren all. I tried to make this a family of Masons, recognizing each others potentials and cultivate our characters so that they will produce forgiveness and affection; to spur the High Twelve way of life to make the teachings of Masonry meaningful...."

There was an interesting Post Convention Trip to Mackinac Island and its famous Grand Hotel (with the long porch).

Clearwater (Fla.) HTC celebrated its 15th Anniversary during the summer by presenting Past International President Howard M. Smith an achievement award, a plaque designed and presented by PSP Cecil Dunham. Bro. Smith was Club President in 1963, State Association President in 1964 and International President 1969-70.

President Howard Jennings' slogan for his year, "Make and Take High Twelve where the activity is." Ed Natal's motion that an official High Twelve flag be studied by the Executive Committee and report back, passed. The Iowa State's project, a contest at local club level for Symbolic and Grand Lodge Attendance awards was referred to committee for study. Newly elected President Jennings was authorized to attend the Grand Master's Conference in Canada as an aid to formation of clubs there.

Bulletin Award winners: Hemacinto, Ca; Denver, Colo; Bradenton, Fla; Oak Park, Ill; Downtown Evansville, Ind; Davenport, Iowa; Downtown Louisville, Ky; Jackson, Mich; Downtown Toledo, Ohio and Camden, N.J.

During July Dr. H. M. Chabut, Jackson Club, hosted an outdoor potluck dinner at his home. Following are some of the VIPs who attended "Michigan's most famous get-together"; Int. Pres. Howard H. Jennings; PIP Howard M. Smith; Int. 1st VP Wm. K. Rose; Mich. Pres. Fred H. Korte; Cecil Johnson, Pres. Jackson Club.

ATCHISON (Kan.) HTC charter presented during early summer, 1972, by PIP Charles Burkin. State President Orvalle V. Millikan was Installing Officer, assisted by 1st VP Robert S. Truesdale, Jr. and 2nd VP Robert L. Boring. President W. Earl Dent; Sec-Tr. Larry E. Lein.

The International Convention High Twelve Club, which had been formed aboard the "Bahama Star" out of Miami, elected T. Archer Brown Pres; and Harry A. Eime was re-elected Secretary at the International Convention, Traverse City. Membership 297.

TWELVETTES, etc.....President Howard H. Jennings, writing in the Sept-Oct-Nov., '72 High Twelvian, "...This writer was asked to check with eight major service clubs operating in the general field of human association for its betterment, to get their positions and reactions." "...Sertoma, International DMolay, Rotary International, Exchange International, Optimist Int., Lions Int., Civitan Int...all encourage the alliance of their members' ladies in common pursuit of a single or compound objective."

"...Except for Sertoma International, it was learned that no official recognition or status was given to the women-folk, but whatever role they could find and deserved in support of the men-folks' activities, was highly regarded and eagerly and energetically sought after."

"...So, this sort of gives High Twelve the 'green light' of query to determine how its 20,000 members feel about an invitation of cooperation between men and women in the development and enhancement of High Twelve International." "...This reporter has often speculated that the reason for the rapid growth and expansion of the 8 Service Clubs was apparently the magic formula, 'let the women assist'.....This article, therefore, is written to solicit the opinions and expressions of every member of High Twelve." The Editor followed this with survey results as follows:

- a. The Women's Group is to be sponsored by/and or maintain regular liaison with the local High Twelve Club.
- b. The activities, projects and programs of the group are to be principally in support of and/or complimentary to objectives of the local High Twelve Club.
- c. Among the objectives of the group is to be the encouragement of acquaintance and friendship among its members.
- d. The group is to local in its membership activities and functions, without affiliation with other groups.
- e. The name of the group is to be determined locally, but shall not include the name of High Twelve except in relation to the local High Twelve Club (NOTE: e.g. Glendale Twelvettes for example.DLP).
- f. The membership of the group is to be limited to women relatives of High Twelvians, e.g. wives (or widows), daughters, sisters, mothers who reside in the locality of the local High Twelve Club.

"From the foregoing, you will see that there is no official provision for womens' clubs auxiliary to High Twelve. Womens' groups may be formed at the local level at the determination of those concerned, but no formal organization procedures or documents are provided by High Twelve International for any such group." E.P.White,Jr.Ed. From the Sept-Oct-Nov.,1972 High Twelvian.

7/8/72 - WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED USA WILL SELL SOVIETS \$750,000,000 OF GRAINS OVER 3 YRS.
8/3/72 - U.S. SENATE RATIFIED STRATEGIC ARMS TREATY (with Soviets).
8/11/72- LAST USA TROOPS LEFT VIETNAM

SPOKANE (Wash.) HTC charter issued 9/13/72. 15 members. Francis D.Holler,Pres. (NOTE: charter relinquished a year later - 11/73)

NORTHMONT (Englewood,Ohio) Charter issued 8/19/72. 16 members.Pres.Wm.M.Gaines.
ROADRUNNER (Tucson,Ariz.) HTC charter issued 7/24/72. 23 members (personnel at Monthan AFB). Pres. Joseph R.Skelton.

YUMA (Ariz.) HTC charter relinquished 9/21/72. Was chartered 6/13/70.
HEART OF SCREENLAND (Culver City, Ca.) charter relinquished 12/72. Was formed
2/15/54... (We just wouldn't give up on this club, however, and re-instated it
in 1975. I have a strong hunch that a lot of clubs could be reactivated if the
State Association officers would go back a year or two later and try again. DLP)
ST JOHNS (Fla.) was sponsored by Clearwater HTC, not SKYCREST.... High Twelvian.

ROSSMOOR HTC collected 3,000 tons (6,000,000 pounds) of old newspapers and mag-
azines, material the Rossmoor residents save and tie up and High Twelve and DeMolay
boys fill a railroad box car every 2 weeks. Returns went to 4 DeMolay Area Chapters.

The California State Convention, San Diego, in October, luncheon speaker was a
Riverside High Twelve Club regular member, Most Worshipful William H. Price, Grand
Master of Masons in California and Hawaii. HTI President Jennings gave an inspir-
ing address regarding our goals.

LAVENDER PIT HTC Charter Party, Bisbee, Ariz. 11/19/72. 16 member. Int. 2nd
VP Louis P. Black presented the charter. D.L. Paddock, Calif. Assn. President was
Installing Officer. Pres. Gene A. Prow. Sec-Tr. Nicholas Chisewsky. Inasmuch as
Bro. Chisewsky was working his shift in the coppermine (open pit with lavender cast),
Paddock had Vi Chisewsky stand in for her husband. (NOTE: Unusual situation here;
with 1/3 of pit crew sleeping, 1/3 up and around; and 1/3 working in the pit,
with mine operating around the clock. DLP)

President Howard H. Jennings was appointed a Deputy on the Supreme Council of De
Molay by Grand Master J.W. Nutt as a reward to High Twelve International for its
contributions to Masonic Youth. On a scroll occupying 1/6 of a page of the
Sept., Oct., Nov., 1972 High Twelvian appeared the question... "WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Do you have Twelvettes (A Ladies Auxiliary), and if so, how recently have they met
with your club?"

MICHIGAN's Annual HTC workshop meeting in the Fall of 1972..... \$1,945.48 was pre-
sented to Phil Cartright for the Wolcott Foundation from the 1972 International Con-
vention Committee. The Souvenir Program Committee was especially responsible, as
they gained \$1,000.00 by making their own layouts, setups, proof reading and bind-
ing for the program books, which contained advertising by local merchants.

KENTUCKY-ALABAMA-TENNESSEE elected G. Donald Ransdell Pres. for the 1973 term.
".... It was enthusiastically voted to endorse the idea growing in popularity through-
out the High Twelve movement, to encourage the help and counsel of the ladies of the
men in High Twelve. While there is no provision to recognize ladies groups by In-
ternational, it is hoped that the individual clubs will take the initiative in devel-
oping the idea and making the ladies felt wanted, needed and appreciated, however the
joint effort can be attained."

DE MOLAY LEADERSHIP CAMPS. It was reported in the Fall of 1972 that High Twelve
was responsible for sending 194 DeMolays to camps. The only group to sponsor a
higher number was the individual Masonic Lodges, which sponsored 219 young members.
CALIF. 69; FLORIDA 38; MISSOURI 25; ILLINOIS 13; KANSAS 13; IOWA 12; ARIZ. 6;
NEW JERSEY 6; OHIO 6; MICHIGAN 5; PENNSYLVANIA 1.

As of 12/1/72 - Clubs by states: 2 Alabama; 4 Arizona; 75 California; 2 Colo-
rado; 1 England; Florida 44; 1 Guam; 2 Hawaii; 11 Illinois; 6 Indiana; 16
Iowa; 10 Kansas; 6 Kentucky; 8 Louisiana; 20 Michigan; 13 Missouri; 2 Nebraska;
8 New Jersey; 1 New York; 22 Ohio; 1 Oklahoma; 2 Oregon; 10 Pennsylvania; 3
South Dakota; 1 Tennessee; 2 Washington.

SIoux CITY FOUNDER'S CLUB former President (1955-56) Bro.CHARLES C.HOWARD was elevated to Most Worshipful Charles C.Howard, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa. He was the President of the Iowa-South Dakota State Association in 1964-65. Reported in the 12/72-Jan-Feb., '73 High Twelvian.

DAYTON DOWNTOWN HTC provided 50 "New Testaments in Today's English" version in very large type to the Ohio Masonic Home Sunday School. Pres.Thomas Routsong headed the project.

The Mid-Year meeting of the International Governing Board was held in St.Louis December 8 & 9, 1972 at the new Rodeway Inn. All State Presidents were present except 1, whose wife was ill. The High Twelve membership was now quoted as 18,452, highest in history. Max Reed proposed to publish a High Twelve Cook Book, to be prepared by the ladies and sold by HTI as a money raising project. William Roser suggested selling fruit cakes made by Benson's Old Home Kitchen. The General Chairman who put together this Conference was Richard W.Gordon. President Jennings was encouraged to obtain a suitable metal collar, symbolic of the Office of President at social and business functions.

GATEWAY (Sydney, Ohio) HTC charter issued 11/1/72. 32 Members. OHIO MASONIC HOME (Springfield, Ohio) HTC charter issued 12/5/72. 43 Members. Pres.Grover A. Berry. (Ray Erwin Pres.Gateway). MT.SOLEIDAD (San Diego, Ca.) HTC charter issued 1/13/73. 24 members. Pres.Daniel T.Elankenship. NAVAL AIR STATION (Jacksonville, Fla.) charter issued 11/25/72. 69 members. Pres.Charles H.Moody.

12/18/72 - HEAVY U.S.A. BOMBING OF HANOI.

1972 - Wholesale price index = 119.1 (1967 = 100).

Consumer price index averages - all items 125.3

Hourly earnings in Mfg.Ind. (yearly avgs - gross) = \$3.81.

Gross Natl.Prod. \$1,155,155,000 (1950 = 284,769,000).

Std.& Poors Dec.close '72= 118.95 ('71= 92.15 '70= 92.15 '69= 92.06)

1/27/73 - PARIS PEACE PACT SIGNED - AND END OF MILITARY DRAFT.

1/11/73 - PRES.NIXON LIFTED MANDATORY WAGE & PRICE CONTROLS - AFTER 17 MONTHS.

2/12/73 - U.S.A.DOLLAR DEVALUED 10% BY TREASURY DEPT.

2/27/73 - WOUNDED KNEE TRADING POST AND CHURCH SEIZED BY ABOUT 250 MILITANT INDIANS ON THE OGLALA SIOUX RESERVATION.

President Howard H. Jennings reported that he and Helen had completed 9,841 mile trip of 9 weeks last fall, including September; and visited High Twelve Clubs and State Conventions. He actually started his visits in April of 1972 before being installed, when he visited Clubs and Officers in Northern Illinois, Southern Iowa, Missouri, Louisiana, Alabama and Tennessee. He wanted to find out what the clubs were doing. He asked for support of Wolcott Foundation, Masonic Youth Activities (De Molay in particular), and asked what the clubs were doing for Blue Lodges and Grand Lodges.

LOUIS C. HUEBNER, former Trustee of the Wolcott Foundation (10 years) died 2/22/73 in his home in Quincy, Ill.

BELLEVILLE (Ill.) HTC member Wm.M.Reiss was presented a plaque by Wolcott Trustee Bro.Harry Sauerwein in recognition of his \$1,809.33 donation to the Foundation in addition to \$100.00 he gave early in 1972. Date unknown. BASTROP (La.) charter relinquished Feb ,1973. Started 6/15/64.

Four DAYTON, Ohio Clubs held joint installation at the Stratford House. State President John F.Miller was Installing Officer. PSP U.Herbert Garlaugh presented the local Past Presidents pins and certificates. Thomas H.Routsong, MC. New Pres. of Downtown Club Calvin t.Hubler; Pres.Far Hills Club James O.Rader; Dayton Club Pres.Jefferson C.Eloomer; and Pres.of Mound Club Cecil E.Powell. There also were guests from the new Northmont Club.

CAMDEN, N.J. was chartered 7/15/46, the first in New Jersey. They claimed to be the first in membership, activity and fellowship in the Garden State. In 1972 they closed with 78 members, a slight increase. 899 attendance at 21 meetings, avg.att. for the year = 51.2%. Submitted by Nelson W.Craig.

FORT DODGE HTC adopted the name KARL L.KING, a local resident since 1922. The well known band leader was a charter member, and President in 1959. He composed over 300 marches which are played today world wide. "...Fort Dodge members have a vivid memory of Bro.King defending HTI when a suggestion was offered that the club divorce itself from HTI. Bro.King asserted in a brief talk, '....This club will die if it becomes just another Masonic luncheon club. I have seen it happen in other cities where I have been. We now belong to an International organization which is helping us all the time.'." Bro.King passed away in 1970.

DE MOLAY Headquarters, Kansas City, advise there will be 12 Leadership Camps in 1973. BASTOP (La.) HTC charter relinquished 2/73. Chartered 6/15/64.

More about Pres. Jennings' and Mrs. Jennings' travels for High Twelve. In their Fall trip they visited Grand Officers and DeMolay officials in addition to club officers. They visited clubs in Northern Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. To Grand Officers he emphasized that HTI was responsibly organized on a National basis. He visited Idaho, Washington & Oregon, visiting clubs not often contacted by International officers.

In California, Pres. Jennings "rapped" with club officers and members in groups of 10 to 250. He installed new State Officers at Convention, San Diego; drove car and travel trailer through Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma to International office, St.Louis, visiting High Twelvians and Masonic dignitaries where he could. The Office Manager, 1st V.P. and Treasurer were provided a day-to-day itinerary, plus a toll-free telephone number by which he could be contacted within 24 hours or less. He provided weekly mail addresses; and maintained an "office" within his trailer, complete with Secretary (wife), typewriter, etc.

On return home for a brief rest, Jennings attended the Florida State Convention in Clearwater, followed by meetings in Southern Ohio. Then to the Mid-Year meeting in St.Louis, flying home for the holidays. In the winter and spring they went to West Virginia, Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia, then back to Florida for more club visits. (NOTE: I have gone into this much detail on President Jennings' travels mainly because of how people of leadership rank in High Twelve could keep in pretty constant touch with him. Other presidents have travelled, maybe just as much; but Jennings provided a pretty complete story. It was my thinking that the rank and file should have some idea of what all is involved in this job. DLP)

OHIO MASONIC HOME (Springfield, Ohio) HTC, previously reported had its charter presented by State President Frank F.Miller, who acted as Installing Officer with the aid of Past State President U.Herbert Garlough, Albert C.Rich, Dr.Clarence J.Bradbury and Lewis Hoffman. President Grover Berry; Sec-Tr. Harley Manlief. Keith M.Bruster, Administrator of the Home and the Dayton Downtown, Dayton Far Hill and Mount and Springfield Clubs worked hard to form this, which they hailed as the first HTC ever chartered in any Masonic Home. (NOTE: I was under the impression there was a club of sorts at the Kentucky Masonic Home, if not the Missouri Masonic Home. Anyway, this is the only one definitely reported as such. DLP).

ARMY MEMORIAL (Fort Ord, Calif.) HTC charter relinquished 2/28/73. Formed 9/7/57. It was reported in the March High Twelvian that E.C.Wolcott continued to improve.

4/30/73 - NIXON AIDES-HALDEMAN, EHRLICHMAN & DEAN RESIGNED OVER WATERGATE SCANDALS.
6/16-6/25 1973 - PRES.NIXON & BREZHNEV SIGNED 9 AGREEMENTS TO AVOID CONFRONTATIONS.
7/16/73 - ALEXANDER BUTTERFIELD REVEALED THE EXISTENCE OF THE NIXON TAPES.

Some thoughts on a High Twelvian's obligation to unfortunate Twelvians. High Twelvian March-April, 1973 issue: THE SICK - Do we have an obligation to our sick brother besides signing a card that is passed around at the meeting? Do we visit him the the hospital, at home? Just once, or several times? Does only one brother visit this incapacitated brother...once only? Do we run errands for him? Loan him needed sickroom equipment? Is someone assigned to coordinate all this? Does someone care?

