

A busload of Twelvians from WICHITA, KANSAS CITY and MANHATTAN, Kan. descended on the CONCORDIA, Kan. group discussing formation of a new club, and helped with the organization. R.W. "Bob" Busby was the Concordia "spark plug" and acting president. He served as Master of his Lodge previous year, and was currently (late '66) President of the Past Masters Club. Roy Kelly acting Secretary during orgiz. period.

James L. Turnbull, Youth Activities Chairman of South Dakota Clubs Organization in Sioux Falls in speaking of assistance given DeMolay by High Twelve, asked in the March-April, 1967 High Twelvian, "What about the International Order of Jobs Daughters, Rainbow for Girls and probably others?" "...We should expand our Masonic Youth program in all the facets, and by name so that all Brothers and People know our total youth activity program." He invited all Brothers to visit and get active in Masonic Youth programs.

DOWNTOWN TOLEDO HTC, largest in the nation, continued to average more than 100 at weekly meetings. It took in 60 members during 1966 under the leadership of Presidents Richard Swartzell and Everett Eakin, each service 6 mo. now over 310 members.

CALIFORNIA CLUBS AS OF 2/1/67: Alameda, Albany, Alhambra, Arcadia, Arlington, Atwater (Geo. Bloss), Bakersfield, Baldwin Park, Beale AFB (Far West); Berkeley, Burbank, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Castle AFB (G.D. Richardson); Chico, Chula Vista (South Bay); Coachella Valley, Concord, Covina (Happy Hiram), Culver City (Heart of Screenland), El Cajon, Fort Ord (Army Memorial), Fremont, Fresno, Glendale-Acacia, Hamilton AFB, Hayward, Hemet (Hemicycle), Hollywood, Hueneme Bay, Idyllwild Mile Hi; Lemon Grove (Mt. Helix), Livermore, Lodi, Downtown LA, L.A. (4th Estate), March AFB (Hap Arnold) Maryville (Yuba-Sutter) Monterey Park, Montrose (Crescenta-Canada), Morro Bay (Estero), Napa, Downtown Oakland, East Oakland, Oceanside (Oceana), Paradise, Oroville, Pasadena, Paso Robles, Petaluma, Pomona, Richmond, Riverside, Rosemead (San Gabriel Valley), Sacramento, Salinas, San Diego (NorthPark), San Francisco, San Jose, San Leandro, San Louis Obispo, San Rafael (Marvelous Marin); Santa Rosa, South Pasadena-San Marino, Stockton, Taft, Temple City, Twain Harte, Walnut Creek, Rossmore, Woodland, Yreka, Yucapia....a total of 42 in Northern Calif. and 30 in Southern Calif...total 72 clubs.

Northern California DeMolay Association officers, their sweetheart and a group of legislatures met recently in Governor Reagan's office to witness the signing of a proclamation designating March 12-15, 1967 as DeMolay Week. A picture of the event is in the May-June, 1967 High Twelvian. PSP Fred Doty and other prominent High Twelvians were present.

MEMBERS BY STATES: about 1st of Jan., 1967...CALIF: 4,369; FLORIDA: 1,461; MICHIGAN: 1,123; OHIO: 1,123; IOWA: 1,096; ILL: 1,015; MISSOURI: 682; PENNSY: 612; KANSAS 563; LOUISIANA: 419; INDIANA: 392; NEW JERSEY: 368; KENTUCKY-ALABAMA: 288; COLORADO: 206; WASHINGTON: 147; SOUTH DAK: 126; OKLA: 82; NEW YORK: 52; NEBRASKA: 37; MISSISSIPPI: 31. total 14,192.

PORTRAIT OF A GOOD CLUB...High Twelvian May-June, 1967: "The Youth Committee gets things done for the DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, Rainbow Girls, Wolcott and other funds. The Civic Committee gets the clubs to participate in Fairs, Parades, Public Schools Work, Citizens of the Year Awards, etc. The Expansion Committee is activating members into getting new members, retaining old ones and finding possible new club locations. The Visitation Committee sees that members really do visit Blue Lodges en masse; and that other clubs are visited on an exchange basis.

"The Program Committee brings good clean interesting programs; the Publicity Chairman tells the world about it. The Bulletin Editor issues a newsy sheet with this and other pertinent information. The Secretary and the Treasurer are Workers. There is a sign (or two) posted on the main thoroughfares. Someone hangs a sign in front of the Cafe when meeting day arrives. A Host greets the visitor at the door, and assigns

a member to stay with the visitor and introduce him around. Members wear lapel pins.

"The club displays its banner. Its lectern has a High Twelve insignia. Business cards, book matches and brochures are handed out. (Your printer will print cards). Every town has an agent for book matches; and International, St. Louis now has brochures..."

"The meeting is opened with a flag salute and a prayer to Deity. There is a quiet period for renewal of acquaintance. Blue Lodge Announcements are made. Then Old Pot does his job, and there's fun and frivolity...some clean jokes. The good president wouldn't conduct club business at a regular meeting for anything. He leaves that for the Board Meeting. Then he quiets everyone down and the Program Chairman for the day introduces the speaker. Now, everyone is attentive and respectful.

"When it is all over, everyone is welcomed back. Members who are on their toes are quietly working on visitors who are prospects. The speaker is given a token of the Club's esteem for having gone to the trouble to come and to give a talk.

"Everyone leaves, thinking, 'What a great club. I'm glad I belong (or I wish I belonged)'. IS THIS A PORTRAIT OF YOUR CLUB?" DLP

At the 1966-67 Annual Convention of the Florida Association Elmer Olson of the Sun Coast Club was elected President, succeeding Dr. H. V. Pierce. President of HTI Vinton S. Malcolm reported he had visited all 14 State Associations, plus many local clubs during his year as President. "...It is my fervent hope that in some way I have succeeded in spreading the sunshine and good fellowship of HTI at these meetings, for I certainly have derived pleasure beyond description from the visits."

Editor Max J. Reed of the High Twelvian acknowledged John L. Barrett of Lancaster, Pa. as the artist who did the high quality art work for the High Twelvian covers. He was a project designer for Armstrong Cork.

