

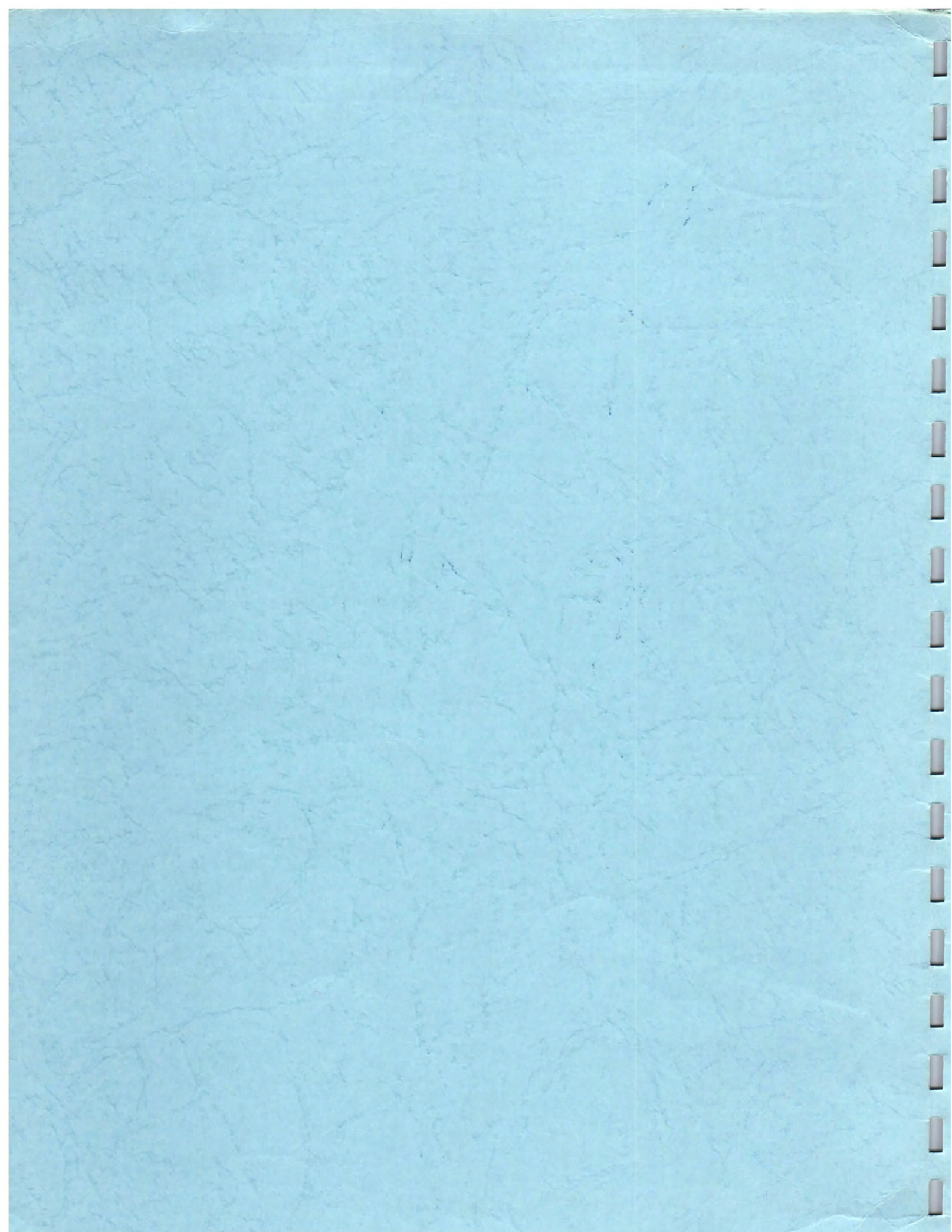
HIGH TWELVE FROM THE BEGINNING



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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

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 Hopper	1953-54 J.Nelson Truit	1969-70 Howard M.Smith
1938-39 Rodney Q.Salby	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.Black	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. Peltak

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.Prall 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 ensures to the promoter.'" (Note: 1923-24, he apparently was an "acting" president. DLP)

1924-2 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 typewritten 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 330 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 Telv'n 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 its 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. J. 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 HTC 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, FIP.

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, PIP, 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 affect 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. home 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 corks & 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; Blackwell, 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 ³³, 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 publication 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 propogated 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.



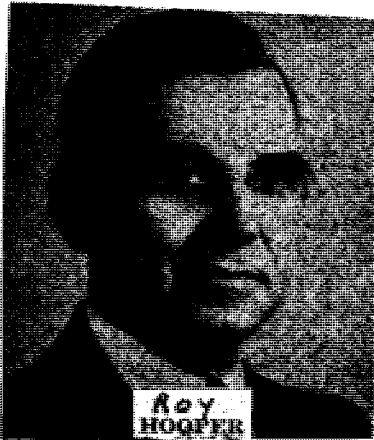
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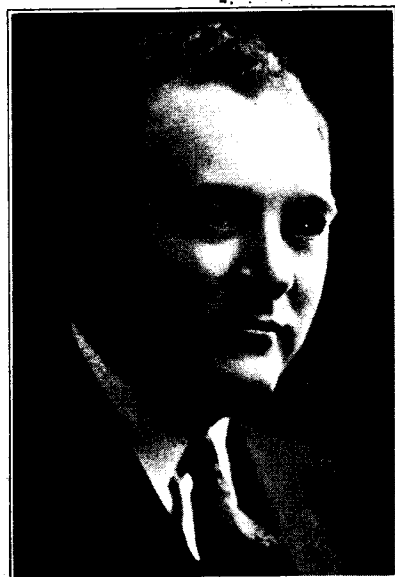
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HUGH ALLERTON, Lawyer



LEONARD ENGSTROM

As of December, 1931 the following no longer reported as active clubs: Amarillo, Texas; Osawatimie, 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 livliet 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 DeJaneiro 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 DeJaneiro 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 Borger 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.
METH 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 Osawatomie.) 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 - ETHIOPIA INVADED BY MUSSOLINI. 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 De Janeiro, 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 De Janeiro. 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 De Janeiro, 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.

~~6/12/36~~ - 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 REFUDIATED 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 underpriveleged 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 organisation 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 Berger 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 Berger 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 Borger, 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
#40-41



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, Shirly-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. Elwett of Stockton; and in 1938 Vincent H. Chantler of Oakland. In the June, 1938 High Twelvian, International 2nd V.P. Elwett 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. Wolcott, 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 Norwest 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 & By-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, Berkeley 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 36 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 Tepeka 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 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 H. 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.

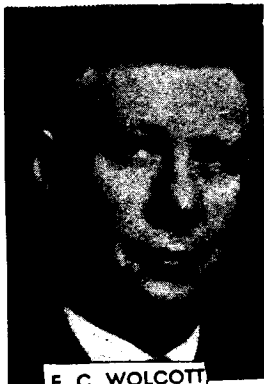
On March 2, 1943, E.C.Wolcott proposed to Clark Beem, PIP and to President Anderson the idea of "sponsors". He would act as Assistant International Secretary. The "Sponsors" would each give \$100.00. One half of the gifts, plus \$1,500 from the International Treasury, plus \$800 from new clubs, or a 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.

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E. C. WOLCOTT

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



H. F. FLAHAVHAN