THE DISTRESSED - What about the distressed brother in our midst? Do we shun him? Or do we offer him assistance in his time of need? If we cannot help personally, do we talk it over with the brothers and see if all is being done that can be, such as calling it to the attention of the representative in the District from Grand Lodge?

THE ELDERLY - There are increasing numbers of them in our clubs. Are we ignoring them and their problems? Do we bring them into our conversations? If they can no longer drive to luncheon meetings, do we pick them up? Do we aim some programs to them which might be helpful? (ARP, HEW, Medical, etc.) Does anyone visit the convalescent homes, the retirement hotels, etc. and look up old Master Masons who may have long been forgotten? Does anyone care? We should.

FUNERALS - What organized, standby arrangements do we have for that contingency that may strike our club any moment - a visit from the Grim Reaper? Do we have a funeral team which can either conduct a Masonic Service for the Blue Lodge(s) or provide pall bearers (with aprons kept handy)?

THE WIDOWS - Are we concerned with her heartbreak, her problems in her time of great sorrow? Here of course is where the Twelvettes (the local group of wives of Twelvians) can be of greatest help in time of need. Does the widow need more than sympathy? A ride? Advice? A helping hand? Frankly, when our Brother goes to his reward, is our reward to his widow to forget her? Do we not only invite her, but actually bring her to Ladies Days affairs? Do we care?

THE ORPHANS - These orphans of Master Masons may be our greatest responsibility. Are we ignoring them? Do we visit the Home? Help it in every way possible? As they grow older, do we encourage them to join Masonic youth organizations? Scholarships? DLP

The International Convention June 23-27 was held in Pasadena, Calif., Huntington-Sheraton Hotel. General Chairman John L. Shaw; Co-Chairman Louis P. Black; Chairman Hawaii Post-Convention trip Darven L. Paddock. UNION (N.J.) HTC charter was relinquished a few days earlier. It was formed 4/4/64.

The Wolcott Foundation, Inc. report as of June 1, 1973 indicated Income = \$26,125.76; Expense \$9,785.51; Net income over expense \$16,340.25 - \$26,125.76. Assets = \$56,835.44; Liabilities \$18,006.00; Reconciliation Cash, etc. \$40,495.19; net increase over expenditures \$16,340.25 - \$56,835.44.

All 8 Trustees had been active in presenting the Wolcott Scholarship story to individual clubs & State Associations, using slides & informational material prepared by Secretary Phillip E. Cartwright. A total of 60 program presentations were made during the year. Chairman Buss headed the list with 18; Sec. Cartwright and Vice Chairman Harry C. Sauerwein were next in line.

"The Belleville Club with 179 members came up with nearly \$3000.00 (for Wolcott Foundation, Inc.) for an average of nearly \$17.00 per member. The 202 member Oak Park Club contributed \$1,000.00, nearly \$5.00 per member. The Downtown Toledo HTC presented the Foundation with a check for \$500.00 in honor of member, etc. All clubs but one in the Kansas State Association contributed...and substantially over last year.

"The new awards: Century Club for donors with minimum of \$100.00; Founder's Club for a minimum of \$500.00; Wolcott Club for \$1,000.00 or more. c club members

were presented attractive framed certificates and lapel pins at the Convention, Pasadena, under direction of Trustee Alton C. Emerson. Wm. N. Reiss - the 1st member of the Wolcott Club. There are 10 now in the Century Club.

The venerable Tallman H. Trask, Sr. was presented with the Most Outstanding High Twelvian Award for the year. He was Secretary-Emeritus of the California Association, where he was Secretary for many years. His contributions to the growth and well being of High Twelve were monumental.

PROJECTS - No Honor awards; Banner awards 13 (Seminole, Camden, Penellas Park, Kirkwood, Audubon, Louisville, Tuckerton, Leesburg, Belleville, Birmingham, Lake Tarpon, Vallejo, Bridgeton, Clearwater (in order of filing reports). Florida lead with 5; New Jersey 3 and 1 each. Calif., Ill., Ky., Mich. & Mo. Scrap Book - Class A - Rossmoor; B - 1st Sun City, Ariz; C 1st - St. Johns, Fla.

The Father and Son Team of William and Bobby Scoralick of White Plains, N.Y. HTC were a convention first to our knowledge (Unless the early year presidents-father and son team of Hardy appeared together in Tulsa, Okla. DLP)

Summary of Finances High Twelve International year ending 5/31/73: INCOME: Club dues - \$52,053.00; Resinstated members \$261.00; new members \$4,848.00; Charter member fees \$628.00; Sale-Jewelry & club supplies \$9,067.31; Int. \$995.06; Misc. Inc. \$96.00 - Total income \$67,948.37; Less cost of jewelry & supp. \$8,115.12. Net income \$59,833.25....EXPENSES E.C. Wolcott \$4,800.00; Office Salary \$7,500.00; Travel & Mid-Year \$15,336.84; Grand Masters Conf. \$1,068.12; High Twelvian Magazine \$17,810.09; Promotional literature \$1,820.60; Other \$9,659.38....\$57,995.03. Excess income over expenditures (or retained earnings) \$1,838.22.

It was voted that on offshore mailings of High Twelvian Magazine they be sent air mail. President Paddock of the California Association urged heavy 200th Anniversary promotion. Brother Robert Hockstad, Past Grand Master, Michigan, indicated that a visitor who is a qualified Master Mason in good standing of a Blue Lodge which is recognized by the Grand Jurisdiction could be accepted as a visitor (at local Lodge).

President Jennings played a tape of a few words from Founder E.C. Wolcott. Miss Donna Brenish, Pennsylvania, graduate of George Washington University, a former Wolcott Foundation Fellow, gave an address. Howard Orpen of William Penn HTC, Philadelphia was elected 5 year Trustee, Wolcott Foundation, Inc., Dist. 7.

Donald Ransdale, Kentucky, presided over the Presidents' Workshop Session. The Vice Presidents Session was reported by Alfred Stewart of Iowa. The Secretary-Treasurers' Session was reported by Nelson W. Craig, N.J. Recommendations: Updating the Greeting and Suggested duties of the President, Secretary and Treasurer, revised copies to be sent to each newly installed Club President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Special Interest Group Session was reported by George Fenton, California.

There was an attempt to reopen the Credentials Committee because many Los Angeles County clubs had not arrived as yet to qualify. Defeated. Convention Co-Chairman John L. Shaw, PIP reported 310 ticket books were sold; 144 Ladies on their tour; 150 at Ladies' Breakfast; 186 men at Mens' Breakfast; & 387 at joint luncheon. Wib Mager PIP said that at the Past Presidents' Breakfast it was recommended that a definite time be set aside for Past Presidents to meet when unable to do so prior to Convention.....Referred to Long Range Committee.

Roger E. Helman, Indiana, had charge of the seminars. The symposiums were on.... Expansion, Retention and High Twelve's place in Masonry. Robert Clynch, PIP, 1st V.P. William Rose and Robert A. Hockstad, International Chaplain gave stirring disertat-

ions on High Twelve's place in Masonry. Bro.Hockstad's address is contained in Vo.48 - #1, July-August,1973 High Twelvian. The Club Presidents met under the leadership of Chairman G.Donald Ransdell;Vice Pres. under Emil Jecmen,Jr; and Secretaries under Kenneth Barrette, California.

A Model Club meeting was simulated, with George Washington University's Max Farrington as a speaker. He noted that while Blue Lodge membership was declining, High Tweve, among several other Masonic oriented organizations was going up. The answer in a nut shell was that we go after members. The Blue Lodge under existing rules cannot.

The State Presidents' Round Table was chaired by 2nd V.P. Louis P. Black. General Convention Chairman John L.Shaw PIP served as Chairman of Long Range Planning. The Sunday evening pool side party (Polynesian motif) was outstanding and fun. Dr. Hector Chabut of Jackson,Mich. was again appointed Medical Director. This was his 25th convention. Monday's Mens' Luncheon feature was M.W. William H. Price, Grand Master of Masons of California and Hawaii as speaker.

Chairman Arthur Buss of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. reported that it was a vast improvement in operations efficiency to have 8 (instead of 5) Trustees by Zones. "...Gifts and bequests during the fiscal year 1972-73 reached an all-time high; and for the first time in the history of the Foundation, another state had surpassed California in donations...." The Trustees held 4 meetings since the Annual Meeting. St.Louis in December; Washington,D.C. (with Max Farrington, students & Faculty). The Investment Committee consisted of Trustees Cartwright, Sauerwein and Dunham,...."

"....Another change in policy adopted this year is the stipulation in very understandable and positive words that the applicant acknowledges to the Trustees in his application that if he or she does not seek and accept employment in the Government, then all funds advanced by the Foundation towards their education then become an interest bearing loan."

Past International President Hicks Griffiths, former Trustee, now serving as General Counsel to assist in legal matters and to assist inquirers in preparing gifts and bequests to the Foundation. The Trustees recommend 1 - That the Annual contribution per member be raised from 5¢ to 15¢ to cover increased costs in printing and office expense; 2 - That a Committee of Trustees and members of By-Laws Committee study ways to simplify the procedure for election of Zone Trustees. The Zone 8 vacancy was filled by H.Howard Orpen, Philadelphia.

J.W.Nutt, Immediate Past Grand Master of the DeMolay Supreme Council delivered the principal address at the Joint Men and Ladies Luncheon. Bro.Nutt was presented the International Founder's Award. After recess there was a tour of Disneyland. Over 250 participated.

The Financial Advisory Committee's report was to be filed with records of HTI. \$2,500.00 was authorized to be withdrawn from savings to purchase a duplicating machine for the St.Louis Office and for printing of the Manuals. It was voted that printing of the official roster be returned to the March-April issue of the High Twelvian, and that it reflect current club information as of January 1; that this information must be in St.Louis on or before January 1, so the Office Manager could forward to the Editor by February 1.

The San Bernardino HTC recommended that contributions of 5¢ per member to the Wolcott Foundation,Inc. be increased to 15¢ to cover increase in cost of printing and office expense. Accepted as a recommendation for committee study. Roger Helman of Indiana was nominated for International 3rd V.P. by the Nominating Committee. Edward L.Natal of New Jersey and Keith Seales of Michigan were nominated from the

floor. The vote was Helman 244, Natal 214 and Seales 110. There not being a majority, Bro. Seales withdrew; and there was another ballot, with Bro. Helman being elected 3rd V.P.

Specific approval was given for August 3, 4 & 5, 1973 meeting in Philadelphia between Pres. Rose, Secretary Clynych and General Counsel Robertson to review, correct and amend any part of the Manuals in need. Approval was given for the President, 1, 2 and 3rd VPs to meet together in October somewhere.

Following amendments to Convention Manual were approved: 1 - Allocation of rooms, Para. 1, Pgs. 6 & 7 - add "The assignment of any free rooms shall be made by the Convention Committee, subject to approval of the International Executive Comm." 2 - Amends Para. 14 of same manual, Pgs 12 & 13 re. Post Convention Committees, "Nothing shall add to the benefit of the Post Convention Committee, or any International Officer directly or indirectly from any source whatsoever by reason of the contracts or arrangements made necessary because of or by reason of said Post Convention activities."

3 - Amendments approved whereby the Local Convention Committee should contact the President and/or Secretary of the local Medical Association, advising of the High Twelve International Convention, complete with a Medic so our physician (Dr. Chabut) would know whom to contact in event of need for quick hospitalization. California President Darven L. Paddock's appeal for expenditure of not to exceed \$500.00 for an expansion brochure was approved.

Recently reflecting back on his year as International President Howard Jennings said he didn't feel that war, recession, etc. had any effect on the growth of High Twelve then. He felt that building the image of High Twelve was his principal thrust. He felt that his many contacts with Grand Lodge Officers and other Masonic leaders may have been the cause of High Twelve representative (himself) being appointed to membership on the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and an official invitation for the President to attend the session of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and that he actively sought an invitation to attend the session of the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, A.A.S.R. (several years later so done).

Bro. Jennings said he had a modest increase in clubs to 276, and 900 members added. There was a dialogue conducted 1972-73 on a one-to-one basis with the President of National Sojourners (about 9,000) members relative to a possible merger. "....despite his advanced years (early 90's) our Founder talked of writing brothers about the forming of new clubs....felt that in this way he was helping to earn the amount that was being paid him monthly by High Twelve International."

A metal, ornamental collar with High Twelve International's jewel was presented in 1972 to President Jennings to be passed along by each president to his successor; and now passed on to President Rose. The blue ribbon with the High Twelve emblem as jewel which was worn by Founder E.C. Wolcott in 1968 and in succession Howard M. Smith, John L. Shaw, Wib Mager and finally Howard H. Jennings, "....became a little the worse for wear during this time. At the Mid-Year Convention it was decided to purchase the metal, ornamental collar with High Twelve Jewel to take its place.

Officers for 1973-74: President William K. Rose, Toledo, Ohio; 1st V.P. Louis P. Black, Arcadia, Ca; 2nd V.P. Leslie C. Whitney, Denver, Colo; 3rd V.P. Roger E. Helman, Columbus, Ind; Treasurer Wm. S. Roser, Louisville, Ky; Int. Sec. Robert F. Clynych, Baton Rouge, La; General Counsel and Parliamentarian James N. Robertson PIP, Media, Pa; Imm. Past Pres. Howard H. Jennings, Lansing, Mich.

Chairman Wolcott Foundation Arthur E. Buss, Escalon, Ca; Int. Chaplain Rev. Eustace Heckert, Oregon, Ohio; Pres. Emeritus E.C. Wolcott, Lutheran Convalescent

Center, Webster Groves, Mo; Editor High Twelvian, E.P.White, Jr., Louisville, Ky; Associate Editor Max J.Reed, Louisville, Ky; Far West Asso.Ed., D.L.Paddock, Glendale, Calif; Office Manager Mrs.Lillian George, 3681 Lindell Blvd., St.Louis, Mo.

STATE PRESIDENTS: California - Darven L.Paddock, Glendale; Colorado - Jack Stubbs, Westminster; Florida - Murray Sammons, Cape Coral; Illinois - J.Robert Watt, Riverside; Indiana - Thomas B.Havens, Columbus; Iowa-South Dakota Alfred Stewart, Oelwein, Iowa; Kansas - Robert S. Truesdell, Jr., Kansas City; Kentucky-Alabama-Tenn. G.Donald Ransdell, Louisville, Ky; Louisiana - Samuel A.Carleton, New Orleans; Michigan - E.Ray Hughes, Birmingham; Missouri - Bryan J.Brooks, St. Joseph; New Jersey - V.W.Hooper (Governor); Ohio - John F.Miller, Englewood; Pennsylvania - Claude J.Newhart, Washington.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: President and 1st, 2nd & 3rd V.Ps, Treasurer, Secretary, General Counsel and Immediate Past President. Chairman of Past Presidents Council, Howard Jennings, PIP.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICER COMMITTEE LIAISON: 1st VP - Budget, Resolutions, Credentials, Leadership, Nominating, Conventions & Necrology; 2nd VP - Expansion, Youth Activities, Masonic Activities, Public Relations, Projects, Future Sites, Jewelry and Printing; 3rd V.P. - Patriotism, Constitution & By-Laws, Long Range Planning, Manuals, Workshops, Auditor; Immediate Past President - International Club Affairs, 200th Anniversary, Office Equipment.

EX OFFICIO: General Counsel - Constitution & By-Laws, Credentials & Resolutions; Treasurer - Budget & Finance and Audit; Secretary - Manuals, Long Range Planning; All Officers - Long Range Planning.

ZONE OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS: Malcolm Washington, Oregon, Northern California, Idaho, and Alaska; Black - Southern California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Hawaii & Mexico; Whitney - Colorado, New Mexico, Montana & Wyoming; Harkin - Nebraska, Kansas & Oklahoma; Mager - North Dakota, South Dakota, Missouri and Illinois; Jennings - Michigan, Wisconsin & Minnesota; Clynych - Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas; Roser Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama & Mississippi; Robertson - Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Mass; Connec., Rhode Island, N.Y. Pennsylv., New Jersey, Maryland & W.Virginia. Smith - Virginia, North and South Carolina, George & Florida; Helman - Indiana, Ohio & Iowa; Wm.K.Rose - all other areas.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: Budget & Finance - Lyle A.Waterman, Calif; Constitution & By-Laws - Earl C.Slayton, Colo; Expansion & Retention - John R.Mitchell, Ohio; International Club Affairs - Joseph E.Stettek, Louisiana; Long Range Planning - Keith W.Seales, Mich; Masonic Activities U.Herbert Garlough, Ohio; Patriotism - T.Vance Rose, Kentucky; Projects - James L.Turnbull, S.D; Public Relations - Walter F. Maas, Illinois; Youth Activities - Samuel T.Burrows, Ohio; Resolutions - Thomas M.Major, Ohio; Credentials - Lawrence C.Nuriso, Calif; Necrology - Rev.Eustace Heckert, Ohio; Convention 1974 - Lem Whitten, Arizona; Nominations - E.Wells Smith, Ca; Leadership - Robert S.Truesdale, Jr., Kansas; Office Equipment - Richard W. Gordon, Mo. Auditor - J.Carl Menke, Ill; Manuals - Max J.Reed, Ky; Workshops - Howard H.Jennings, Mich; 200th Anniv. H.Warren Bolton, New Jersey; Financial Advisory - Frank A. Rolla, Ohio; Jewelry - Wib L.Mager, Ill; Printing - Morton Harwood, Mich; Conv.Site-Don White, Ariz; DeMolay Liaison - Howard H.Jennings, Mich; Mid-Winter Meeting, Robert F.Clynch, La.