ROSSMOOR HTC, Walnut Creek, Ca. had more than doubled in size since its founding in 1965 to a total of 343, and rightly wondered if they by now were the largest club in HTI. The club's list of good deeds, contributions to worthy causes and projects was a goal to be envied by most clubs. The California clubs spent during 1966 \$4,620 on the 77 De Molay boys they sent to camp.

DEARBORN (Mich.) HTC charter forfeited during May, 1967. It was chartered 12/3/57. HAMILTON (Ohio) Charter presented 5/20/67 by Dr. Leonard Voorhees, 1st V.P. HTI, with Roy Hinch Installing Officer. Formed through efforts of Ohio State Assn. 2nd V.P. Herman H. Lawrence, M.C. 44 members. Pres. Geo. C. Dalton, hoping to have 75 mbrs soon.

6/5/67 - 6/10/67 SIX DAY WAR BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARABS.

International Convention, Oakland, Ca., Hotel Claremont, June 25-28, 1967. Singles \$13.00, Twinbeds \$17.00; Reg. and Activity books - Men \$30.00, Women \$27.00. HAMILTON (Ohio) HTC club charter party 5/20/67. 160 guests and members present. 44 members on charter. \$77.50 was collected and given to the Wolcott Foundation, in the name of one of their charter members, James R. Fitzgerald, who was inducted posthumously. Charter presented by Pres. Roy O. Hinch, Ohio Assn. 3rd V.P. Homer A. Spence of Ohio Assn. installed. Herbert H. Lawrence, 2nd V.P. Ohio, was M.C. He was also the guiding light in formation of the club. Pres. Geo. Dalton. Presentations made by numerous clubs.

At the Convention, Oakland, Walter A. Fullerton, Chairman of the Youth Committee

reported High Twelvians were sending more DeMolays and Masons to Leadership Camps than there were High Twelve Clubs....nearly 250....roughly double previous year.. Marvelous Marin HTC was sending 7. Fullerton said there were 2,500 DeMolay chapters,"..so we have a long way to go."

3rd Int.V.P. Howard M.Smith brought up PIP Robert F.Clynch's 9 point program of Long Range Planning. He asked the question, "Why are the Service Clubs of about the same age as High Twelve many times larger? 1. We lack continuity, and must learn to transmit information from one year's officers or committees to the next. All standing committees should be for a period of 3 years (3,2 & 1 yr to start)." (NOTE: This makes several times this idea has been proposed over the years.)

"2. We are not a Masonic Organization, but an organization of Master Masons. We must bind ourselves closer to the Symbolic Lodges and function as a Masonic Service Club. "...When we become more interested in the projects of the Grand Lodge in which we are located, we will be in Service to Freemasonry, and they will respond and help us grow." 3. Leadership training and work shops are of vital importance if we are to expand." "....To meet and eat is not enough, and without well planned and interesting programs and activities, we will not progress."

4. "Every State Association should ascertain if the Masonic Service Association has a Director in their state, and what you can do to assist him. He will no doubt be located at a government hospital and rehabilitation center...." 5. "Arrange an annual High Twelve Day at the Masonic Home in your jurisdiction."...."May need Guild helpers."

6. "Does your Grand Jurisdiction have a blood bank? Join it for the benefit of the members. 7. "Do your local clubs keep in touch with the widows of High Twelvians? Do you invite them to Ladies Days, and prove transportation for them when needed?" 8. "Instead of giving flowers, give a living memorial to the Wolcott Foundation." 9. "Every club should have a Masonic Relationship Committee, and work with the local Lodge Officers; and should announce at each meeting of the club what work is scheduled for the ensuing week. This is a wonderful committee to be headed by a Past Master."

The Public Relations Committee objectives were listed as Better programs; more publicity; more and better bulletins; wider use of promotional items (posters, pins, banners, plaques, business cards, book matches, brochures and signs); greater emphasis on Public Education; more youth activities; more Community Recognition activities; speakers bureau (every club with 2 or 3 members who can give a 15 minute pitch before Blue Lodges, etc. on purposes and activities of High Twelve.) Settle on standardized jacket and hat; and more participation in parades and fairs. DLP

These Constitution & By-Laws changes adopted by roll call vote at the 1967 Convention: Art.IV, Sec. 1 of the Const.of HTI to read, "The Officers of HTI shall consist of the Pres.,1st V.P., 2nd V.P., 3rd V.P., Immediate Past President, Sec., Treas., Genl.Counsel;" and ART II, Sec.3b..."The Secretary and General Counsel shall be appointed by a majority of the Governing Board; and Art.II, Sec.7f, Office Mgr., "The Governing Board may, in its sole discretion appoint an office manager (job description given)."

"Art II, Sec.9 of By-Laws, "Officers (other than Secretary) shall serve without compensation; but they shall be reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties. The Compensation for the Office Manager and the Secretary shall be fixed by the Governing Board from time to time."

Article III, Sec.1f, Delegation of Powers, "The Governing Board may assign to any officer or officers of HTI, authority to exercise on its behalf various duties. Pro-

vided, that such duties shall be delegated by specific action of the Board for designated purposes only, or delegated to an Executive Committee for general purposes, said committee's actions to be subject to the Board's review and ratification at the Board's next meeting."

ART.III, Sec.2c, Reports. "Promptly after the last meeting of each month, the Secretary of each local club shall send to the Office Manager an official Monthly Report, made on forms to be provided by HTI, containing such information and data as the Governing Board may prescribe."

ART.V, Sec.1....Standing Com: "The President shall appoint as soon as possible after assuming office, the following standing committees: Const.& B-L., Expan.& Future Planning; Budgetary; Youth Activities; Projects; Masonic Activities; International Club Affairs; Public Relations.

ART.VI, Sec.2b related to statement dates, "On each February 1st, the Office Manager shall send to the Secretary of each local club a statement of the amount payable as per-capita dues for the immediately preceding December. Payment shall be made on or before March 1st subsequent thereto. A similar statement shall be sent on August 1st for the number of active members shown on the club's report for the immediately preceding June, and payment shall be made on or before Sept. 1st subsequent thereto. In the absence of a December or June report, the statement shall be based on the latest preceding report."

Int.1st V.P. E.P.White,Jr. listed various suggested programs suitable for club use, the result of a questionnaire: 1. Discuss the year's program at outset of new officers taking over; 2. Effective and impressive installation of officers; 3. Crippled or handicapped children are heart stirring subjects; 4 Church recognition Sunday; 5. Media appreciation Day; 6. Fashion Show for Ladies Day or Night. 7. Golf Tournament; 8. Father & Son Luncheon; 9. Inter-club visitation; 10. One club attributed 30% increase in membership to entertaining programs. 11. Honor and reward policemen, firemen, etc; 12. Thanksgiving, Lincoln, Washington, Christmas provide reasons for obvious programs; Constitution, Bill of Rights, Flag Day talks. 14. mock wedding for June, Trick or Treat for October. Let humor prevail; 15. Representatives from Masonic oriented organizations; Service Organizations representatives, such as Salvation Army; 17. Member recognition; 18. State Association President or Vice President...International Officers.

In reflecting back on his year as International President, Vinton Malcolm recently indicated one of his problems was the illness of the Administrator, who "could not operate to his full capacity", so was relieved of his post. "We also got out of the red and ended the year in the blue." "...We were trying to apply for exemption for the IRS, and we have Louis Black to thank. He did a good job, as he had to go back many years." "...We had a steady growth in membership."

The workshop breakfast was interesting. Panel members were given 5 minutes each to make a point or two on the subjects assigned. Pres.Harlan G.Richardson of the Michigan Association moderated. International Officers were panelists. The incoming president Leonard R.Voorhees was interviewed for T.V. PIP James N.Robertson installed the new officers (listed below). The Florida Association won the California-Florida(new club charter)contest with Expansion Chairman Ernest A.Ford presenting the trophy which he had made in his own workshop out of California redwood. Ford gave credit for Florida's current growth to Expansion Committee Chairman Warren Wade and to International V.P.Howard Smith, Florida 1st V.P.Henry Hood accepted the award. 2nd V.P.Smith said that Florida again challenged California, proposing a point system...net increase in clubs 50 points; net increase in dues paying members 50 points; Contest to end 4/30/68.

The membership was listed at 14,808 in 237 clubs (increase of 8 clubs).

Officers elected for 1967-68 term. President Leonard R. Voorhees, Newbury, Ohio; 1st VP - E.P. White, Jr., Louisville; 2nd V.P. - Howard M. Smith, Dunedin, Fla; 3rd V.P. - John L. Shaw, Temple City, Ca; Treas. Wm. S. Roser, Louisville, Ky. The General Counsel was James N. Robertson, Media, Pa; Im. P.P. V.S. Malcolm, Oakland, Ca; Chairman Wolcott Foundation - Arthur E. Buss, Escalon; Editor, High Twelvian - Max J. Reed, Louisville, Ky; Asso. Ed. Darven L. Paddock, Glendale, Ca; Int. Chaplain Bishop Stephen Robinson, Des Moines, Iowa; Office Manager, Mrs. Lillian George, St. L. Headquarters still at 3681 Lindell Blvd., St Louis, Mo. 63108 (& for many years to come).

The High Twelvian listed the following as State Presidents: CALIF: Marvin E. Lechner, San Rafael; COLORADO: Walter L. Rymill, Boulder; FLORIDA: E.W. Olson, Palm Harbor; ILLINOIS: Lee W. Goby, Springfield; INDIANA: Lloyd H. Nickerson, Columbus; IOWA: Newell F. Guernsey, Sioux City; KANSAS: John H. Murray, Leavenworth; KENTUCKY-ALA: Verlon Gosser, Louisville; LOUISIANA: Stanton D. Neal, Jr., Shreveport; MICHIGAN: Harlan G. Richardson, Detroit; MISSOURI: Ben E. Stover, Springfield; NEW JERSEY: Sidney Dantine, Bridgeton; OHIO: Roy O. Hinch, Euclid; PENNSYLVANIA: Peter Stevens, Morristown.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: Const. & By-Laws - Wm. K. Rose, Ohio; Expansion - Herman Lawrence, Ohio; Budgetary - Emil M. Jecmen, Mo; Youth Activities - Walter A. Fullerton, Jr.; Projects - Walter L. Rymill, Colo; Masonic Activities - Granville Youngs, Fla; International Affairs (Military) - Col. Wilber J. Myers, Mich; Public Relations, DL Paddock.

OTHER COMMITTEES: Resolutions - Florian W. Kennedy, Indiana; Nomination - Dr. L. S. Treverthen, Iowa; Leadership - Rev. Brooks Barker, Ill; Manuals - Don Mathewson, Ca; Office Equipment - Harry Pierson, Calif; Convention - Lewis Hoffman, Ohio; Credentials - T. Archer Brown, Mich; Necrology - Bishop Stephen Robinson, Iowa and Rev. Clarence J. Bradbury, Ohio; Workshops - Clarence Schiefer, Ohio; Parliamentarian - Monta Shirley, Ca; Auditor - J. Carl Menke, Illinois.

Newly elected President Leonard B. Voorhees outlined his plans for his term. 1. Improve communications, especially Local Clubs, State Associations and International, and by committee functions. 2. Continue history of State Associations; 3. Job descriptions of elected and appointed officers and employees through implementation of the new manual in process; 4. Analyse and emphasize importance of attendance....now averages only 30%.

5. Spend more International Officer time on saving clubs. 6. Identify and clarify duties of International Representative; 7. Establish a Convention File for use of future Convention Chairmen; 8. Improve our IMAGE through Community Service and furthering our Masonic Principles.

DR. J. WALLACE FORBES DIED at 62 in Philadelphia. He was President of High Twelve International 1950-1951, and chairman for many years of the Wolcott Foundation. He was a member of the Temple University School of Dentistry staff for 30 years. 7/22/67.

CLEARWATER (Florida) HTC received the High Twelve International Honor Award from International 2nd V.P. Howard M. Smith in recognition for its many services, including to Freemasonry, Youth, Masonic Home, DeMolay camp, Veterans of Bay Pine Hospital among others.

JULY, 1967...BLACKS RIOT IN NEWARK, N.J. and in DETROIT (7/23 - 7/30)
10/20/67 ...7 WHITE MEN CONVICTED OF SLAYING 3 CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS 6/22/64 IN MISSISS.
1967 Wholesale price set at 100. By '72 = 119.1; '73 = 134.7; 6/74 = 155.3.