President W.K.Rose, in his acceptance speech said, "....A cursory examination of our conventions at any level will establish beyond any reasonable doubt that we assemble because we enjoy fellowship; and we crave leadership, inspiration, knowledge, vision, wisdom and humor. Anyone who has attended an International Convention will quickly agree there is humor. All the delegate has to do is to watch the head table and note the frequent moments of doubt and differences of opinion of

officers and chairmen. All in good taste, but these differences make for subsequent levity. At the club level the humor is even more noticeable, for most men enjoy heckling each and every other member present for any reason whatsoever."

"....So the first thing that is suggested here tonight is that you determine your own course of conduct; that you establish your preference for enjoyment of the better things of life, and forget that you heard some one say, 'Have a good day.' You can better make one than you can suffer anticipated but avoidable displeasure. In other words, it is up to each one of us to determine our own philosophy, our own way of life and then seek what we individually need. High Twelve can fulfill most any need."

"....We certainly must remember that we among others meet for the 'Happy Bonds of a Social Hour.' We do talk about Masonic ideals during these social hours. We give at least lip service to youth, and certainly we remember that we should act as individuals with no pretense of speaking for Masonry. Thus we do, to some extent, heed our ideals. We thereby observe the letter of the law, but many times overlook the spirit of that same law."

"....We must do for others to make Masonry noteworthy.....we must, as High Twelvians serve others if the words of High Twelve are to merit National attention, and if we really seek to serve Masonry, we are remembered for what we do, rather than for what we say." "....We are doing extremely well in the areas of SERVICE...."

"....in some manner we must be able to cause the individual High Twelvian to take a more active part in our progress." "....Neither International, a State Association nor any Club should attempt to dictate, dominate, control or direct to its unlimited satisfaction the wishes, needs or desires of any individual High Twelvian." "....Any act which creates dissatisfaction or loss of a single High Twelvian seems to be harmful and a second thinking should occur...."

The Post Convention trip to Hawaii was enjoyed by nearly a planeload of Twelvians, families and friends. Banquets at Hilo, Kona, Maui and Honolulu were opportunities to meet and talk with Twelvians of Hawaiian Islands and other local Masons, Shriners, etc. who made the effort to break bread with mainland Twelvians. Chairman Paddock had made an earlier trip to drum up interest amongst island Masons on meeting the tour. Many had never heard of High Twelve before, and some expressed an interest in joining or organizing High Twelve Clubs as a result.

6/25/73 - JOHN DEAN TESTIFIED IN WATERGATE HEARINGS, CHARGING "COVER-UP."
7/16/73 - WATERGATE RECORDINGS REVEALED BY ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD.
8/14/73 - USA CEASED BOMBING IN CAMBODIA.
10/4/73 - 4TH & BIGGEST ARAB-ISRAELI WAR IN 25 YEARS ERUPTED. THE "YOM KIPPUR" WAR.
10/12/73 - ISRAELI FORCES PUSHED WITHIN 18 MILES OF DAMASCUS.
10/10/73 - VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW RESIGNED (Later replaced by Twelivan GERALD R. FORD).
10/16/73 - ISRAELI FORCES CROSSED WEST BANK.
10/19-10/21/73 - ARABS IMPOSED OIL EMBARGO ON USA....
10/24/73 - SUEZ OCCUPIED BY ISRAELI FORCES.
10/25/73 - USA MILITARY PLACED ON ALERT.
10/23/73 - CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AGREED TO INQUIRE INTO POSSIBLE IMPEACHMENT OF NIXON.
11/7/73 - CONGRESS OVERRODE PRESIDENT NIXON'S VETO OF WAR POWERS BILL.
11/7/73 - USA & EGYPT RENEWED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.
11/9/73 - 6 WATERGATE SENTENCES METED OUT BY JUDGE SIRICA.
10/24/73 - CEASE FIRE WITH UNITED NATIONS SUPERVISION.
10/19-10/21/73 - ARABS IMPOSED TOTAL BAN ON OIL EXPORTS TO USA.
10/27/73 - CRISES ENDED WITH USSR - USA JOINT COUNCIL VOTE ON A MOVE BARRING SUPERPOWERS FROM PARTICIPATING IN A MIDDLE-EAST PEACEKEEPING FORCE.

NOTE: I have taken the time and space to devote to the above world and U.S.A. domestic problems of the time because of their wide-reaching results, especially to the United States and its economy; and its subsequent slow-down in the growth of High Twelve (as well as most service club type organizations. DLP).

The Sept-Oct-Nov, 1973 High Twelvian said that CHARLES WILLARD CONARD died 8/22/73 while in flight to Florida. Secretary to International Board in 1964; Administrator 1965-66; former President of the Iowa-South Dakota Assn. of High Twelve Clubs. Left a wife Marie Trimble Conard, 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

The Dec., '73-Jan-Feb., 1974 High Twelvian said that HOLLAND F. FLAHAVEN, Past International President (1946-47) passed away in Northfield, Illinois. (NOTE: In the researching of this book, I learned to respect Bro. FlaHaven very much, especially in the field of expansion. He was one of the great Twelvians. DLP)

During the Fall of 1973 International President William K. Rose received a special fez from Potentate Jack F. Wood of Zenobia Shrine. Below the Shrine emblem it read, "President International Hi Twelve" in glitters. President Rose was also given a seat of honor in Zenobia's Fall Ceremonial Parade, riding in a jeep for distinguished guests.

Tom Moberly reported that there were 1276 in attendance at the 12 DeMolay Leadership Camps in 1973, of whom 168 were able to attend because of High Twelve Internat'l.

INDIANA State Association met in Nashville, Ind., according to the September, 1973 High Twelvian. 49 at evening banquet; all clubs represented. Int. 3rd V.P. Roger Helman, G. Donald Ramsdell and Harold Council were among the distinguished visitors; with awards presented to Helman, Albert Kelley, Frank Lundmark and Wm. T. Scholl.

CHERRYLAND (Mich.) High Twelvette Auxiliary, Traverse City, Mich. was organized with Charlotte Mapes as President. 25 ladies had been meeting the 3rd Monday of every month for luncheon and programs. They joined the many other Ladies Auxiliaries formed over the years and reported in this history.

LAWRENCE (Kansas) HTC boasted 4 33° Scottish Rite Masons.... Bros. Eby, Ryther & Tuller were Past Presidents of the club. Bro. Herbert Tuller was Charter President. Thos. C. Ryther is PSP and a current Trustee of the Wolcott Foundation. Tuller was Sovereign Grand Inspector General Advisory Conference for the Lawrence Valley and Director of the Work. Herbert L. Jones was Assistant Director. Lisle E. Eby was Scottish Rite Almoner. Tuller, Jones, Martin and Ryther are Past Masters.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN (Chattanooga, Tenn.) HTC charter issued 6/9/73. 22 members. Pres. Robert E. MacRae; ENGLEWOOD, Colo. HTC charter issued 8/22/73. 26 members. Pres. Chas. W. Urmy; SUNDIAL (Sun City, Ariz. 2nd club) charter issued 10/13/73. 53 members. Pres. Arthur L. Finstrom. CAVE LAND (Bowling Green, Ky.) charter issued 10/13/73. 29 members. Pres. John W. Sagabial. OMAHA (Nebr.) charter relinquished 9/29/73 (issued 12/13/46; FAR WEST (Beale AFB, Calif.) charter relinquished 10/16/73. Was issued 1/16/61.

OELWEIN (Iowa) HTC had a meeting in honor of L.E. "Pat" Hilsabeck, recently elected 3rd V.P. of the Iowa-South Dakota State Assn. FGM Charles Howard, Sioux City, told the capacity Ladies Night crowd that the communication between club and community was what made them both better. "Brotherly love is the fulcrum for the lever, and the length of the lever (service) determines the power and strength of the effort. SUCCESS is composed of patience, laughter and song, loyalty and duty, and sympathy with one another's woes. Pres. Elmer Nelson had Bro. and Mrs. Alfred Stewart (who had made the Hawaii Post-Convention trip) demonstrate the native dances in their costumes.

The CALIFORNIA Association of High Twelve Clubs State Convention heard a speech by Most Worshipful Raymond A. Ebbage, Grand Master of Masons in California and Hawaii. One lasting thought he left, according to outgoing President Darven L. Paddock, was, "Tell your wife twice a day at least, 'I love you.'" (NOTE: This made quite an impression on Arlette. DLP) Howard Cliff of Napa elected new President.

The Mid-Year meeting was held December 7 - 9, 1973 in New Orleans, La., Downtown Howard Johnson Hotel. Meeting led by Pres. Wm. K. Rose. 3rd V.P. Roger Helman was absent on account of illness. Founder and Outstanding High Twelvian of the Year Awards were decided. (to be presented at Convention).

Newly revised Manuals were to be free to holders of the old manuals. 1st time purchasers to be charged \$2.50 each. Many Masonic dignitaries were visitors, and introduced, including FGM Dr. L. Legett. PSP Wm. A. Reeder was presented with a plaque by the Grand Encampment as an outstanding York Rite Mason.

Judge C. Lenton Sartain gave a talk on Acacia, the Masonic oriented undergraduates in many colleges. It was voted to appoint a committee to study and report back to the Toledo Convention on this organization formed in 1904. It was voted to retain the 5¢ per capita contribution International made to Wolcott Foundation, instead of raising it to 15¢ as requested.

International Secretary Robert F. Clynch, PIP, gave the results as follows to the questionnaire handed out at the International Convention, Pasadena:

1. Dates of Int. Conv. Should it start in middle of week? 37 "Yes".
2. Do you favor a large single workshop? 6 "Yes". Do you prefer smaller group workshops, wherein specific club officers would be present? 32 "Yes".
3. Should a specific time be set aside for Committee Meetings? 35 "Yes"
4. No adverse comments on request for Convention Necrology Service.
5. No comments on Awards.
6. Do you read the High Twelvian? 35 indicated they read the High Twelvian thoroughly.
7. Should we have a speaker at the President's (Installation) Banquet? 29 indicated they wanted no speaker.
8. Entertainment? 19 indicated it was just right.
9. Is the Wolcott Foundation satisfactory, or do you recommend any change? 38 indicated the Wolcott Foundation was satisfactory. However, here are some comments received: a. Raise dues to 10¢ per member; b. Make it a loan, not a gift; c. Give it more publicity; d. It doesn't reach enough persons; e. Make only (grants) if possible to Masons; f. Heritage Bonds \$5.00.... then more clubs can participate; g. Members confuse the \$4,800.00 contractual item shown in the budget; link this to the Wolcott Foundation, and then give only a nominal amount to the Foundation.
10. Would you favor giving International support to..... a. DeMolay Program; b. Jobs Daughters; b. Any other youth group? 27 favored DeMolay, with High Twelve's participation.
11. Do you think our International Officers do enough visiting to State Association Conventions and individual club meetings? 24 indicated International Officers do enough visiting.
12. Do you feel that you are given ample opportunity to "speak" on the floor at Conventions? 28 indicated "yes".
13. What do you recommend to improve conventions? a. Conv. in center in downtown near shops and restaurants; b. Make Ladies trips less exhausting and less physical effort; c. Badges should show city, state & office, if any. d. Give City transportation information in advance (airport to hotel, etc.); e. More change in seminars and show in Convention book; f. Lower cost of meals - cheaper hotels, cheaper travel; g. Give more clothing information (weather); h. Preference (if any) of committees; i. More club participation and recognition; j. Hold Convention near shopping centers, restaurants and entertainment; k. Make better plans for the ladies; l. Make Seminar subjects known in advance; m. Keep the meetings short; n. Put as many reports as possible in print to save time for more important business; o. Fix time for reports of committees. Proxie should make report if Chairman not present; p. Define time published when Convention Committee will close; q. Post Convention trips appear to be taking over the function of the Convention. Most of the announcements and special reports at Convention pertained to post convention trip, not convention; r. Think more of

the ladies' comfort. Too much walking in the heat and ladies very tired; s. Workshops should be slanted toward the small and medium clubs, inasmuch as the large clubs can take care of themselves; t. Have a souvenir gift to be presented at the Convention...example, glasses at Indianapolis and bracelet at New Orleans; u. International Officers spend more time with members; The latter seldom have personal contact with elected or appointed International Officers. v. Several felt they did not have time to visit with International Officers on an eye-ball-to-eyeball basis.

14. Do we stress Conventions too much? 28 said about right as is.

15. Did you have sufficient information regarding convention? 30 "Yes" - 2 "No."

LEBANON (Ohio) HTC charter relinquished 12/11/73. Chartered 3/19/59.

1973 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 133.1 (1965= 94.5). WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX 134.7 ('67= 100). GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT \$1,294,919,000 (1950 = \$284,769,000). HOURLY EARNINGS IN MFG.IND. yrly avg. GROSS \$4.07 (1950 = 1.44). Standard & Poor's '73 CLOSE = 97.55. (previous year \$118.05) and by end of '74 \$68.56. (NOTE: I can't find current cost of living index; but I know it had been climbing steadily)DLP

12/23 - 12/25/74 - ARABS DOUBLE OIL PRICES.

1/17/74 - ISRAEL-EGYPT DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT REACHED.

2/6/74 - IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST PRESIDENT NIXON VOTED BY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

3/1/74 - 4 FORMER WHITE HOUSE AND CAMPAIGN AIDES INDICTED.

TOLEDO'S FOUR HIGH TWELVE CLUBS aimed for a total membership of 1,000 for International President William K. Rose for the International Convention, Toledo, in June. Current membership...580 Downtown Toledo; 184 Maumee Valley; 93 East Toledo; and 62 West Toledo. Date not clear.

ROSSMOOR (Calif.) HTC developed an unusual community service...its Medical Equipment Bank. The bank by the 1st of the year had accumulated nearly 300 items, some donated and some purchased. About 500 residents have benefited, and more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the items now in use. The Rossmoor Club also composed and distributed 5,000 20 page booklets on funeral service. "Plan now for the inevitable future." The cost of printing was assumed by the Fidelity Savings.

Dwight M. Shields succeeded Dr. Stanley V. Michota as President of the Downtown Toledo HTC. The 100 new members added in 1973 brought its total membership to 591, a net gain of 79...the 3rd consecutive year that Downtown Toledo added 100 or more new members. 53 new members had been added during the 1st half of '73 while Charles L. Mackall was President. (NOTE: This club and several military clubs over the years seem to be the only ones with 6 months terms of office.DLP).

TORREJON (Spain) HTC was kept alive by holding mixed dinners in Madrid. "....It has also helped to bring our Brothers into our circle. We are hoping to have a meeting place before the first of the year..."

MAX FARRINGTON notified Chairman Arthur Buss of the Wolcott Foundation 1/29/74 of his retirement as Assistant to the President of George Washington University, breaking the 18 year contact with High Twelve International and the Wolcott Foundation. "In retiring, I am happy to be able to turn the job over to Dr. Phillip Grubb, who I am sure will do an excellent job. Both the Wolcott Trustees and the University are fortunate to have him available....."

At the evening meeting 113th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Colorado, Most Worshipful Edward A. Martin, Grand Master of Masons in Colorado introduced

International 2nd V.P. Leslie C. Whitney and Colorado Association President Donald C. Davis in their capacities as leaders of High Twelve International.

Peter Stevens, Past President of the Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs was inducted into Temple University's (Philadelphia) Football Hall of Fame. Bro. "Pete" gained All-American and All-Eastern honors for the "Owls" in 1934, and played with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1936. He coached for 26 years, including '47-57 as football coach at Temple. He was Past President of Valley Forge HTC and was State Treasurer for 3 years.

PHILADELPHIA HTC member Rochester B. Woodall now Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania. Vice President of the Philadelphia HTC Joseph E. Trate was installed as Jr. Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania. The new Grand Master recognized the current President of the Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs Edward A. Hagel, a Past District Deputy Grand Master by being appointed Trustee of the Patton Masonic School for Boys and to the Committee on Masonic Culture.

The Midwinter meeting of the Wolcott Trustees, George Washington University Administrators and Wolcott Scholars, and HTI President Wm. K. Rose and International 1st V.P. Louis Black was held in Washington, D.C. (Date not given)

Quite a debate was taking place between these Twelvians... George Hudson, Kentucky Colonel; Gus Krause, Tennessee Colonel; and S.P. Swafford, Alabama Colonel as to which has top ranking honors... not to mention the various river commodores.

MARVELOUS MARIN HTC celebrated its 25th Anniversary recently. 4 charter members were present, including PSP Ernest A. Ford. Joseph R. Fillipo, 1st President, paid tribute to the memory of those charter members who had gone on before. Among the guests were PIP Vinton Malcolm, State President Howard Cliff and PSPs Marvin Lechner and Laurence Nurisso. There were many visiting High Twelvians. Club Pres. Robert K. Churchill was Master of Ceremonies. (Date not given)

LEHIGH VALLEY HTC of Allentown, Pa. had 54 charter members. PSP Ed Hagel, member of the West Chester HTC presented the charter, assisted by State President Dan Pettigrew of Pottsgrove and Psp M. Warren Bolton of Valley Forge HTC, and the president of North Penn HTC (sponsors) Russell Corsner. Pres. Joseph J. Brown.

PRINCETON HTC donated \$800.00 to the Shrine Crippled Childrens and Burns Hospitals, and in return, Club President Nichols J. Manni received a 100 Million Dollar Club Certificate from Past Potentate Walter O. Zelin. (Date not given)

LONGBOAT KEY (Florida) HTC charter presented 3/20/74 by State President Harold W. Bremer. PSP Ray Rhude Installing Officer. 50 members on charter. 81 members and guests present. Pres. Al Butterfield, of the sponsoring club, Anna Maria, presented the ball and gavel to Pres. Earl Cady.

WATERLOO, Iowa HTC's Past State President Art Diehl was presented a plaque at the Iowa-South Dakota State Convention for his many years of service to High Twelvism. He was congratulated by Pres. Wm. K. Rose of HTI, Toledo, Ohio and Harry H. Sauerwein, Belleville, Ill., Wolcott Trustee.

TUCSON HTC, host for the International Convention, completed its 1st venture in fund raising by operating a concession at the Pima County Fair. The 10x10 booth was set up in the Fair's main entertainment tent, where cotton candy, pop corn, soft drinks and bar-b-que were dispensed. Club members had the assistance of 16 organizations, including DeMolay, Jobs and Rainbows. The money raised to be used to get the Convention rolling. Subsequently, the money will be returned to the Club's treasury and be earmarked for youth projects. Various members donated supplies, time and energy. Among the "sellers" in the booth were Dr. Leonard Vorhees, PIP and wife Jo.

ROSSMOOR High Twelve's... Founder-President C. Wells Smith honored - 1st month's Citizen Merit Award, according to States Club President Henry Hieronimus. Smith was Past President of the California Association of High Twelve Clubs. He started the well known pancake breakfast in 1965 which continues to prosper. He was co-organizer of the paper drive in 1968. In 1971 the Rossmoor HTC presented him a plaque signifying him as a distinguished Twelvian.

KANSAS Association of High Twelve Clubs held its Annual Convention in Kansas City. Ralph E. Wilson new president, was Supreme Treasurer Order of Jobs Daughters International at the time. Pres. of HTI William K. Rose installed officers. PSP Thomas L. Ryther, Trustee of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. presented Century Club Certificates and emblems to 7 Kansas Twelvians (contributed \$100 ea.). The Convention voted a \$100.00 gift to the Foundation. It also authorized a memorial contribution at the future death of any Past State President or current State Officer. Work Shops were held for Club Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Masonic Representatives and general membership. They held a Grand Lodge Reception banquet and dance, honoring M.W. Rev. Forrest Haggard, Grand Master of Masons in Kansas.

MAJESTIC TOWERS (St. Petersburg, Fla.), 47th High Twelve Club in Florida and 2nd club sponsored by the Penella HTC received its charter 5/1/74. Majestic Towers is a beautiful waterfront retirement center for senior citizens. 21 members. Pres. Fay E. Nichols. Speaking of Florida clubs, Frank M. Schilling of Pinellas Park HTC wrote in the High Twelvian of July-Aug., 1974 that they now had (late Spring) 47 clubs in Florida, with about 95% retired Masons 65 or older (he was 79), with a considerable number of Past Masters, Past Potentates, 33°, Shriners, etc. His own club provided a funeral team for the local Masonic Lodges; and donated considerable valuable service to the Veterans Hospital; and such funds as they can afford to De Molay and Wolcott Foundations.

SEQUOIA (Visalia, Calif) HTC charter issued 5/17/74. 34 members. Pres. John E. Fraser. LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN (Chattanooga, Tenn) HTC honored a charter member, Right Worshipful Dr. Gus J. Vlasis, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Tennessee F&AM. Plaque presented by Pres. Robert E. McRae and Secretary Geo. C. Hudson had space for later engraving of the successive offices of R.W. Sr. Gr. Warden, Dep. Grand Master and Most Worshipful Grand Master. Pres. L. M. Morgan of the Kentucky-Alabama-Tennessee Association and a delegation from Owensboro, Kentucky were present.

3/18/74 - ARABS ENDED OIL EMBARGO AGAINST USA.

5/31/74 - ISRAEL & EGYPT SIGNED DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT.

6/30/74 - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX = 146.8 ('67= 100; Jan., 1974 = 146.8).

SUSSEX COUNTY (Sparta, N.J.) HTC charter issued 6/12/74. 17 members. Pres. J. E. Abel. WOOD COUNTY (Bowling Green, Ohio) HTC charter issued 6/6/74. 60 mbrs. Pres. Rob. S. Johnson. KISSIMEE (Osceola, Fla.) HTC charter issued 6/1/74. 22 members. Pres. Rev. H. H. Barnard. NAVAL AIR STATION (Jacksonville, Fla) HTC charter relinquished 5/29/74. Was chartered 11/25/72.

CHAPTER 12
END OF AN ERA - AND A NEW BEGINNING

The 53rd Annual High Twelve International Convention was held June 22 - 26, 1974 in Toledo Ohio, Commodore Perry Motor Inn. Everett Eakin was Convention General Chairman. The World and the Nation had been through considerable turmoil. The economy had been sliding into the worst recession since the great depression of the Thirties. Former leaders of High Twelve had been passing away with greater rapidity....and the Black Camel was to cast his shadow over the camp of Twelvians with increasing visits.

Keith Seales reporting on the Long Range Planning discussed tying High Twelve programs in with the National Centennial programs. Ladies trips and Post Convention trips. Make membership cards large enough so can be used for addressograph purposes. Add birthdate on application card and brochures. Proposal to change dues for Wolcott Foundation was tabled. The obtaining of Jewels, Collars, etc. for HTI Officers and State Presidents to wear at Masonic functions was voted down. At the Grand Masters Conference, the Immediate Past President will no longer be required to attend.

The formation of a Past State Presidents Advisory Group to International was rejected. The State Secretary's name will appear in the High Twelvian in the future. Abridge Convention and Mid-Year minutes and send within a month to International Officers. A protocol manual for the treatment of state, international and club officers when visiting other clubs to be developed.

Illustrious Royal C. Scofield, Grand Master of Ohio Masons was principal speaker at the Joint Mens' and Womens' Luncheon. WORKSHOP Committee (night time) headed by PIP Howard Jennings. 10 Twelvians moderated as many subjects of interest to the clubs. The summing up of the various topics was done the next day in split sessions by Keith Seales, Ed Natal and Darven Paddock. "...The results of this effort was highly rewarding. Paddock's summary: Attend Blue Lodge and its functions; Support Masonic projects; Participate in DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, Rainbow for Girls and other Masonic oriented youth projects; help the elderly; Live as High Twelvians should..." High Twelvian Magazine July-Aug., 1974 has complete recommendations on "What High Twelve Can Do for Masonry." (Also page 316 herein).

As of 1st of June, 1974 the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. had recorded 45 Century Club members. One contributed \$100.00 3 times; another twice; and one Wolcott Club Member, a distinction reserved for donors of \$1,000.00 or more. PIP John L. Shaw suggested the Century Club idea for the Foundation and was its 1st member. Trustee Harry H. Sauerwein's Zone 4 led with 16 Century Club members. Philip E. Cartright's Zone 5 tied with Thos. C. Ryther's Zone 3 at 10 each.

An updated Wolcott pamphlet in the works. Max Farrington spoke, referring again to his question last year's convention on "Why" Masonic membership was going down. He mentioned that Government scholarships for the past few years have been directed to low income and so-called underprivileged minority groups. "...Therefore, many highly qualified students in the middle income brackets simply cannot afford to pay increased costs for higher education and must have help..."

Chairman Art Buss, a Trustee for 14 years was re-elected from 1st Zone. Thomas C. Ryther was re-elected from 3rd Zone. "...We have changed the living allowance given the students from a grant to a loan, repayable upon graduation in regular amounts..." "...We have made the tuition and fees into a grant/loan..." "...He agrees to repay all tuition and fees advanced by the Trustees in the event he does not enter Government service, a related profession or business." "...some of our

former students have, without urging from anyone, made regular payments to the Foundation in repayment....." The Wolcott Trustees awarded club honors for donations to the Fund to Birmingham, Mich. Average per member \$10.56; Akron \$10.12; Algona \$9.11; Leavenworth \$8.57.

There were 10 Past International Presidents present, composing the Past Presidents Council: Clynch, Burkin, Jennings, Shaw, Fenton, Worthen, Mager, Sivers, Robertson and White. BANNER AWARDS: Cherryland, Albany, Montebello, Alhambra, Seminole, Camden, St. Joseph, Penellas Park, Sunset Point, Deerfield Beach; Boone, Sts. John, Tuckerton, Palm Harbor. SCRAP BOOK AWARDS: Class A (over 100 mbrs) 1st place blue ribbon - Oak Park, Ill; Class B (50-100) 1st place blue ribbon - Sts. John Florida.

At the State Presidents Round Table, 1st V.P. Leslie C. Whitney presided. He reviewed Officers Policy Manual, with emphasis on State Presidents' Duties. —5 State Associations indicated they've formed new clubs....Most successful approach - person to person, the single contact, with several follow-up meetings with group participation. Usually 3 or 4 meetings result in a firm commitment. The Toledo mailing of 3 different form letters was reviewed....better than "shotgun" approach. "Preferred" mailing lists obtained from various Masonic Bodies utilized in some states.

Dues to State Associations range from 50¢ to \$2.00 per member. One State charges 25¢, but is raising this to \$1.00. Most State Associations provide in their budget for reimbursement of some of their State Presidents' (expenses). Several give none. Most ranged from \$100.00 to \$250.00 for travel to International and Mid-Year Conventions; some, like amount for both. Expenses far exceed the allocation in all cases.

37 clubs responded to survey on fund raising activities. No State Association itself conducted a fund raising event. One state cannot conduct one under any circumstance. The key in most instances is "donation" and not to use or refer to the Masonic family or emblem. Recommended that State Association Presidents must become more committed to the Wolcott Foundation and support of DeMolay Leadership Conferences (formerly called "camps").

Emphasized that greater stress must be laid on general membership attendance at State and International Conventions. 1st V.P. Louis Black discussed his proposed budget and improved techniques (including computerization) of the International Office. At the Necrology Service it was sad to know that over 650 (about 3%) were lost by death during the 12 months. Harold Sivers, PIP, Ohio, had attended 28 International Conventions and Carl Menke 24.

OFFICERS for 1974-75 term: President - Louis P. Black, Arcadia, Calif; 1st V.P. Leslie C. Whitney, Denver, Colo; 2nd V.P. Roger E. Helman, Columbus, Ind; 3rd V.P. Keith W. Seales, Howell, Mich; Treas. Wm. W. Roser, Louisville, Ky; Int. Sec. John L. Shaw, Temple City, Ca; Genl. Counsel James N. Robertson, Media, Pa; Immed. PIP Wm. K. Rose, Toledo, Ohio.

Chairman Wolcott Foundation Arthur Buss, Escalon, Ca; Int. Chaplain Major H. H. Smith, SA, San Jose, Ca; Pres. Emeritus, E. C. Wolcott, Luthern Conv. Hosp., Webster Grove, Mo; Editor High Twelvian - E. P. White, Jr., Louisville, Ky; Prod. Co-Ordinator Max J. Reed, Louisville, Ky; Presidential Aide Wib L. Mager, Belleville, Ill; Office Manager Mrs. Lillian V. George, 3681 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.

State Presidents: California - Howard Cliff, Napa; Colorado - Donald C. Davis, Denver; Florida - Harold W. Bremer, Orlando; Illinois - Carleton L. Crispin, Belleville; Indiana - K. Richard Hartley, Indianapolis; Iowa-South Dakota - Ivan M. Maxson, Royal, Iowa; Kansas - Ralph E. Wilson, Leavenworth; Kentucky-Alabama-Tenn.

L.M.Morgan, Birmingham, Ala; Louisiana - John E.Mulhearn, Monroe; Michigan - E.Ray Hughes, Birmingham; Missouri - Richard J.Hildreth, Kansas City; New Jersey - Dale Gibson (Governor), Bridgeton; Ohio - Frank C.Schneider, Lexington; Pennsylvania - Edward Hagel, Cochranville.

INTERNATIONAL ZONE OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS: Pres.Black - Arizona, Guam & Hawaii; 1st VP Whitney - Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Okla. & South Dakota; 2nd V.P.Helman Indiana & Kentucky; 3rd VP Seales - Illinois & Michigan; Treasurer Roser - Alabama & Tennessee; Secretary - Shaw - Southern California; Genl.Counsel Robertson-Pennsylvania, New England, England & Spain; Immed.PIP Rose - Ohio; PIP-President-ial Aide Mager - Iowa & Missouri; PIP Smith - Florida; PIP Malcolm - Oregon & Washington; PIP Clynych - Louisiana; PSP Nurisso - Northern Calif; PSGov. Natal - New Jersey & New York.

WOLCOTT FOUNDATION, INC. Trustees by Zones: Zone 1 - Arthur E.Buss (Chairman) Alaska, North Carolina, Montana, Washington & Wyoming; 2 - Alton Emerson - Southern California, Arizona, Guam, Hawaii, Mexico, Nevada & Utah; 3 - Thos.C.Ryther - Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma & Texas; 4 - Harry Sauerwein (Vice Chairman)-Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Mo., North & South Dakota & Wisconsin; 5 - Philip E.Cartwright, Sec. - Canada, Indiana, Michigan & Ohio; 6 = Harold D. Council - Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi & Tennessee; 7 - M. Howard Orpen, Connecticut, Delaware, D.C., England, Maine, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island & Vermont.

(Support of the Wolcott Foundation increases (from donations as follows).....
1971 = \$16,256.82; 1972 = \$17,291.45; 1973 = \$20,196.57; 1974 = \$22,018.23. (The Zone system of responsibility and supervision of the Fund seemed to be paying off.DP)

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN 1974-75: Americanism - Stanton E.Davis, Mo; Auditor - J.Carl Menke, Ill; Awards - Executive Comm; Budget - Lyle A.Waterman, Ca; Const. & By-Laws - Earl C.Slayton, Colo; Convention Future Sites - Arthur A.Wickstrom, Colo; Convention 1975 - Donald E.White, Arizona; Convention 1976 (200th Anniversary) N.W.Craig, Sr.Sec.; Credential - Lewis Hoffman, Ohio; Expansion - G. Donald Ransdell, Ky; Forms & Literature Revision & Control - Darven L.Paddock, Calif; Fund Raising Activities - Leslie C.Whitney, Colo; Grand Masters Conf - Louis P.Black.

High Twelvian - Editor E.P.White, Jr.PIP, Ky; Insurance - Emil Jecmen, Sr., Mo; International Club Affairs - Joseph E.Steffek, Louisiana; International Convention Club - Pres.Nelson W.Craig, Sr., New Jersey; Jewelry & Supplies - Wib L.Mager, PIP, Ill; Acacia Liaison - Robert F.Clynych, PIP, La; DeMolay Liaison - Active Member ISC DeMolay, Howard H.Jennings, PIP, Mich; National Sojourners Liaison - Chester A.Townsend, Jr., Florida; Wolcott Foundation Liaison - Leslie C.Whitney, Colo; Long Range Planning - Wm.K.Rose, PIP, Ohio; Manuals - James N.Robertson, PIP, Pa; Masonic Activities - J.Robert Watt, Ill; Medical Dir - Dr.Hector M.Chabot, Mich; Midwinter - Howard M.Smith, PIP, Fla; Necrology - Major Herman H.Smith, Salvation Army, Calif; Nominations - Robert F.Clynych, PIP, La; Office Improvement - Richard W.Gordon, Mo; Office - International Liaison - Louis P.Black, Ca; Parliamentarian - Harold J. Sivers, PIP, Mo; Projects - Thomas M.Major, Ohio; Protocol - John L.Shaw, PIP Calif; Pub.Relations - Robert L.Boring, Kan; Resolutions - Thaddeus Jones, Iowa; S-at-Arms Harry Pierson, Calif; Youth Activities - Harold W.Bremer, Florida.