Pres. Dr. Leonard B. Voorhees to the Governing Board and all Club Secretaries.....
"In 1921 the first High Twelve meetings were based on a fellowship hour with pie and coffee for about a quarter. Time has changed much of our format, and a modern realistic purpose or mission should have evolved. Our fine International project - Wolcott Scholarship Fund....is only part of why we exist." "...A somewhat similar relationship has evolved with DeMolay and the Leadership Camp Candidates." He felt these are projects rather than missions.

"High Twelve is 46 years old and only 15,000 members out of a total of possibly well over 4 million..." "We tend to view the work of High Twelve somewhat apart from Masonry. It is really an adjunct to Masonry. Then to promote Masonry is to promote our Freedom." "...Let us rededicate our efforts to the Mission of Masonry."

PENINSULA HTC (Calif.) chartered in 1967 according to memo. No date, etc. shown. The Berkeley HTC and the California Association presented the Benjamin Franklin Award to Dr. S. H. Babbington, President of the California Assn., 1950-51 by authorization of International President Dr. Leonard B. Voorhees and State President Marvin B. Lechner. Presentation made by PIP Vinton S. Malcolm.

The Mid-Year meeting of the Governing Board of H.T.I. was held 12/2/67 at St. Louis, Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel. It was well attended and marked by a very noticeable feeling of enthusiasm. 11 of the 14 State Presidents were on hand, and numerous Past International Presidents, including Wallie Wolcott, Founder, and Past State Presidents and faithful committee chairmen.

Dr. Leonard B. Voorhees, president, said, "...High 12 is basically service to our Bro. Mason or fellow human; but in reality it is much more, because it brings together people who find a common ground..." The Workshop speaker was Charles F. Burkin, PIP. Dr. Leonard B. Voorhees' topic was "What HTI has to offer." Ohio State Assn. Past Pres. Roy O. Hinch and T. C. Hitt, Sec.-Tr. R. M. Shell talked on, "...How the State Assn. helps." Panel Moderator P. P. Ohio Assn. Clarence Schifer. Panelists Dr. Leonard B. Voorhees, E. P. White, Jr., Tallman Trask, Robert F. Clynych, J. N. Robertson, Arthur Buss and Max Reed. Pres. Voorhees reported on his trip to Alaska and his calls on prospects for High 12 Clubs in the Northwest and North Central States.

SEMINOLE HTC, Florida V. P. Heber E. Jester reported 25 new members were added in January. International Pres. Dr. Leonard B. Voorhees was a recent speaker. There were 5 new clubs in Florida... Homestead, Jacksonville, Leesburg, Fort Myers & Venice, now making a total of 25 active clubs in Florida.

CLUBS BY STATES, SPRING OF 1968 (see previous years and later years for other States): KENTUCKY: Dixie West End; Louisville (Audobon); Louisville (Downtown); Louisville (Al E. Orton); Louisville (St. Mathews); Owensboro.

ALABAMA: Birmingham; Vulcan (Birmingham); COLORADO: Boulder; Denver; Idaho Springs (Rocky Mountains) and Westminster.

MICHIGAN: Benton Harbor; St. Joseph (Fruitbelt); Birmingham; Bloomfield Hills; Downtown Detroit; Northwest Detroit; Redford (Detroit); Furniture City (Grand Rapids); Highland Park; Howell, Jackson, Lansing, Mt. Clemens; Plymouth; Pontiac; Port Huron; Roseville, Royal Oak; Southfield and Cherryland (Traverse City). MISSISSIPPI - 1 club, Natchez.

FAIRCHILD AFB (Evergreen, Wash). Charter issued 1/1/68. 28 members. Pres. Carl O. Pollin.

1/23/68 - U.S.S. PUEBLO & 83 MAN CREW SEIZED IN SEA OF JAPAN.

International President Leonard B. Voorhees suggested in the March-April, 1968 High Twelvian these Points to Ponder... The ABC of Success: A. To increase club fellowship. 1. Joint installation with nearby club; 2. Recognize birthdays, special table & cake; 3. 'Every Member' attendance day; 4. Church attendance Day yearly. 5; Announce Blue Lodge activity... also in bulletins... Have a 'Masters Day'; 6. Analyze membership by age, lodge number of children, etc. Don't publish names - just totals; 7. Exchange bulletins with nearby High Twelve Club(s).

THE MISSION OF HIGH TWELVE, an article by Dr. Leonard B. Voorhees, Pres. of HTI, in the May-June, 1968 High Twelvian, "...Too much effort has been self-centered on High Twelve only. We need to enlarge our vision to include SERVICE THROUGH MASONRY

toward others." "...High Twelve is an ideal, an activity and an ideal to which we give ourselves in support of promotion." "...It becomes necessary to evaluate our organization in terms of the local club's service to our Masonic Brothers, to the Youth who are standing on tomorrow's threshold, and to the community in which the club has its being."

GLENDAL-ACACIA HTC (Calif.) had a big membership contest, according to Pres. Kenneth Barrette. "...The gold team vs the green team. Members of the winning team will pay $\frac{1}{2}$ the regular price for their lunch, Ladies Day, August 8. 30 points for bringing a Masonic guest; 20 points 2nd visit of this Masonic guest; 10 points 3rd; 20 points for bringing a member who has not attended for past 6 or more meetings; 250 points for signing up a new member; 5 points for team members attending the meeting; 100 points for any member with perfect attendance 3/14 through 8/1/68. Also, during the contest period, the high point man for the interim periods ending April 4, May 2, May 30 and June 27 (roughly 1 mo. each) got his lunch for $\frac{1}{2}$ the regular price if he was present the Thursday following these periods."

C.J. Hyde, PIP was now (by 4/1/68) Police Chief of Louisville, Ky. Many Twelvians were present at the gala party celebrating the event. NEOSHO, Mo. HTC charter dropped 3/28/68. Was chartered 4/29/53. (NOTE: It is so sad to write these items about clubs dropping by the way-side after having been active so many years. It just points up how desperately we always must be working on new clubs; and how important it is for some one in International (Zone Officer) and the State President to ride herd on failing clubs before they have reached the point of no return. DLP)

MASCAUTAH (Ill.) HTC received charter, according to March, 1968 High Twelvian. On 8/31/68, the Master, Worshipful Louis Hindermann of Douglas Lodge wrote a letter lauding the club for its assistance to the Blue Lodge. "It had publicly supported the Junior College bond issue; provided \$500.00 scholarship fund the the name of Douglas Lodge #361; started a High Twelve Degree Team to aid local lodges; stimulated interest and participation in Blue Lodge activities (recently all chairs but one filled with Twelvians); during period since its founding, all petitions for admission to Douglas Lodge have been submitted by High Twelve Club members." High Twelvian, May, '69.