CALIFORNIA HTC's sent 61 boys to Leadership(Camp) Conference (40 LaHonda & 21 to Running Springs); Missouri sent 36 to Potosi; 22 were sent to Georgia (presumably from Florida?); Illinois 12½; Ohio 11½; Colorado 10½; Pawling #2 - 4 (NY & NJ?); Pawling #1 - 1; A total of 160½ boys. High Twelve presumably also sent 22 advisors (not clear however from report).

President Louis P. Black had discussed with the DeMolay Headquarters staff in Kansas City, Kan. plans for High Twelve Leadership Conference participation, and better control of status on our contributions and tax deductions. President Black complimented Expansion Chairman Don Ransdell for the 6 clubs chartered so far. They look for great expansion in Michigan; 5 possibilities in Kansas; a half dozen or more in California; and possibilities in Massachusetts and Connecticut; and Tom Major in Ohio had reported good prospects.

"....The growth of High Twelve is essential to the bringing of Sojourners and other Brother Master Masons to a closer relationship with Freemasonry," said Black. "....We are recognized by most Grand Lodges, and are trying in every way possible to encourage Blue Lodge attendance and support of those ideals we all adhere to as reflected in our Masonic degrees....."

"....The adaptation of our address plate file to the computer is now complete, and each club has received a final listing to update the membership file. Each monthly report will be compared to the listing for the number of members, and the followup system instituted with the Club Secretary for verification. This issue of the High Twelvian is being mailed from the Computer and it is one more means of speeding up our communication with you....."

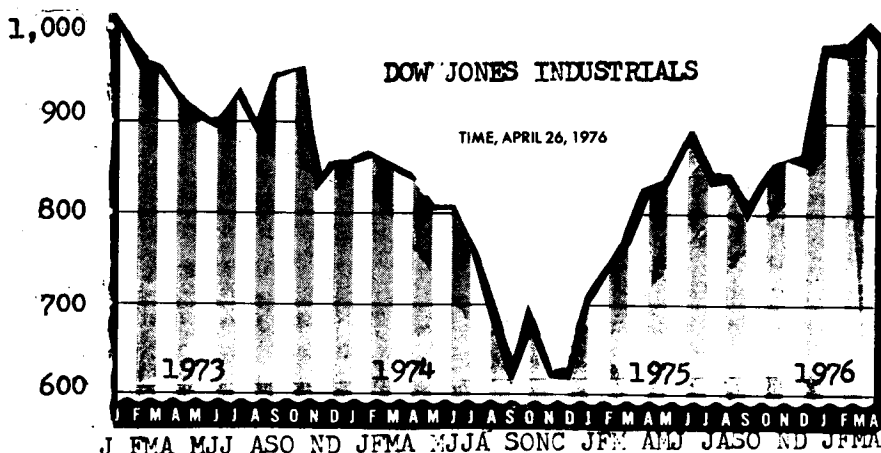
"....President Black reported his presence at the following receptions or Conventions: Arcadia, Ohio State Conv., Northern Jersey Scottish Rite (as Honored Guest); Kentucky-Alabama-Tenn. Conv., Oklahoma Grand Master's Reception, Tulsa HTC; San Gabriel Valley HTC reception for M.W. Burton Meyer, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Calif. and Ariz.; Carmeleta Lodge, Pasadena 50th Anniversary (Grand Master's Reception); California State Convention, Kansas Association Bd. Meeting, Topeka."

"....We are growing at a rate of 4% per year (20,000 members - roughly). He reported sale of 400 pale blue zipper front High Twelve packets. 280 clubs.

July, 1974 Consumer Price Index = \$148.3 (1965= 94.5)

Hourly earnings in mfg. ind. (yearly avg) gross \$4.40 (19 50 = \$1.44)

- 7/12/74 - Ehrlichman & 3 White House "Plumbers" found guilty.
- 7/15/74 - CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD OVERTHREW PRES. MAKARIOS.
- 7/20/74 - TURKEY INVADED CYPRUS.
- 7/24/74 - HOUSE JUDICIARY COMM. RECOMMENDED 3 ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT AGAINST NIXON.
- 7/25/74 - SUPREME COURT HELD BUSSING PUPILS ACROSS SCHOOL DIST. LINES BETWEEN BLACK INNER CITY OF DETROIT & WHITE SUBURBS WAS IMPROPER.
- 8/9/74 - PRES. NIXON RESIGNED AND V.P. GERALD R. FORD SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT.
- 8/30/74 - FORMER NEW YORK GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER NOMINATED VICE PRESIDENT.
- 9/8/74 - PRESIDENT FORD UNCONDITIONALLY PARDONED EX-PRESIDENT NIXON.



HTC of DAYTON (Ohio) observed Charter Day with 5 of the original members in attendance. Nelson F. Muntz, 3rd V.P. of the Ohio Association was featured speaker. Past Pres. Howard R. Malone, who was 2nd Pres. of the State Assn. gave a brief history of the club. Milton H. Massie, 29th President of the club presided. (Summer '74?)

ARCADIA (Calif.) HTC honored Public Schools Week as Co-Host with the School District for the Inter-Service Club Luncheon at the Arcadia Masonic Temple.

DES MOINES "High I", wives of Twelvians had been meeting since 1951 to assist the High Twelve Club increase membership and promoted club activities. While there were no elected officers at each monthly meeting, a Chairwoman was responsible for arrangements. The High Twelve Club entertained the Hi I with a spring party, a Christmas Dinner-Dance, and occasional luncheons with favors for the ladies.

SUSSEX COUNTY (HTC of) charter party 6/12/74 at Newton, N.J. had 75 members and guests, including representatives from 6 of the 7 New Jersey Clubs. While there were 17 names on the charter, the High Twelvian indicated 31 charter members, so there must have been a lot of last minute enrollees. State Governor Dale Gibson Installing Officer.

PARADISE, Calif. HTC....78 members and wives in 2 bus loads attended the Summer Festival Shakespeare Comedy "Twelfth Night," 250 miles away at Ashland, Oregon. They stayed all night in nearby Medford. On their return they visited the old mining town of Jacksonville, Oregon and a paper mill at Weed, Calif., and passed by Peter Lassen's ranch at Vina near Mt. Lassen. There, California's 1st Masonic meetings were held. With 255 members, Pres. Geo. Holland could boost the 2nd largest membership in Calif.

TRI LAKES (Branson, Mo.) HTC charter issued 8/9/74. 23 members. Pres. Virgil C. Six.
ACACIA (Seminole, Fla.) HTC charter issued 10/30/74. 41 members. Pres. Otto Mann.
WESTMINSTER (Colo.) HTC charter issued 11/16/74. 16 members. Pres. Irwin D. Grant.
RURAL DOUGLAS COUNTY (Nebr.) HTC charter relinquished 10/21/74. Chartered 4/22/49.
FAIRCHILD AFB (Evergreen Wash.) HTC charter relinquished 11/3/74. Chartered 1/1/68.

The Sept-Oct., 1974 High Twelvian proclaimed that this was the Black Year, and his (Pres. Louis Black's) messages would appear in the "Black Board" columns of the magazine. "....I proposed some rather sweeping changes in the administration of High Twelve in the International Office to better handle the sale of jewelry, supplies and the new official jackets (\$13.00 - light blue, zipper front) for High Twelvians. Bro. Wib Mager, PIP, has accepted the position of Presidential Aide in the International Office 2 days each week to handle these items and to assist in communications where it involves matter of policy with the various clubs...."

"....We are generally recognized by most of the Grand Lodge Jurisdictions now, thanks to the past International Officers attendance at the Grand Masters' Conference, as well as the devoted effort of many of you to meet with Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen." "....We must use some discretion in the communications with our various Grand Lodges due to different feelings of many Grand Masters, and am, therefore, requesting that my officers and members not directly communicate with Grand Lodges outside their own jurisdiction. If you feel you have a prospective lead for a new club that requires communication with a Grand Lodge, please send them direct to me. This will assist us in our Grand Lodge relations, and I will be guided in my correspondence by my Executive Committee and Governing Board...."

"You will also note that I have not assigned States and Territories to Zone Officers where we do not have High Twelve Clubs. These are to be assigned to the International President and the state will be assigned to a Zone Officer when clubs are to be formed...." "....Major emphasis will be placed on the Wolcott Heritage Bond program instituted by Wib Mager, PIP. They are \$10.00 each and hopefully \$8,100 is to be turned over for their sale...."

"\$3,000.00 is budgeted for expansion funds (a dollar of each \$2.00 charter fee allocated back to the individual, club or State Association that charters a new club)...." "Bro. Paddock has made suggestions for a complete revision of all International literature, which was presented to the Governing Board, Toledo. Forms kits will be mailed to each new Club Secretary, etc...."

"....The post card reservation forms for the Toledo Convention cost us \$2,286.00. I am proposing these substantial costs be eliminated and they be printed in the regular pages of the magazine, which will allow us to print 6 issues this year.

TULSA (HTC of) honored member, Most Worshipful J.C. Warner, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. He was presented to the club by Louis P. Black, President of High Twelve International. Member Waldo Emerson (Dode) McIntosh, for 10 years head of the Creek Indians and who served twice as President of the Intertribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes (Creeks, Choctaws, Seminoles and Chickasaws) made Bro. Black and Honorary Chief of the Coweta Tribe of the Indian Creek Name. Bro. Louis Black was now LUMKE HETKE (White Eagle). That's the black and the white of it.

OHIO Association of High Twelve Clubs 25th Convention 9/20/74 in Mansfield, Ohio, elected Tom Major President. The Mens' Model Luncheon was highlighted by Speaker Dr. Philip D. Grub. The largest attendance ever, witnessed the Worship and Necrology Service by Chaplain Bradbury. Convention was run by outgoing Pres. Frank C. Schneider of Lexington, Ohio. Tom Major was endorsed for International 3rd V.P.

CALIFORNIA Association of HTCs Annual Convention, late October, 1974 aboard the QUEEN MARY, Long Beach, elected as President, Emmitt Berry of Fresno, a very hard working Brother who served as Pres. of his club, Area VP, 2nd and 1st Executive Vice President of his State Assn. and chairman of Public Relations. PSP Darven L. Paddock was endorsed for 3rd Int. V.P. of High Twelve International.

ACACIA HTC (Seminole, Fla.) charter was presented by Howard M. Smith (PIP). 160 dignataries, members and guests were present. State President Harold W. Breme introduced the prominent guests. Cecil L. Dunham, PSP, was Installing Officer. A large Masonic Bible was presented by 1st V.P. Dwight Williams of the Seminole HTC. Pres. Herbert D. Fuhrman of Lake Tarpon Village HTC presented the bell and gave.

The Wolcott Century Club now listed at 51. Nov-Dec., 1974 High Twelvian. President Louis P. Black proposed placing the High Twelve magazine mailing on computer to program address files and labels, modernizing the handling of billing and addressing functions. This also would save \$70.00 per issue trucking Louisville to St. Louis, expensive wrapping for transportation...and a saving of 3 to 5 days between publication and mailing. Also the computer could be programmed to read out the membership lists by clubs, etc. "....We don't need a dues increase in High Twelve International in spite of inflation."

"Tips for Twelvians" by Expansion Chairman G. Don Ransdell, PSP Kentucky-Alabama-Tennessee Association in the Jan-Feb., 1975 High Twelvian: A Summary on how to build and strengthen our organization: Regular attendance at meetings; Let High Twelve be a monument in service to God, Masonry and Country; keep in mind purposes of our organization. Live up to duties of membership. Show a personal interest (cordial, gentleness with firmness; keep lines of communication open; disagree without being disagreeable; respect for viewpoints and feelings of Brothers.

Listen attentively when other have floor. Think for yourself. Develop your ability to communicate; promote a spirit of teamwork; stir up listless members.

Officers and leaders do homework before each meeting; be a peacemaker. Don't lose sense of humor; give credit where credit due; prevent meetings from bogging down; persuade capable persons to run for office; give your official representative respect and cooperation. Don't dodge thankless jobs that must be done; encourage, don't discourage. Back up words with deeds. Keep expenses under control; and keep long range planning in mind. Persevere amidst those disappointments and difficulties. Attend State and International Conventions. Keep High Twelve on the move. (NOTE: From 2 page article Vo.49, #4 of the High Twelvian,DLP)

FLORIDA State Association at its December, 1974 meeting, Harold W. Bremer outgoing president, elected Leslie W. Ketcham as President. Convention held at Long Boat Key. Among the out-of-state visitors to that impressive conclave were International President Louis P. Black, Calif; In 3rd V.P. Keith W. Seales, Mich; Don Ransdale, Kentucky, Charles Urmay, and Darven L. Paddock.

Over 400 attended the banquet to hear M.W. Grand Master George L. Myers, a fellow Twelvian. Florida had chartered 4 new clubs and lost 1, with total membership now of 4,256 - about 2% of the potential, according to Forrest L. Grimm. With the blessing of the Grand Master of Florida, there will only be High Twelve Clubs authorized in the future, and the Grand Lodge of Florida will no longer charter Square Clubs (independents). Among the prominent local VIPs were Howard Smith, PIP, Henry Hood, PSP and Cecil Dunham, Wolcott Trustee. Visitors Black, Seales, Mager and Paddock spoke at 20 club meetings.

WESTMINSTER (Colo.) HTC charter was presented by International President Louis P. Black at the Colorado State High Twelve Convention in Westminster on November 16. He was also Installing Officer. Leslie C. Whitney, 1st V.P. of HTI and former Colorado State President gave the Charge. State President Donald C. Davis presented the gavel to Charter President Irwin Grant. Bro. Gaines S. Green was M.C. Incoming Pres. Earl C. Slayton of Denver. Pres. Irwin D. Grant, 16 members.

WHAT HIGH TWELVE CAN DO FOR MASONRY

"Ask not what Masonry can do for High Twelve, but what High Twelve can do for Masonry" was the essence of a symposium in Palm Springs recently conducted by Darven L. Paddock, Immediate Past President of the California Assn.

A Past Master said, "It all started with the Blue Lodges; everything evolves around them." "If I were Master," said Paddock, "I first of all would want attendance at least occasionally at both Stated Meetings and Degree nights." The Senior Warden replied that in Palm Springs they try to make it easy for the Twelvian to work his way in; that the reason so many sojourners failed to attend Blue Lodge was fear of inability to get in. It was pointed out that at least in the Spring as well as in the Fall, clubs should make official visitations to the local Blue Lodges, with a good turnout a prerequisite.

Masters should be invited to be speakers; in fact, should have honorary memberships. It was suggested that their meals be paid when they do visit; and that they be given an opportunity to mention upcoming affairs, etc. The

Bulletin editors should be encouraged to carry highlights of Blue Lodge happenings, dates, etc., usually obtained from the Trestle Board. Same with Commandry, Consistory, Shrine, Eastern Star and the youth organizations. Legitimately, help bring new members into the Craft.

It was mentioned that support of all Masonic projects is a must; such as the Children's Home, Home for Elderly Masons, Public Schools Week, banquets, picnics and socials. It was strongly felt that the Masonic Temple Association was worthy of the local High Twelve Club's interest and attention. Sometimes either money or labor is needed for painting and repairs, new chairs, drapes, etc., as well as possibly taxes and rent. It is not out of line for a High Twelve Club to help as needed.

Of course Masonic Youth came in for high praise and an urgent call for help, sometimes financial, and always with adult moral support, preferably by physical presence at the chapter meetings. All High Twelve Clubs are expected to support the DeMolay Leadership Camps, and in the California Association at least, all clubs are expected to support the Ensign Mayo DeMolay Loan Fund, for college educations for worthy DeMolays. It is hoped that a good percentage of the Wolcott Scholarships go to DeMolay, Jobs Daughters or Rainbow for Girls or at least children of Masons.

All High Twelvians are expected to help with the Masonic sick, distressed, elderly and dying, as well as the widows and orphans. It was pointed out that every High Twelve Club should have a team ready, willing and able to attend funerals, wear aprons, act as pall bearers and in other ways be of help to the Blue Lodge in the conducting of a Masonic funeral.

Twelvians are expected to demonstrate a faith in God and a love of Country. We must at all times uphold the great image of Masonry; never tear it down. Twelvians should so live their lives that they are an inspiration not only to Masons but to everyone, everywhere. Also, High Twelve must never intrude on the prerogatives of Masonry.

All together, it was the consensus that High Twelve has a lot to offer Masonry, if High Twelve and Twelvians only will make the effort. Most do!

Submitted by E. Paul Whiteman

THE HIGH TWELVIAN

July-August, 1974

The Mid-Year meeting of the International Governing Board was held December 13, 1974 Clearwater, Florida, Fort Harrison Hotel. The State Presidents' meeting was presided over by Leslie Whitney, 1st V.P. Don Ransdell, Expansion Chairman reported growth: of 300 from the Toledo Convention to October 31, up to 20,298 members. Clubs formed in Sparta, N.J. (Sussex County) 6/12/74 and Bowling Green (Wood County) Ohio 6/6/74; Kissimmee (Osceola) Fla. 6/1/74; Bronson (Tri-Lakes), Mo. 8/9/74; Seminole, (Acacia) Fla. 10/30/74 & Westminster, Colo. 11/16/74.