- 3/30/68 - U.S.A. halted bombing of 90% of North Vietnam
- 3/31/68 - PRES. LYNDON JOHNSON ANNOUNCED HE WOULD NOT SEEK NOMINATION FOR OFFICE.
- 4/4/68 - DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ASSASSINATED IN MEMPHIS, TENN.
- 4/14/68 - RACIAL VIOLENCE ERUPTED IN 125 CITIES IN 29 STATES.

WOLCOTT FOUNDATION 5/1/67 to 4/30/68. Chairman Arthur E. Buss, Calif; Vice Ch. Bishop Stephen Robinson, Iowa; Treas. Wm. Noble Kinnard, Pa; Sec. Louis Huebner, Ill; Asst. Sec. Isaac Robertson, Mich. Total cash received \$12,110.04. Donations \$9,773.53; Memorials \$989.00; dues \$685.65; Interest, etc. \$661.86. Cash disbursements (incl. \$19,499.00 George Washington University tuition, subsistence, payment on 'Wolcott Scholarships '67-68 academic year) Net cash disbursements over cash rec'd. for year \$8,471.30. Balance on deposit 4/30/68 = \$12,097.04 (5/1/67 = \$20,568.34).

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, HTC charter issued 5/22/68. 81 members. Pres. Charles E. Schafer. SAN BERNARDINO (Calif.) HTC charter issued 5/24/68. 34 members. Pres. Neil V. Ryan.

6/5/68 - U.S. SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY SHOT & KILLED, HOTEL AMBASSADOR, LOS ANGELES.

Associate Editor of the High Twelvian Paddock resigned from that position because of loss of sight of left eye, "and could not be of use to High Twelve as a writer."

The International Convention was held June 23-26, 1968, Dayton, Ohio, Sheraton-Dayton Hotel. 47th Annual Convention. Chairman Lewis Hoffman. The Convention program carried advertising.

Henry Hood, President of the Florida State Association presided over a breakfast of State Presidents. Monday morning June 24. During the informal discussion conducted

by Bro.Hood, the following points were made; Most successful clubs have - good programs, good active projects, inform members by mail, have good reporter to write articles for local press, President's newsletter or State High Twelve paper with news about local clubs; take High Twelve material to other Masonic organization and inform them of High Twelve programs. Visit Blue Lodge as a High Twelve group; work through Grand Lodges with their blessing and cooperation; use telephone committee; have Ladies Day(s).

Expansion is initiated by 1. Finding a few interested Masons in a community; meeting with them and invite others to an organization meeting...always work with blessings of Grand Lodge. Dues...9 states reported had per capita State dues from 75¢ to \$2.00. (Florida has none; they finance their State program by selling advertising in the State Convention program.) Club dues vary from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Clubs budget from nothing to \$150.00 for International Convention expenses.

Howard M.Smith was appointed to write a new and complete history of High Twelve Int. Total membership HTI 5/31/68 = 15,529; 5/31/67 = 14,808. Increase of 721. 5/31/59 = 14,073 14,073 = incr. 1,456 1959 to 1968 ... or an average increase of 145 per year. 25 new clubs in 10 years. (The great growth of former years had slowed drastically percentagewise.)

News release from the International Convention 6/24/68 (Patriotism Committee).... HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL AT ITS ANNUAL CONVENTION, DAYTON, OHIO WENT ON RECORD AS LAUDING THE EXERCISE OF LEGAL PROTEST, WHILE EXPLICITLY DEPLORING THE CURRENT RESORT TO UNLAWFUL OCCUPATION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY, DAMAGE TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND AREAS SACRED TO THE HISTORY OF THE NATION.

TO RIOT AND TO COMMIT VIOLENCE AGAINST LEGALLY CONSTITUTED AUTHORITY IS LIKEWISE REPUGNANT TO HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL. THE CURRENT TENDENCY BY A VERY SMALL MINORITY AND GROUPS OF MISGUIDED STUDENTS IN ATTEMPTS TO INDICATE THEIR VARIOUS DISLIKES BY BREAKING THE LAW WILL, IF PERMITTED TO CONTINUE, LEAD TO A COMPLETE BREAKDOWN OF LAW AND A DEGENERATION INTO ANARCHY. (NOTE: The release received widespread coverage,DLP)

"The social portion of our Convention was very fine, but one cannot help but wonder how the membership feel regarding this matter. Are you satisfied with the Annual Convention as it is now constituted, and if not, what suggestions do you have for its improvement..?" Article in the July-August,1968 High Twelvian.

The Past Grand Master of Masons of Ohio, Ralph M.Francisco was M.C. Col.C.J.Hyde, PIP, PGM Masons in Kentucky and Louisville Chief of Police installed the officers.

Officers for 1968-69. President E.P.White,Jr., Louisville, Ky; 1st VP Howard M. Smith, Dunedin, Fla; 2nd VP, John L.Shaw, Temple City, Ca; 3rd V.P. Wib.L.Mager, Belleville, Ill; Treasurer Wm.S.Roser, Louisville, Ky. Immediate Past President Leonard B.Voorhees, Newbury, Ohio; Int.Sec. James W.Bibb, Louisville,Ky; General Counsel, James N.Robertson,Media,Pa. Pres.Emeritas E.C."Wallie" Wolcott, Webster Grove,Mo; Editor High Twelvian, Max J.Reed, Kentucky. Office Manager, Mrs.Lillian V.George, St.Louis. Chairman, Wolcott Foundation, Arthur E.Hess, Escalon,Ca; Int.Chap. Rev.C.J.Bradbury, Lodi, Ca.