E.C. Wolcott celebrated his 94th birthday in a convalescent hospital, according to Pres. Louis Black. In President Black's report to the Governing Board, he said, "I have averaged 188 hours per month working for High Twelve, particularly in converting the files to computer and working on the accounting in the International Office. If it was not for Bro. Wib Mager's assistance, I could not have accomplished the goals that have been attained."

"....We have a 24 hour answering service in the International Office now on the telephone, and it should assist you in case you need quick service. All jewelry, supplies and jackets are on a perpetual inventory, and all order are going out on a daily basis."

"...The past half dozen years of our officers' spreading the word at the Grand Masters' Conference have been worthwhile, since we have been able to show that the main goal of High Twelve is 'In Service to Freemasonry,' with our principal objective of bringing Master Masons back to Blue Lodge...."

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"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me..."

G.A. "Gerry" Royal passed away during the winter, according to the High Twelvian. He was President of High Twelve International 1955-56. His father, C.D. Royal was President of High Twelve International 1944-45. G.A. Royal was from Sioux City and C.D. Royal from Des Moines, Iowa. He had lived in Santa Barbara, Ca. of recent years; and had been high up in the councils of International for over 30 years.

John L. Shaw passed away January 16, 1975. He was President of High Twelve International 1970-1971. A lawyer of Temple City, Ca. and former FBI Agent, he was Past Master and Community Leader. About 400 persons attended the funeral, at which California Executive Vice President Mark Schrock gave the eulogy. (As of March, \$1,500 had been contributed to the Wolcott Foundation in John's memory besides the many Heritage Bonds sent directly to the Foundation.) At the time of his passing he was International Secretary. He left his wife Mary.

W.L. "Hoppy" Hopperstead passed away February 18, 1975, at 78 years. He was survived by his wife Frances. "Hoppy" was President of High Twelve International 1957-1958. A resident of Pasadena, Ca., a realtor, he was President of the California Association HTCs in 1952. Past Master Camelia Lodge 805. Joined High Twelve in '45.

Elliott Pendleton White, Jr. passed away 4/11/75. He was President of High Twelve International 1968-69. He had been president of his Club and his State Association. He was Editor of the High Twelvian off and on over the years, holding this position at the time of his death. He was a colorful writer by inclination, a friend by nature. His counsels were sought by High Twelve leaders. He left his wife Gertrude.

Robert L. Clynnch, PIP and former Secretary HTI, Baton Rouge, La. was appointed International Secretary to replace John L. Shaw, deceased.

Max J. Reed was appointed Editor of the High Twelvian to replace long-time Editor

E.P.White,Jr., deceased. Bro. Max had served as Editor under three previous Presidents - Vinton S.Malcolm '66-67; Leonard B.Voorhees '67-68; and E.P.White Jr., '68-69. He also had served as Associate Editor or Production Chief under various Presidents. Resident of Louisville,Ky , as was Bro.White.

Dr.James.F. Hunter,PIP, 1928-29 passed away some time during the winter. His home was Seattle, Washington, and he was an early leader of the High Twelve movement. At the Convention, it was reported that W.A Anderson (1942-43)President HTI had passed away. Date not reported. He also had served as Editor of the Hi.12vian.

HIGH DESERT (Victorville, Ca.) HTC charter presented to Dr.Robert E. Schrock,Pr., Charter Pres. of Happy Hiram (Covina,Ca.) HTC by International President Louis P. Black. California State Association President Emmitt Berry was Installing Officer. California's 1st Executive Vice President Mark Schrock is the President's brother.

The California Association of High Twelve Clubs' Ensign May Loan Fund listed a total of 173 loans, amounting to \$157,679. Monthly loan repayments averaged \$1,450.00. As of June, 1975 approximately 113 had graduated. As of Oct.1, 1975 there were 40 DeMolays still in college. Funds were now being built up for loans to Rainbow for Girls, Jobs Daughters and to any younger Master Masons still desiring to go to College who qualified by grades.

MASCOUTAH (Ill.) HTC charter relinquished 3/12/75. Chartered 3/5/68. TOPEKA (Kansas) HTC celebrated its 50th Anniversary during March. Present were International Vice President Leslie C. Whitney, who spoke on aims of his upcoming administration. State President James Zimmerman. Club President B.H. Christian presided. Harry W.Colmery and Thomas F.Martin reminisced. Kansas Governor Robt. Bennett had his Executive Assistant Dr.John Conard speak at a Ladies Day Program; and the Governor's wife, Mrs.Bennett accepted a certificate of Honorary Membership for the Governor.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY (Rosemead,Ca.) HTC's Past President Earl Hutchinson was getting the story of High Twelve, the meetings, conferences,etc. on 14,328 M#2 from 10 to 11AM daily, Pacific Time. Other amateur radio operators are welcome to join in passing the good word of High Twelve on to the Masonic Brothers.

CAPISTRANO (San Juan Capistrano) HTC charter presented by International President Louis P.Black 3/21/75 to Pres.Dr.Leslie K.Campbell. State President Emmitt Berry was Installing Officer. 50 members on charter. 140 people present at the party. Worshipful John R.Green, Master of San Clemente Lodge was M.C. Membership mostly drawn from three of the large local Mobile Home Parks.

PENNSYLVANIA State Association Convention elected Dan Pettigrew to a 2nd term as President. Bro.Louis P.Black attended the ISC of DeMolay meeting in Orlando, Fla., where he was received as an honored guest, and witnessed PIP Howard Jennings elevated to Active Member, representing HTI, and on the DeMolay Leadership Training Camp Committee.

CHULA VISTA (Near San Diego) HTC charter presented by Int.Pres.L.P.Black. Pres. Joel E.Poukkula. 64 charter members. 106 present. PSP D.L.Paddock assisted. SADDLEBACK (Laguna Hills,Ca.) HTC charter presented 5/29/75 by Louis P.Black,Int.Pr. 65 charter members. President Cyril H.Johnson. MARINA, Ca.HTC charter issued 6/13/75. 34 members. Pres.George Guthrie. ACACIA (Green Valley,Ariz.) HTC charter issued 6/23/75. 56 members. Pres.Harold L Craig.

MISS SUSAN PRETZ was employed by Presiden Louis P.Black as Office Manager March 31,1975, replacing Mrs.Lillian V.George, who served in that capacity for many years. Lillian's friendly manner and spirit of helpfulness were greatly appreciated by the Brother s who came in contact or corresponded with her.

STOCKTON HTC (Calif.) celebrated its 50th Anniversary 6/9/75 at the Scottish Rite Temple. Stockton was sponsored by the Oakland Club in 1925. Master of Ceremonies was P.P. Norman Shaw, assisted by PP W.B. "Tommy" Thompson, 115 in attendance, including International President Louis P. Black, Vinton Malcolm PIP, and Emmitt Berry, State President. 50 year pins were given to PSP Frank Mayo and to PP G. Darrah, the only living charter members still active.

LEAVENWORTH (Kan.) HTC celebrated its 50th Anniversary in the Spring. There is a notation in the May-June High Twelvian that as it went to press we had 92 Century Club members (Wolcott Foundation \$100 contributions)...and aimed to pass the 100 mark by Convention time. Kansas led with 19; Michigan 14; Illinois 11 plus 2 \$1,000 members; Pennsylvania 9; Florida 6; Colorado 5 and California. 1 Each for Missouri, Indiana, Arkansas, New Jersey, Colorado and Oklahoma. Zone 4 (Sauerwein) led; then Zone 5 (Cartwright); Zone 3, 7, 1 & 2 in that order.

Here's a story I like to tell. DLP CLINTON HTC, the little Iowa Club with the big deeds: Masonic Home, Bellendorf = \$100.00; Omaha Home for Boys=\$100.00; DeMolay, Clinton = \$50.00; Rainbow, Clinton = \$25.00; Rainbow, Comanche = \$25.00; Rainbow, DeWitt = \$25.00; Rainbow, Lyons = \$25.00....Poinsettias for all shut in Masons at Christmas = \$150.00; Corsages for all ladies at Ladies Night = \$60.00; and Wolcott Foundation \$100.00 available....all with no outside help!

BRANDON (Fla.) HTC honored Past President Forrest Grim on his birthday, presenting him with a Resolution as a "Meritorious Service Award" in recognition of the many services he had rendered to his 3 High Twelve Clubs...Brandon, Sun City Center and Sturgis, Mich, to the Florida Association and HTI. Club Pres. H.E. Powell presented.

54th Annual Convention of High Twelve International held in Tucson, Arizona June 23-26, 1975 at the Braniff Place Hotel. Don White General Chairman. 2 weeks before the Convention the Wolcott Century Club had climbed to 115. In addition, Bro. Eugene Marsh and Bro. Wm. Reiss of the Belleville (Ill.) HTC each contributed substantially more than the \$1,000 minimum requirement for the Wolcott Club membership. The total received since inception of the plan now \$15,609.33 as of their year ending 4/30/75. This was an increase in contributions of \$6,862.10 in the Wolcott Foundation financial position.

At the 9AM session Monday, High Twelve International Session, President Louis P. Black presided. There were 6 Past International Presidents present...Rose, Robertson, Clynch, Mager, Malcolm and Sivers. At the luncheon session the 15th current State Association was formally chartered, with Don E. White as 1st President. Arizona clubs (except for Sun City) formerly were Area 12 of the California Association. The new Association was composed of Tucson, Sun City, Sun Dial, Roadrunners (Monahan AFB) and Lavender Pit. They were to charter Acacia HTC (Green Valley) soon; and the Green Valley members were present in force and helped entertain.

The Sunday Necrology Service was led by Major Herman H. Smith and Rev. Dr. Edwin J. Sloan, with especial poignant memories of our six great departed International Presidents. Friday afternoon there had been the Long Range Planning Committee meeting, Saturday morning, Executive Committee Meeting; Early Saturday afternoon the State Presidents round table; and Sat. evening a chuck wagon party out in the desert. Sunday evening there was a "get acquainted" party at the Skyline Country Club. The Wolcott Foundation met Monday A.M., the annual opportunity all members of the Wolcott Foundation present (representing every paid up member of their club) get an opportunity to hear from their Trustees and to vote on propositions before that body. During all of this time there were many interesting events for the ladies; and some for the members who didn't care to attend all sessions.

The General Session reconvened 9AM Tuesday. Alfred Stewart of Clewain, Iowa was

elected Trustee to serve Zone 4 (Iowa, South Dakota, Illinois and Missouri), succeeding Harry H. Sauerwein, whose 3 year term had expired. There was a symposium, "Club Relationship to International. The luncheon address was by Assistant to the President of George Washington University, Dr. Philip D. Grub, who had replaced Max Farrington.

The tour to Nogales (Sonora) Mexico was made by a high percentage of the Conventioneers, many of whom had never been to Mexico previously. On the return, there was a delightful stop at Rio Rico Resort Arizona for a light snack. It was a beautiful evening. Then came "politikin" till about 2:30AM they say. After the General Session re-convened the next morning, among the important business was the election of officers. Tom Major of Ohio withdrew in favor of Darven L. Paddock of California for the position of 3rd Vice President.

Elected to serve as officers for 1975-76 term were: President Leslie C. Whitney, Denver, Colo; 1st V.P. Roger E. Helman, Columbus, Ind; 2nd V.P. Keith W. Seales, Howell, Mich; 3rd V.P. Darven L. Paddock, Glendale, Ca; Treasurer Wm. S. Roser, Louisville, Ky; Immediate Past President and International Secretary Louis P. Elack, Ca;

General Counsel James N. Robertson, Media, Pa; Editor High Twelvian Max J. Reed, Louisville, Ky; Associate Editor Walter F. Maas, Chicago, Ill; Pres. Emeritus E. C. Wolcott, Lutheran Convalescent Hospital, Webster Grove, Mo; Int. Chaplain Charles P. Carlson, Denver, Colo; Chairman Wolcott Foundation, Inc. Arthur Buss, Escalon, Ca; Presidential Aide PIP Wib L. Mager, Belleville, Ill.

International Zone Officer assignments: Pres. Whitney - Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and South Dakota; V.P. Helman - Indiana & Kentucky; V.P. Seales - Illinois & Michigan; V.P. Paddock - Southern Calif; Tr. Roser - Alabama & Tennessee; PIP Robertson - Pennsylvania, England & Spain; PIP Rose - Ohio; Sec. PIP Elack - Arizona & Hawaii; PIP Mager - Illinois; PIP Smith - Florida; PIP Malcolm - Oregon & Washington; PIP Clynych - Louisiana; PSP Nurisso - Northern Calif; PSG - Natal - New Jersey, New York, Mass. and Connecticut.

State Presidents: Arizona - Don E. White, Tucson; California - Emmett Berry, Fresno; Colorado - Earl C. Slayton, Denver; Florida - Leslie W. Ketcham, Clearwater; Illinois - Lawrence C. Huseman, Quincy; Indiana - Andrew H. Albrecht, Sr., Evansville; Iowa-South Dakota - Irvin W. Waage, Davenport, Iowa; Kansas - James E. Zimmerman, Topeka; Kentucky-Alabama-Tennessee - E. C. Rhodes, Louisville, Ky; Louisiana - Ray W. Burgess, Baton Rouge; Michigan - Morton Harwood, Grand Rapids; Missouri - George F. Lowery, Springfield; New Jersey - Governor Obert S. Pedersen, Succasunna; Ohio - Thomas M. Major, Columbus; Pennsylvania - Daniel Pettigrew, Pottstown.

Committee Chairmen: Affiliated Masonic Bodies - Howard M. Smith PIP, Fla; Auditor - J. Carl Menke, Illinois; Awards - Executive Committee; By-Centennial - Edward L. Natal, N.J; Budget - Wib L. Mager, Ill; Bulletins - Emil Jecman, Jr., Mo; Constitution & By-Laws - Earl C. Slayton, Colo; Convention & Future Sites - Arthur A. Wickstrom, Colo; Convention, 1976 - M. Warren Bolton; Credentials - Lewis Hoffman-Ohio; Expansion - Mark L. Schrock, Ca; Forms & Literature Revision & Control - Darven L. Paddock; Fund Raising Activities - Donald E. White, Ariz; Grand Masters Conf. - Pres. Whitney & 1st V.P. Helman, Ind; High Twelvian Editor - Max J. Reed, Kentucky; Insurance - Emil Jecman, Sr., Maryland; International Club Officers - Joseph E. Steffek; Int. Convention Club - Lem D. Whittsen, Ariz; Jewelry & Supplies - Wib L. Mager, Ill.

(Committee Liaison: Acacia Fraternity - Robert F. Clynych, PIP, La; DeMolay - Howard H. Jennings, PIP, Mich; National Sojourners - Howard H. Jennings PIP, Mich; Wolcott Foundation - Roger E. Helman, Ind;) Leadership - K. Maynard Curts, Ka; Long Range Planning - Louis P. Elack PIP, Calif; Manuals - James N. Robertson, PIP, Pa; Masonic Activity - J. Robert Watt, Ill; Med. Dir. - Dr. Hector M. Chabot, Michigan; Midyear Meeting - Robert L. Boring, Kan; Necrology - Charles P. Carlson, Colo; Nominations -

Wm. Worthen PIP, Ca; Parliamentarian - James N. Robertson, PIP, Pa; Patriotism - Standon E. Davis, Mo; Printing - Herbert H. Jacobs, Iowa; Projects - Clinton E. Ang, Ky; Public Relations - Walter F. Maas, Ill; Resolutions - Harlan Richardson, Mich; Sergeant-at-Arms - Otto H. York, N.J; Youth Activities - Harold W. Bremer, Fl.

Writing later, President Louis P. Black of the 1974-75 term said that the greatest blow was the loss of six Past Presidents during that period, and one was his International Secretary and the other the Editor of the High Twelvian Magazine. He felt that the greatest accomplishment during that period was the conversion of the address lists to computer; and the change of direction of the organization to be "In Service to Freemasonry"....and a resultant better communication and direction to the clubs. The switchover to computer caused considerable strain on the St. Louis Office until it had been perfected, with the help of Office Manager Pretz.

At the afternoon meeting of the new International Board, President Leslie C. Whitney presented his new "Mug", bearing the High Twelve International emblem on one side and his picture on the other. One of these mugs was to be given to every member getting three new members during the year.

President Whitney set as goals, this 4 point man program: 1, Every club participate in Area, State and International Conventions; support of Wolcott Foundation and support of our Masonic youth. 2, Building 30 more High Twelve Clubs. 3, Increasing membership to 22,500. 4, Four specific months to be set aside with special programs and club activities as follows: September - Masonic Youth; Nov. Patriotism; Feb. - Back to Blue Lodge; April - Wolcott Foundation, Inc.