State Presidents: California - Louis P.Black, Arcadia; Colorado - Leslie C.Whitney, Denver; Florida - Henry C.Hood, Bradenton; Illinois - Frank E. Bedford, Moline; Indiana - Elisha Moore, Boggstown; Iowa - James L.Turnbull,Sioux Falls; Kansas - D.Raeburn Rosendall, Topeka; Kentucky-Alabama - J.P.Bicknell, Owensboro, Ky; Louisiana Donald H.Spurlock, Baton Rouge; Michigan - Roland H.Copp, Cedar Rapids; Missouri - Charles P.Anton III, Hannibal; New Jersey Governor Joseph C.Leuser, Union; Ohio - Clair C.Youngkman, Findlay; Pennsylvania - Peter Stevens, Norristown.

International Executive Committee: Pres., 1,2 & 3rd VPs, Treas.,Sec.,Gen.Counsel, Im.P.I.P & Budget Chairman.

International Zone Officers: L.B.Voorhees - Ohio, Mich., Wisc., Virginia, West Va., Minnesota; W.L.Mager - Ind., Ill., Iowa, S.Dak. & Nebraska; H.M.Smith - Florida, Alabama, Georgia, N.Carolina & S.Car; W.S.Roser - Kentucky & Missouri; C.F.Burkin Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Okla., Kansas & Texas; J.N.Robertson - Penna., N.Y. N.J., New Hampshire & Mass; John Shaw - Sou.Calif., Utah., Mont., Wyo., Colo., New Mexico & Arizona; V.S.Malcolm - Northern Cal., Oregon, Washington & Nevada.

International Officers' Committee Liaison: H.M.Smith - Budget, Resolution, Cred., Leadership, Nominating, Convention & Necrology; John Shaw - Expansion, Youth, Masonic Activities, Public Relations, Projects, Future Sites; W.L.Mager - Const. & By-Laws, Long Range Planning, Manuals, Workshops & Auditor; L.B.Voorhees - Intern'l. Clubs, Masons in Foreign Countries, Office Equipmt; Ex-Officio: J.N.Robertson - Constitution & By-Laws, Credentials & Resolutions; Treasurer - Budget & Auditor; Secretary - Manuals; All Officers - Long Range Planning.

Committee Chairmen, 1968-69: Expansion - Walter L.Rymill, Colo; Const.& By-Laws - Leslie C.Whitney, Colo; Budgetary - Emil M.Jecman, Mo; Youth Activities - Walter J. Fullerton, Fla; Projects - Tallman H.Trask, Calif; Masonic Activities - C.J.Hyde FGM, Kentucky; Int.Club Affairs - Dr.Louis A.Legett, La; Public Relations - Frank W.McWhorter, Ind.; Resolutions - Hicks G.Griffiths, Mich; Leadership - Fred W.Doty, Ca; Nominations - Harlan G.Richardson, Mich; Manuals - Don Renau, Kentucky; Office Eqpt.-Lee W. Goby, Illinois; Convention - W.L.Weiss, Mo; Patriotism - D.L.Paddock, Ca; Sergeant-at-Arms - Geo.Spindler, Mo; Credentials - J.A.Hodge, Ky; Necrology - Rev.Clarence J. Bradbury, Ohio; Workshops - Clarence Schiefer, Ohio; Auditor - J.Carl Menke, Ill; Masons in Foreign Countries - Edward L.Natal, N.J; Long Range Planning, Harold Sivers, Ohio; Past International Presidents - Leonard B.Vorhees, Ohio; Parliamentarian - Chas. F.Burkin, Jr., Kansas

The following future International Convention Policy was adopted: "The convention shall be under the control of and directed by High Twelve International, with a local club or State Association being the host. HTI will set up an advance loan fund which will operate as a loan to the International Convention Host Committee, upon request, not to exceed \$500.00, in order that the Committee may proceed immediately to secure the necessary facilities for a High Twelve International Convention. If there are any surplus funds left over from the Convention, after repayment of all loans and bills, these funds will be divided between International and the Committee.

"The funds mentioned above are the convention funds and not funds realized from sale of advertising, although it is recommended that the Host Association will use some of these advertising funds to reduce the cost of hospitality books. HTI will advance a Host Convention Committee after submission of an accounting to the International Executive Committee additional funds to make up any deficit which the Host Committee might incur. Only 50% of this advance will be repaid to HTI on a non-interest bearing program.

"High Twelve International sets up the business program, allotting the necessary time to conduct all business of an International Convention. Then the Host State Association adjusts the social activities around the business sessions as outlined by High Twelve International. A Convention Committee Advisor should be one of the following: A Past International President; a present line officer, possibly 1st V.P; the Zone Officer in charge of the Zone Area where the Convention is to be held.

"The General Chairman will direct all of the activities of the Convention Comm. The Advisor will act as liaison officer between HTI and the State Assn.Hosts. The Convention Committee Chairman shall give a report at the International Mid-Year Meeting prior to his International Convention, at which time he will lay out the plans, as to business and social functions of the coming Convention, and to include the financial picture thereof. That the HTI Future Site Committee shall pick out sites for the Convention, which sites are able to have the facilities to conduct a truly International Convention. Ref. Sec.13, Art IV of By-Laws.

President Dr. Leonard B. Voorhees for 1967-68 term recently stated that he considered one of his greatest accomplishments during his year the "saving of clubs that had folded. the compilation and design of a High Twelve folder to use in helping new clubs (with Max Reed doing the layout)." His greatest problems, "keeping harmony on officers and the turmoil at International office. Poor records. Howard Smith was most cooperative and helpful. There was much discussion on International dues; and the growth was slight."

To help the reader gain a picture of size of High Twelve International, and to get some idea of the relative age of the individual clubs, for the first time I am listing all clubs by the Club Number assigned by International. As I have indicated before, in the early years there was little rhyme or reason in the numbering system. A club might have been chartered a year after another, yet bear an earlier number. A club may have dropped out for a year, two, even ten, and on re-entering, get a low number, probably its old one...yet another club, out several years might get a number much newer. Nevertheless by showing the following clubs with assigned numbers, the reader will get some idea of age relativity.

ALABAMA: Birmingham #94; Birmingham (Vulcan) #287. CALIFORNIA: Alameda #227; Albany #179; Alhambra #53; Arcadia #330; Arlington #322; Atwater (Geo. Bloss) #279; Bakersfield #95; Baldwin Park #328; Beale AFB (Far West) #341; Berkeley #8; Burbank #201; Carmel-by-the-Sea #266; Castle AFB (G. Dick Richardson) #269; Chico #251; Chula Vista (South Bay) #327; Coachella Valley 153; Concord; Covina (Happy Hiram) #263; Culver City (Heart of Screenland) #232; El Cajon #294; Fort Ord (Army Memorial) #284; Fremont #384; Fresno #10; Glendale-Acacia #162; Goleta Valley #420; Hamilton AFB #351; Hayward #81; Hemet (Homacinto) #385; Hollywood #302; Hueneme Bay #389; Idyllwild (Mile High) #378; Lemon Grove (Mt. Helix) #149; Lodi #152; Los Angeles (Downtown) #173; Los Angeles (4th Estate) #225; March AFB (Hap Arnold) #257; Marysville (Yuba-Sutter) #203; Montebello #422; Monterey Park #366; Montrose (Crescenta-Canada) #282; Morro Bay (Estero) #368; Napa #238; Oakland (Downtown) #2; Oakland (East) #37; Oceanside (Oceana) #398; Oroville #403; Paradise #275; Pasadena #36; Paso Robles #291; Petaluma #350; Pomona #309; Richmond #183; Riverside #115; Rosemead (San Gabriel Valley) #278; Sacramento #335; Salinas #296; San Carlos (Peninsula) #413; San Diego (North Park) #210; San Francisco #27; San Jose #15; San Leandro #347; San Louis Obispo #256; San Rafael (Marvelous Marin) #132; Santa Rosa #272; South Pasadena (South Pasadena-San Marino) #202; Stockton #9; Taft #216; Temple City #220; Twain Harte #358; Walnut Creek (Rossmoor) #391; Walnut Creek #184; Woodland #396; Yreka #388; and Yucaipa Valley #405.

COLORADO: Boulder #85; Denver #11; Idaho Springs (Rocky Mts.) #246; Westminster #245. ENGLAND: Lakenheath (Arnold Page) #298. FLORIDA: Anna Maria Island #357; Bradenton #386; Clearwater #273; Clearwater (Skycrest) #307; Deltona #390; Dunedin #410; Fort Meyers #423; Holiday #418; Homestead (AFB) #419; Jacksonville #421; Lake Worth #316; Largo (Ru-So) #314; Leesburg #424; New Port Richey #411; Palm Harbor (Suncoast) #373; Pinellas Park #394; St. Petersburg #297; St. Petersburg (Central Plaza) #412; St. Petersburg (Downtown) #313; St. Petersburg (High Point) #332; St. Petersburg (Northeast) #404; St. Petersburg (Westgate) #393; Sarasota #401; Seminole #402; Sun City Center #397; West Pasco #409.

GUAM: Anderson AFB (General Curtis E. LeMay) #290. ILLINOIS: Belleville #35; East St. Louis (George Washington) #33; Freeport #43; Mattoon #89; Moline #88; Oak #52; Paris #161; Quincy #40; Rockford #56; Rock Island #59; Springfield (Abe Lincoln) #38; Wood River #83; INDIANA: Columbus #337; Evansville #240; Evansville (West Side) #367; Indianapolis #55; Lafayette #99; Logansport (Cass County) #323; Seymour (Jackson County) #353; Shelbyville #355.

IOWA: Algona #167; Boone #72; Cedar Falls #196; Cedar Rapids #7; Clinton #100;

Davenport #47; Des Moines #4; Dubuque #119; Fort Dodge #41; Fort Madison #48; Keokuk #44; Mason City #84; Oelwein #271; Sioux City (Founder's Club #1); Waterloo #46; Webster City (Glen E. Long) #106.

KANSAS: Kansas City #6; Kansas City (Huron) #342; Lawrence #114; Leavenworth #5; Manhattan #108; Mission (Shawnee Mission) #329; Topeka #17; Wichita #45 and Wichita (Keystone) #376. KENTUCKY: Dixie West End #399; Louisville (Audubon) #288; Louisville (Downtown) #105; Louisville (Al E. Orton) #289; Louisville (St. Matthews) #270; Owensboro #93.

LOUISIANA: Bastrop #387; Baton Rouge #260; Baton Rouge (LSU) #371; Bossier City (Overton Brooks) #310; Monroe (Louis Daniel) #253; Monroe (Harry M. Lemert) #372; New Orleans #258; Shreveport #92; West Monroe (Jeff W. Caldwell) #370.

MICHIGAN: Benton Harbor, St. Joseph (Fruitbelt) #231; Birmingham #32; Bloomfield Hills #319; Detroit (Downtown) #13; Detroit (Northwest) #14; Detroit (Redford) #348; Grand Rapids (Twin City) #236; Highland Park (#19); Howell #318; Jackson #16; Lansing #20; Mt. Clemens #24; Plymouth #64; Pontiac #87; Port Huron #121; Roseville #42; Royal Oak #23; Southfield #381; Traverse City (Cherryland) #400.

MISSISSIPPI: Natches #380. MISSOURI: Brentwood #360; Clayton #61; Hannibal #26; Jefferson City #67; Kansas City #3; Kirkwood #416; Mexico #71; Neosho #219; Overland (Saints John) #58; St. Joseph #49; St. Louis (Gateway) #392; St. Louis (South Side) #30; Springfield #51; Webster Grove #415. NEBRASKA: Bennington & Elk City (Rural Douglas County) #131; OMAHA #68.

NEW JERSEY: Bridgeton #113; Camden #73; East Orange #137; Newark #127; Princeton #364; Union #383; West Orange #406. NEW YORK: White Plains #143.

OHIO: Cleveland #138; Cleveland (Downtown) #199; Dayton #69; Dayton (Downtown) #331; Dayton (Far Hills) #211; Euclid #205; Fremont #197; Hamilton #414; Lebon #315; Mansfield #408; Miamisburg (Mound) #217; Middletown #363; Sandusky #174; Toledo (Downtown) #25; Toledo (East) #324; Toledo (West) #165; Willoughby #224. OKLAHOMA - Tulsa #18. PAKISTAN: Peshawar Air Station (Peshawar) #407.