The High Twelvian of the Year Award presentation was made by Outgoing President Louis Black to Charles F. Burkin, PIP, Kansas City. Bro. Charlie was home, ill; so Past President of the Kansas Association Robert Boring accepted it for him. The Citizen of the Year award went to Bro. President Gerald Ford of the USA, with one of his aides accepting it for him. Alan Furman, former Wolcott Foundation student and now Administrator with AID's Bureau for Population and Humanitarian Assistance spoke at one Convention session. Over 450 attended the President's banquet and installation of officers.

It was reported that attractive 2 color letterheads and envelopes were now available to the clubs for \$22.00/100 sets (cheaper in quantities); Club Secretaries to write Editor Max J. Reed of the High Twelvian Magazine. The subscription to the High Twelvian was \$2.00 a year to non-members.

Wolcott Foundation, Inc. Trustees: Chairman Arthur E. Buss, Calif. (Zone 1); Vice Chairman Alton C. Emerson, Calif. (Zone 2); Treasurer Cecil L. Dunham, Fla. (Zone 8); Sec. Philip Cartwright, Mich. (Zone 5); Howard Orpen, Pa. (Zone 7); G. Donald Ransdell, Kentucky (Zone 6); Thomas C. Ryther, Kan. (Zone 3); Alfred Stewart, Iowa (Z. 4).

State Assn. Secretaries: Ariz. - Neal G. Guse, Sun City; Calif. - W. J. Patton, Sherman Oaks; Colo. - Thomas R. Carter, Denver; Fla. - L. J. Measell, Seminole; Ill. - Eugene Dahm, Belleville; Ind. - Roger E. Helman, Columbus; Iowa-South Dakota - Richard R. Sears, Guttenburg; Kansas - John B. Schlarb, Topeka; Ken-Ala-Tenn. - Henry E. Gerlach, Louisville; Louisiana - Drew Anderson, Monroe; Mich. - Marvin M. Alward, Pontiac; Missouri - Leonard Ballman, St. Louis; New Jersey - Wesley C. Jones, Cranford; Ohio - Lewis Hoffman, Dayton; Penna. - Gerald G. Richards, Pottstown. (NOTE: It is unfortunate that lists of State Secretaries hadn't been printed in the High Twelvian long ago, or I would have listed herein. While I had some names, I didn't have enough to make it representative. DLP)

HONEYMOON (Dunedin, Fla.) HTC charter issued 7/1/75. 43 members. Pr. Robert S. Hughes. SONOMA VALLEY (Ca.) HTC charter issued 8/30/75. 28 members. Pres. Paul Marquez.

SABETHA (Kan.) HTC Charter issued 8/12/75. 26 members. Pres. Conrad F. Johnson.
CENTERVILLE (Ohio) HTC charter issued 9/29/75. 41 members. Pres. Richard A. Funk.
(If articles had appeared in the High Twelvian, more could have been written. DLP)

SAN DIEGO (Calif.) HTC charter presented 9/27/75 by Darven L. Paddock, 3rd VP
HTI to Pres. Neal E. Macurda. Gabe Saliba 1st VP was recognized as Founder-President
Ex-Officio for his organizing efforts. Club sponsored by Mt. Helix HTC. In
stalling team headed by International Sec. Louis P. Elack PIP, with State Pres.
Emmitt Berry assisting. To Area V.P. Herman Pyron went much of the credit for the
new club.

ACACIA (Green Valley, Ariz.) HTC charter party was 10/9/75, with charter being
presented by Int. Sec. Louis P. Elack PIP to Pres. Harold Craig. Don E. White, State
President was Installing Officer. Several new members were inducted by Tucson Club
Treasurer Lemel E. Whitten. W. Dean Tillotson was MC. The Green Valley Mens' Chorus
entertained under the direction of Robert Slater.

KANSAS - The 1975-76 Grand Master of Masons in Kansas was Robert H. Arnold. The
re-elected Grand Secretary was Albert O. Arnold, Jr. (no relation). Serving as Grand
Tiler was Chester Kelsey.....all members of the Topeka High Twelve Club. Atchison
HTC Secretary Ronald E. White was Grand Lecturer; and Lawrence Winegardner,
Asst. Frederick Jenson, member of Atchison HTC was Dist. 2 Deputy Grand Master.
Dist. 14 Dep. Grand Master was an Honorary Member of the Lawrence HTC. Many other
Kansas High Twelve members were appointed to Committee positions. Cited as out-
standing Mason for the year were Donald Fisher, Manhattan, PSP Ralph E. Wilson,
Leavenworth and Chester Kelsey, Topeka. (NOTE: Individual Twelvians truly "IN
SERVICE TO FREEMASONRY". DLP)

CRESCENTA-CANADA (Montrose, Ca.) charter relinquished Sept., '75. Chartered 6/57.
(NOTE: Not all was lost...about 1/2 the members transferred to Glendale-Acacia HTC)

Many Twelvians and their families took the Post Convention trip to Mexico City.
As the saying goes, "A good time was had by all", and not too many suffered from
Montezuma's Revenge we hope. Deep into the interior of Mexico makes for a lovely
and interesting area to vacation.

The Wolcott Foundation's drive for 76 in '76 (a penny a day for "an investment
in the future of America") was rolling right along. The Bicentennial year goal
was set at 200 (Century Club members). Oh yes!..the 76 was for \$76,000 in donations.

President Les Whitney chose as his column header for the year for the High
Twelvian Magazine, "The Rocky Mountain Trail Blazer." (Remember Elack's BLACK BOARD?)
Pres. Whitney's slogan was BLAZE A TRAIL FOR HIGH TWELVE. He set his goal for the
200th club and 21,000 members.

Pres. Whitney and Lois attended the chartering of the Sabetha, Kansas club; 95
people in attendance and 7 clubs represented. He attended 2 session of the De
Molay Leadership Conference in Greeley, Colorado. The Arizona International 1975
Convention Committee gave gold, anodized aluminum desk name plates for every Int.
officer and state association president. These will sit in front of those officers
at the International Governing Board meetings.

Audubon (Kentucky) HTC awarded an Honory High Twelve membership to Governor
the Honorable Julian Carroll at a special meeting of the club held in the State
Cafeteria, arranged by Audubon Club member Judge Marvin Sternberg. Presentation
made by State President E.C. Rhodes.

The beloved E. C. "Wallie" Wolcott, founder of High Twelve International died in St. Louis Thursday, November 6, 1975 in St. Louis at age 94... within moments of "high twelve", Deaconess Hospital.

Services were held Saturday evening, Sunday and Monday morning at the Hoffmeister Mortuary, St. Louis. The final services were held at the Mayflower Congregational Church, Sioux City on Wednesday. Bro. Wolcott had served early in his ministry at this church. Interment was by the side of his beloved wife and parents at the Graceland Cemetery, Sioux City. Rev. Curtis H. Lindahl, Officiating.

In St. Louis Saturday evening, the Scottish Rite Rose Croix services were conducted by William L. House, 33°, Wise Master. Mizpah Lodge 639 of Figrissant, Mo. gave the Masonic Funeral Services, William Dan Bogdan officiated, inasmuch as his own Lodge, Overland was installing officers that evening.

There was a great "gathering of the clan" from near and far to view the remains and to talk about Bro. Wolcott's many achievements. Monday's services were under the auspices of the St. Louis area High Twelve Clubs. Services directed by the Reverend Robert C. Kemper of the Alton (Ill.) First Congregational Church of which Bro. Wolcott was former minister. Honorary Pallbearers were Int. Pres. Leslie C. Whitney; 3rd V.P. Darven L. Paddock; Sec. and PIP Louis P. Black; Presidential Aide PIP Wib Mager; PIP Harold Sivers; Wolcott Foundation Trustee Alfred Stewart; Auditor J. Carl Menke; and Bulletins Chairman Emil Jecmen, Jr.

Bro. Wallie's daughter, Mrs. Katherine Wolcott Carlson of Pacific Grove, Calif. represented the family; also present were his grandchildren by adoption Courtney Nissen, Louise Nissen and Mrs. Barbara Sohm. Other prominent Twelvians from a distance were 1st V.P. Roger E. Helman; William K. Rose, PIP; Illinois Association Pres. Lawrence C. Huseman; 1st V.P. William F. Crist; and Sec. Gene Dahan. Among the prominent Missouri members were Pres. George Lowery; 1st V.P. Rudy Bueck; and 2nd V.P. John Jackson of the Missouri Assn. Local arrangement were conducted by Richard W. Gordon and Bernice, who seemed to "live" at the funeral home for the 4 days.

Arrangements in Sioux City, where the actual burial took place was under the direction of Newell F. Guernsey of Founder's Club No. 1. President Leslie Whitney, Wib L. Mager, Dick Gordon and Pres. H. L. Bughman of the Iowa-South Dakota Assn. were present at the Sioux City services, as were 14 Twelvians from Gavelers Club #91, Sioux Falls, S.D. and others from as far away as Keokuk, Iowa.

Earlier in this book were listed some of E.C. "Wallie" Wolcott's earlier life story; and the book itself is really the story of Bro. Wolcott, his triumphs and trials. I won't repeat here the many articles about his accomplishments that appeared in successive issues of the High Twelvian Magazine. I do think it appropriate to summarize the thoughts of some of the Twelvian leaders that were printed in several issues of the magazine after Wallie's passing.

President Leslie C. Whitney, "It has been my privilege to meet, know and love our beloved founder, E.C. "Wallie" Wolcott, a man of Faith, with the courage of his convictions, and filled with Brotherly Love. Let us all join in perpetuating his dream of 'Masonry in Action' through High Twelve."

1st V.P. HTI Roger E. Helman, "...Wallie' had the privilege of seeing his dream, 'High Twelve' become a Masonic luncheon group whose goal was service to Freemasonry.Our Founder made his contribution. It is our responsibility to make some of our goals for High Twelve become a reality."

2nd V.P. Keith W. Seales, "...What he (Wallie) did will live on an on, and enrich the lives of Masons and all people everywhere."

3rd V.P. Darven L. Paddock, "...Wallie Wolcott was not only by far the best sales-

man for High Twelve we ever had, he was one of the great salesmen of his time. During the five year period 1944-49 he engineered our greatest expansion drive, quadrupling High Twelve."

Treasurer Wm.S.Roser, "...I've known and loved Wallie for a long time; and since being elected Treasurer in 1962, our association has been even closer. I enjoyed knowing him and treasurer his friendship. High Twelve has lost a giant..."

General Counsel James N.Robertson, PIP, "...I was completely saddened on the loss of our founder, Wallie Wolcott. We in High Twelve must continue our efforts to expand and better High Twelve in 'Wallie's memory."

Presidential Aide Wib L.Mager, PIP, ".....This man has changed the way of life for all who accepted his wisdom. He has fulfilled his dream to unite all Masons into one family with love and care for each other...."

Wm.K.Rose, IM.Past Pres., "High Twelvians' esteem and respect for Wallie will be shown by the way we react and what we do in his name, rather than by the words we may use as a parting gesture."

Howard H.Jennings PIP, "...Sometime, I expect to tell him, 'Thanks Brother Wallie. Because of you and your creation, High Twelve, many of your Brothers enjoyed untol hours of Masonic Fellowship."

Howard M.Smith, PIP, "...He accomplished many things in various fields...but to the members of High Twelve, the most was his founding of an International Masonic Service Organization."

Dr.Leonard B.Voorhees, PIP, "...The memory of Wallie's contribution to our Fraternity and the hopes of society is the best kind of MONUMENT ever built."

Vinton S.Malcolm, PIP, "....It was during my year as President of International that after an absence of a few years he again became active in High Twelve. This to me was one of the satisfying aspects of my year."

Editor Max J.Reed, High Twelvian Magazine, ".... listening to Mr.Wolcott was like sitting at the feet of a Master Builder...who spent a great portion of his life trying to help his fellow men...."

There were so many other great tributes written to Wallie's memory. I wish I had space to quote all of them. We were all blest for either having known him or for having joined his great organization and priveleged to participate in his "dream."

When President Les Whitney spoke at the fall conference of the Arizona Association he presented 12 of his MUGS to members who had got 3 new members. Two went to Ozzie Johnson. TRI-LAKES HTC (Branson, Mo.) founded August, 1974 had doubled its membership by this past summer. They had organized and sponsored a variety benefit show presented in the Jones Auditorium at the School of the Ozarks. Proceeds \$1,200 to Branson Lodge #587 Building Fund.

Pres. Whitney, writing in the Nov-Dec., 1975 High Twelvian reminded Twelvians that two out of five High Twelve clubs chartered during the past 50 years failed. "Today almost 2/3 of our clubs have 70 members or less; and a majority are medium to small." He asked, "...Are you satisfied with your club's friendliness, activities and accomplishments? Are you helping to maintain its growth, continuity and service to Community?"

A key to the expansion prospects for the future are contained in these statistics on population, real personal income and manufacturing employment shifts by sections of the United States, taken from the Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis and Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in the May 17, 1976 Business Week.

U.S. Average percentage change 1960-1975-----Population up 18.4%; Real personal income up 77.5%; and Manufacturing employment up 9.2%, broken down as follows:

| Section of the United States | Population % | Real personal income % | Manufact- uring income % |
|--|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| SOUTHWEST - (Ariz., N.M., Texas & Okla.) | +29.4 | +105.8 | +67.3 |
| ROCKY MT. - (Colo., Utah, Woming, Idaho & Mont). | +31.6 | + 93.2 | +45.6 |
| FAR WEST - (Calif., Wash., Ore., Hawaii, Nevada and Alaska) | +34.2 | + 89.7 | +19.8 |
| SOUTHEAST - (Florida, Louisiana, Kentucky, Tenn., Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Virginia, W.V., Georgia, North and South Carolina) | +23.3 | +114.3 | +43.3 |
| GREAT LAKES - (Ohio, Mich., Ind., Ill. & Wisc.) | +13.1 | +65.1 | +3.2 |
| PLAINS - (Missouri, Iowa, Kan., Nebr., Minnesota, North & South Dakota) | + 8.4 | +70.5 | +24.0 |
| NEW ENGLAND (Conn., Rhode Island, Mass., Maine, New Hampshire & Vermont.) | +16.1 | +65.5 | - 9.2 |
| MIDEAST - (Pennsylvania, New York, Myd & Del) | +10.9 | +57.8 | -13.7 |

From 1960 to and including 1975 there was a heavy shift in population from north to south and west. Some was due no doubt to retirees seeking warmer climates, or smogless Rockies. The factories were moving south and west either for reasons of climate, more and cheaper energy sources or cheaper (and possibly non-union) labor. Younger people were either seeking employment or milder climate or safety.

If one were to look at population percentage increases only, one might be led to believe that High Twelve's greatest potential growth would be in the south, far west and Rocky Mountain states. New England has fair population growth, but manufacturing income has declined. Older, settled areas don't yield many High Twelvians; possibly because they are satisfied with the status quo. The Great Lakes and the plains states have relative slow population growths, but fair real personal income percentage growth. In fact, the plains states show a pretty good manufacturing income percentage increase, which may bring in some sojourners. The Great Lakes states should begin to come back a bit with the advent of automobile manufacturing and allied industries. Some Master Masons may return to the fold; but doubtful many sojourners.

Business Week seems to feel that manufacturing will continue to seek warmer climates or more plentiful, cheaper sources of energy. If this is so, the population may well continue to shift south and west (percentagewise). A close study of "High Twelve from the Beginning" indicates an early growth in the west; then growth in Great Lakes regions (as automobile and other manufacturing increased); then Florida, Louisiana and Pennsylvania-New Jersey as conditions improved there. Florida's growth was due to the sojourners; as was California's to a lesser extent. The plains in the early days of High Twelve contained many of the western pioneer spirits who were willing to try the High Twelve idea (which didn't take hold on the east coast or the deep south so much). So - where lies the future growth of High Twelve Clubs and members? Are these clues?

Installing Officer for the California State Convention, San Francisco, was HTI President Leslie C. Whitney. Mark E. Schrock was elected President, with Norman A. Passur moving up to 1st Executive Vice President (North) and Edward C. Purnell, 2nd Executive Vice President (South).

1975 DeMolay Leadership Conference High Twelve Clubs support: Conference: Iowa-HI-12 = 13; Georgia = 37; LaHonda, Ca. = 45; New York = 21; Missouri = 25; Arkansas = 6; Rhode Island = 4; Ohio = 19; Colorado = 9; Washington = 2; Running Springs (Sou. Cal.) = 20. Total High Twelve supported 182 out of 1813.

TULSA HTC celebrated its 50th Anniversary 11/24/75. Ted Kuykendall, Pres. Sol Goldwyn 33° MC.. Among the distinguished guests were M.W.J.C. Warner, Immediate Past Grand Master, Oklahoma; M.W. Billy Dee Sullivan Grand Master, Oklahoma; and Pres. of International, Les Whitney. Most Worshipful Sullivan was the speaker. Bro. Less Whitney "Blazed a Trail for High Twelve" in his talk. (NOTE: Wouldn't it be a great thing if this great old club were able in the near future to organize some High Twelve clubs in Oklahoma? There used to be quite a few, as you have noted from this history, as well as an active State Association. DLP)

CENTERVILLE (Ohio) HTC's charter was presented by Int. Pres. Les Whitney to Pres. Richard S. Funk 9/29/75 in the Dayton Masonic Temple Ballroom. State President Nelson F. Muntz served as M.C.

BELLEVILLE (Ill.) HTC on Oct. 15, 1975 in Glenview Lodge had a framed Honorary membership certificate presented to the new Grand Master M.W. Brother Glyden by Past Grand Master M.W. Brother Clarence P. Schwartz, on behalf of Wib Mager, PIP. The certificate was for membership in the State Association.

President Whitney in the Jan-Feb., 1976 issue of the High Twelvian reminded his readers that shortly after the death of Founder Wolcott, a letter was sent to all Club Presidents and Secretaries urging that all clubs make a contribution to our International Project in "Wallie's" name. He said there was still plenty of time for EVERY CLUB TO BUILD A CLUB, and EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER. He reminded Twelvians that in the '45-46 year there were 73 groups of Twelvians working to build new High Twelve Clubs. During '45-46 they chartered High Twelve Clubs. Pres. Whitney felt that now was the time for every club to get busy and organize a new club near them. "...The following year they added 37 more..." '47-51-52 they added another 107 new clubs... You all want to contribute as much as California, Florida and Ohio... Built that membership, Charter at least one new Club, and BLAZE A TRAIL FOR HIGH TWELVE."

At the Annual Meeting of the Colorado State Association in November, Charles W. Urney was installed as State President by Int. Pres. Leslie C. Whitney. KEYSTONE (Wichita, Kan) HTC Masonic Representative Tom Francis was elected Grand Sentinel of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour at their 40th Annual Meeting of the Convent General, Spokane, Washington. In six years he would be scheduled to be Grand Master Gen'l. The 4 top officers of the Grand Chapter, R.&M. of Kansas were members of High Twelve. Vinton C. Fishel, Lawrence Club, Grand High Priest; Thomas L. Francis, Wichita Keyston Deputy Grand High Priest; Erle Francis, Topeka Grand King; and Dr. K. Maynard Curtis, Kansas City, Grand Scribe... also Grand Lecturer of Grand Council R.&S.M.

The Mid-Year meeting of the Governing Board of H.T.I. was held Saturday, Dec. 13, 1975 in Kansas City at the Marriott International Airport Hotel. The High Twelvian Editor Max Reed aptly put it when he captioned the report in the Jan-Feb. issue, "The average High Twelve member probably has no idea how much time and effort all of the International Officers, Wolcott Trustees, Committee Chairmen, State and local officers, and many others, put into High Twelve." This goes for attendance at Mid-Year meetings. There are intensive meetings until wee hours Friday and

Saturday, until late Friday evening with several committees, and even into Saturday evening, in spite of the entertainment led by the local club(s)..

This year was no exception, but I am taking the opportunity this one year to show a little bit of the lighter side. Friday morning members of the Executive Committee and Planning Committee and their wives toured the DeMolay International Headquarters, inspecting the facilities and learning of the 1976 Leadership Conferences. Luch was at Pitko's, auspices Kansas City (Kan.) HTC, Pres. Donald Schultz presiding. Speaker was Richard V. Hope, Field Representative of International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, on Freedom of America, free enterprise and a warning on Communism.

Then, while the Long Range Planning and Executive Committees were in session, State Presidents and their ladies were to visit the DeMolay Headquarters. Some didn't make it, as the bus broke down enroute. Later the State Presidents met with Int. 1st V.P. Roger Helman for several hours. The Executive Committee worked till late.

The Mid-Year meeting was called to order at 8AM Saturday morning by Pres. Leslie C. Whitney, with nearly all of the members of the Board present. Int. Sec. Black read an outline of the work and recommendations of the Long Range Planning and Executive Committee Meetings. Discussion and action on the various proposals ran until late afternoon.

Chairman W. Warren Bolton on the International Convention, Philadelphia starting June 20 (some meetings as early as 18th) and Post Convention Trip to historic Williamsburg June 24-28, was greeted with enthusiasm. It is unfortunate that this history will not contain the story of this, which promises to be one of the greatest of all conventions; but if this writer is to have the history, HIGH TWELVE FROM THE BEGINNING ready for distribution at that Convention, there has to be a cut off.

The Board was advised of President Whitney's appointment of 3rd Vice President Darven L. Paddock to write this book; and \$500.00 to cover expense of printing 100 copies (offset) was authorized. (NOTE: The writer had no idea the book would entail so much or be so large. Thus the cost, DLP)

Chairman Robert L. Boring was an efficient and gracious host. Entertainment was provided Saturday evening after refreshments and banquet. A bus load of members and wives took a tour of Kansas City, Mo. to see the spectacular Christmas lighting effects. The weather was well behaved during the Conference.

In the March-April, 1976 High Twelvian, President Whitney gave as examples quotes from Woody Valentine, keynote speaker at the Illinois Spring Conference on "Paying the Price." He gave as examples athletes to have been willing to pay the price for success. Examples of what Bro. Les felt we could do, if "You will only 'Try the Impossible and Dare to Fail' . . .

a - Build a new club before June 15; b - Increase your club membership by extending the right hand of fellowship more often c-Make sure that 'Friendliness abounds' at club meetings, and every guest is made welcome; d - Support the Masonic Youth of your community, and send at least one DeMolay to Leadership Conference; e - Make sure your club supports the Century Club Program; f - Be a 'Bicentennial Club' this year with a contribution of \$3.65 per member to the Wolcott Foundation....76 in 76, a penny a day for 'An Investment in the Future of America.'

Bro. Les and Lois attended the Illinois Quarterly Board Meeting in Springfield; the Annual Wolcott Meeting in Washington, D.C. and represented us at the Grand Masters

Conference in Philadelphia. We will represent you again at the ISC of DeMolay Conference, Indianapolis, Ind. March 14-17...."

The March-April, 1976 High Twelvian contained pictures and prices of available jewelry.

GARDEN GROVE (Calif.): Charter issued 1/30/76.. 41 members. Founder and President Earl R. Vaughan. 3rd Int. V.P. Darven L. Paddock presented the charter. State President Mark Schrock was Installing Officer. Edward C. Purnall, 2nd Executive V.P. of the California Association was Master of Ceremonies.. The organizer, Bro. Earl Vaughan began right away to start several other clubs in Orange County, one of the best fields for High Twelve Clubs in the United States. Within several years it was vowed it would be a separate area (like San Diego County) within the California Assn..

BAYONET POINT (Florida) HTC really started when P.P. Langlois of the New Port Richey Club arranged for a meeting with a group of Masons at Bayonet Point 11/21/75. Earlier Bro. Langlois had formed the New Port Richey HTC with 114 on the charter. Results... 101 on Charter application; shortly after Charter closed there were seven more.

One Feb. 21, 1976 there were 217 at the Charter party, members, ladies and guests. Howard Smith, PIP, presented the charter and installed the officers. Pres. Polkinghorn of the New Port Richey Club, sponsors, led a large delegation, and presented the gong and gavel. State President Carl Peterson, 1st V.P. Larry Bartley of the State Assn., and other Masonic and High Twelve dignitaries were present.

Form L-114, HIGH TWELVE IN SERVICE TO FREEMASONRY, a vital and timely message to all Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers, Inspectors, Masters and Lodge Officers was now available to the clubs. This brochure was yet another selling tool for High Twelve created by Darven L. Paddock, his theory being that a scatter gun approach is not always the best way in selling. Sometimes the salesman should have a high powered rifle of a selling piece to 'zero' in on the target.. This brochure was not meant for general distribution, but to go only to those listed above in order to help break down the resistance at the Blue Lodge and Grand Lodge levels.

Bro. Thomas C. Ryther, writing in the March-April, 1976 High Twelvian told of the latest Wolcott Happenings. Trustee Ryther mentioned that of the four Wolcott Club contributions to date (\$1,000 or more each), three came from estates of deceased Brethren who had thoughtfully provided for generous bequests in their wills. This list included Carman Adams, Eugene J. Marsh (still active); William Martin Reiss; and H. Halvor Barrows.

The Cherryland, Mich. High Twelvettes recently contributed \$100.00 to the fund. Indiana set an all-time record which it challenged any other state to meet, when Andrew H. Albrecht was installed as State President eight brothers celebrated the occasion by becoming Century Club members en masse.

At the ISC of DeMolay, Bro Fred Doty, PSP, DeMolay Executive from Northern California was invited to Eugene, Oregon to start a club in Eugene, etc. High Twelve Clubs are to act as sponsors of DeMolay in that area..

PENNSYLVANIA State Association Convention April 3, 1976 had the biggest group ever, according to Pres. Leslie C. Whitney of HTI. About 80 for luncheon, and all clubs represented. At the Mid-Year Governing Board meeting, they voted that Illus. George Newbury 33° receive ... the International Founders Award. He was the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

The High Twelvian of the Year Award was voted to be presented to Carl Menke of the Quincy, Ill HTC. Bro Carl had been one of the oldest members in years of service and a stalwart Twelvian at the Club, State and International level. You will

find Carl Menke and his works mentioned in this history a number of times. The presentation to Bro Carl was to be made at the International Convention, Philadelphia, as was that to Bro Newbury. Bro. Newbury, however, would be unable to attend, so Pres. Whitney presented it to him while attending the Grand Masters' Conference Philadelphia.

While 1st V.P. Roger Helman was in attendance at the Board of Trustees meeting Wolcott Foundation, Inc. along with Pres. Whitney, he was unable to attend the Grand Masters Conference in Philadelphia due to the public schools in Columbus, Ind. trying to make up for lost time due to previous heavy snows. 2nd V.P. Keith W. Seales was then scheduled to attend, but was hospitalized. Immediate Past International President Louis P. Hlack, Int. Sec. attended in his place. Also present was International President Whitney. Both Lois and Julie also made the trip. Some of the new forms L-114 were distributed.

President Whitney was scheduled to be in Topeka, Kansas April 23 and 24, St. Louis, Mo. May 1 and 2; Waterloo, Iowa May 7; Jackson, Mich. May 21 & 22, attending State Conventions. V.P. Roger Helman was to cover the Baton Rouge Convention, and Wib Mager, PIP to attend West Orange, N.J.

It was reported on April 14, 1976 by Pres. Whitney that both Guam and Seattle HFCs had been lost to us, and probably one in California. To offset this, Secretary Louis Hlack PIP advised me that there are now again 5 clubs in Colorado (Colorado Springs).

Wib Mager PIP and Presidential Aide wrote 4/26/76 that the Illinois State Convention 4/23-25, Oak Park was fine. He reported that it rained most of the day Saturday, and then got cold. It snowed as he drove home to Belleville. He suggested that when I attend the Convention in my year as President I bring along all kinds of clothes. 2nd V.P. Keith Seales and Lucille also attended the Conv., and reported he was going to go back to the hospital for a checkup.

Wolcott Foundation Board of Trustees Chairman Arthur E. Buss wrote President Leslie C. Whitney April 16, 1976, hoping that that a policy could be established by the International Board, setting up a definite sum to be sent to the Foundation on the passing of an International Officer, Past International President and other important persons.

President Leslie C. Whitney's personal check for \$100.00, sent 4/27/76 would make the Wolcott Memorial exceed \$5,000.00, taking into consideration the \$100.00 donation from the Kansas State Convention. "...I am pleased that this is the greatest year ever in support of our project. It is a thrill to think that we are almost to the \$50,000 mark in contributions. Your Executive Staff has worked like heck to help get it there." (NOTE: Buss later reported \$65,000 had been collected.)

Chairman Buss also recommended that when the supply of Heritage Bonds was exhausted, it not be replaced. "...It has posed plenty of problems for us -- particularly answering the question, 'Why is not my Heritage Bond purchase noted in the Treasurer's Report?'" Pres. Whitney in reply, felt it was by far the best tool (besides the Century Club Program). (NOTE: The feeling among many Twelvians was that the Heritage Bond was a way those who couldn't afford to become Century Club members could participate. This debate no doubt will go on for some time. DLP)

Here is Wallie's prayer, taped by Howard H. Jennings PIP at the Denver Convention: "Our Dear Heavenly Father, we've come in humility and gratitude for all that thou has given us in the wonderful fellowship of Masonry. Brotherly love dominates all of our relationships, unlimited confidence in our Brothers. And we thank thee for the leadership that came from You to to help us create and build this wonderful hour of fellowship at which Brothers could meet, not to grind out any business prob-

lems, but to talk about the fine things that could be done by Masons, prompted entirely by brotherly love and unselfishness.

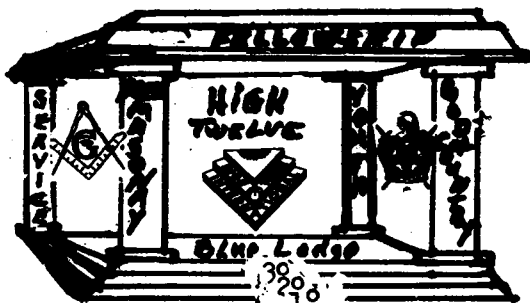
"And we are deeply grateful, in love, to You for all these 50 years of leading all of us in club building and in High Twelve club meetings, and in the education and aid given to our Masonic Youth; DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, and Rainbow Girls, to help them into leadership of life through our fellowship and our gifts.

"We thank Thee for all of this, and pray that we shall always have thy leadership and direction, in keeping us entirely, not in any selfish purposes, but in the service of Almighty God, Our Savior Jesus Christ, and our Brother Masons. All in Our Master's name..Amen." Wallie was 90 years old at the time.

Alabama 2; Arizona 6; California 82; Colorado 4 (+ 1 soon); Florida 49; Guam-1-(--1-seen); Hawaii 2; Illinois 10; Indiana 6; Iowa 16; Kansas 11; Kentucky 7; 6 Louisiana; Michigan 20; Missouri 14; New Jersey 8; New York 1; Ohio 25; Oklahoma 1; Oregon 2; Pennsylvania 11; South Dakota 3; Tennessee 2; Washington-1; Nebraska-1; England 1; Spain 1. California reports working on several, as does Florida. Clubs in several states do not seem to be in the best of health. Several will be revitalized. 21,226 members as of 4/23/76 ... 290 clubs.

I can think of all kinds of admonitions in closing this history of High Twelve, High Twelve from the Beginning. But it's all been said by our great leaders in this volume, as it happened. Wallie said it all in this foregoing prayer. It would be a shame to let him down. We won't let him down. I envision a great Crusade soon, a drive for new members, a drive to reinstate the lost clubs and members, and a great drive for new clubs like the master shepherd of High Twelve led many years ago. Wallie has left us the wherewithal, of which we will all some day learn, to accomplish this.

In the meantime, why not EVERY CLUB FORM A CLUB? WHY NOT EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER.... NOW?



"THIS GREAT STRUCTURE KNOWN AS HIGH TWELVE MAY BE LIKENED UNTO A CANOPY OF LOVING FELLOWSHIP WHICH PROTECTS US FROM THE VICISSITUDES OF LIFE, SUPPORTED BY FOUR MIGHTY PILLARS, NAMELY....

MASONRY ITSELF, AND ALL FOR WHICH IT STANDS. GOD AND COUNTRY, AND OUR SINCERE BELIEF IN AND SUPPORT OF BOTH.

YOUTH, AND ESPECIALLY MASONIC YOUTH..... THEIR EDUCATION AND WELL BEING.

SERVICE, AND ESPECIALLY TO OUR MEMBERS..... OUR SICK, DISTRESSED, ELDERLY, DYING, WIDOWS AND ORPHANS. WE DO NOT FORGET!

THESE FOUR GREAT PILLARS REST ON THAT MIGHTIEST OF FOUNDATIONS, THE BLUE LODGE, WHICH WE HAVE REACHED BY THREE STEPS, THE 1st THREE DEGREES OF FREE MASONRY"

Darven L. Paddock
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Vice President and
Historian - 5/17/76

Memorial Services for
The Rev. E. C. "Wallie" Wolcott
Born: Muscatine, Iowa—April 22, 1881
Died: St. Louis, Missouri—November 6, 1975

EULOGY

Sleep on, -O man of God;
You dared great things...
The Master saw you through.
Like David of old,
You saw the need,
You heard the clarion call
Of service great to
God and fellow man.

You were the channel
That God speaks through,
To rise and follow Him.
To fight for right.

To bring His way upon the earth.
He needs such men,
Gives strength to those who will...
And courage from within.

Sleep on, -O man of God,
Safe in His Everlasting Arms.
We are left to carry on, to
Pick up your torch and
Dare great things in trust and faith,
That right may come;
And lives like yours
Shall never have been
Lived in vain.

M. F. Geaney
Founder's Club No. 1