PENNSYLVANIA: Chester #311; Glenside (William Penn) #264; Lansdowne-Upper Merion (Dalco) #276; Media #280; Norristown (Valley Forge) #305; Philadelphia #50; Pottstown (Pottsgrove) #321; West Chester #343. SOUTH DAKOTA: Huron #145; Rapid City (Ashlar) #295; Sioux Falls (Cavaliers) #91. SPAIN: Torrejon Air Base #417. WASHINGTON: Seattle #12.

"Every club should publish a monthly bulletin, which should contain date, time and place of meetings; outline regular programs with speaker's name; give dates and meeting places of Masonic youth groups; have message from club president and/or officers; urge attendance to Blue Lodge and Masonic youth meetings; give dates & location of State and International meetings; See that bulletin is on display at all Masonic meeting places" Frank W. McWhorter, Chairman Public Relations, High-Twelvian of Sept-Oct., 1968.

PAINESVILLE (Ohio) HTC received charter from International 7/6/68. According to High-Twelvian charter party 7/12/68. Ohio State Pres. Clair C. Younkman presented it. Ohio 1st V.P. Herman Lawrence Installing Officer. Sponsored by the Willoughby Club. Int. 1st V.P. Howard M. Smith spoke. 53 charter members. Pres. Louis A. Kokenyessy.

8/20 - 8/21/68 - SOVIETS INVADED & CRUSHED CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

WEST JACKSONVILLE (Fla.) HTC charter issued 9/20/68. 18 members. Thurman T. Cook, Pr. OCEANA (Oceanside, Cal.) charter returned 9/20/68. Chartered 9/22/65.

New clubs I may have missed earlier: WEST ORANGE (N.J.) charter issued 4/30/66. 47 members. Pres. Alonzo L. Jones; DUNEDIN (Fla.) charter issued 1/5/67. 81 members. Pres. Clarence L. Sanderson; NEW PORT RICHEY (Fla.) 1/28/67. 116 members. Pres. Leslie J. Langlois; CENTRAL PLAZA (St. Petersburg, Fla.) 2/8/67. 30 members. Robert E. Crone; PENINSULA (San Carlos, Ca.) charter issued 6/3/67. 30 members. Pres. Harrington S. Brooks; Webster Groves, Mo. Charter issued 6/19/67. 36 members. Pres. Rudolph Beuc, Jr.; Kirkwood, Mo. Charter issued 7/7/67. 27 members Allen O. Shreffler Pres; TORREJON AFB Spain 10/24/67; HOLIDAY (Fla.) charter issued 12/4/67. 51 members. Pres. George Ehrgood; HOMESTEAD AFB (Fla.) charter issued 1/6/68. 46 members. Pres. Herbert L. Clonch; GOLETA VALLEY (Calif.) charter issued 3/2/68. 29 members. Pres. Oren R. White; JACKSONVILLE (Fla.) charter issued 1/24/68. 21 members. Pres. Archie Tucker; MONTEBELLO, Ca. charter issued 2/11/68. 35 membs. E.L. Carpenter, Pres. FT. MYERS, Fla. charter issued 2/13/68. 43 members. Pres. H.R. (Bob) Wilson; LEESBURG Fla. charter issued 1/25/68. Pres. Harry Harris, Jr. 33 members. VENICE (Fla.) charter issued 2/1/68. 21 members. Pres. Louis Suter. MASCOUTAH, Ill. charter issued 3/5/68. 26 members. Pres. Walter Hassebrock. TYNDALL AFB (Fla.) Charles B. Roach; charter issued 3/9/68. 28 members. Pres. Frederick Dunsmoor.

ROCKFORD (Ill) HTC staged a successful auction 9/22/68, benefit local School of Hope. \$1,575.00 raised in spite of bad weather. Event Chairman was Past President Cedil Williams. Sale of clothing handled by the wives under Co-Chairmanship of Mrs. Claude Pierce and Mrs. Lee Allison. Donations ran from books to used cars. Auctioneer Al Strawser and his men donated their time.

Office Manager Mrs. Lillian George provided Pres. Leonard Voorhees with a breakdown of travel funds to clubs and other meetings, so he could gauge such expenses: Pres. Burkin \$1,617.60; 1st V.P. Clynch \$1,609.16, and Pres. Clynch \$3,137.78; 1st V.P. Malcolm \$2,317.00, Pres. Malcolm \$3,356.14; 1st V.P. Voorhees \$1,191.55, Pres. Voorhees \$3,576.00; 1st V.P. White \$841.89.

Im. P.I.P. Voorhees wrote 10/1/68, "I hope to be able to convince our good Pres. White that these expenditures are not excessive and should be continued in about the same averages as established by the president of the previous officers."

At the Mid-Year International Governing Board Meeting, St. Louis 12/7/68, Founder E.C. "Wallie" Wolcott, PIP, in a quiet 'father to son' manner appealed to all High Twelvians to walk with youth, and by example, encourage them to become part of Masonry and High Twelve.

PALMETTO (Fla.) charter issued 11/20/68. 62 members. Pres. A.L. Redmon, Jr.; DAVIS, Calif. charter issued 11/15/68. 29 members. Pres. Philip H. Curtiss; ORLANDO (Fla.) HTC charter issued 11/25/68. 48 members. Pres. Harold W. Bremer; NAPLES (Fla.) HTC charter issued 11/21/68. 64 members. Leon L. Treon, Pres.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF DE MOLAY ... Entire cover of this 9x12 High Twelvian of Jan-Feb., 1969 issue devoted to this great landmark.

"Mr. Secretary, you are a V.I.P." said Tallman Trask, Sr., Chairman of the International Committee on Projects and Secretary of the California Association of HTCs. "Secretaries are very important persons, because they give so freely of themselves and their time in one of the most important of local club High Twelve jobs...."

"....First he must be an advisor to his President and remind him of important dates and events. He must attend all club board and committee meetings, not only to act as an advisor, but to keep up to date on every phase of a club's program. The Secretary handles the club's correspondence, keeps accurate and complete minutes of all meetings, and is prompt in getting out all reports." "....The Secretary is the source of all information. He knows names, addresses, business connections, departments, speakers and programs...."

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION held 12/14/68 was the largest ever; Statler-Hilton Hotel, Bradenton. President Henry C. Hood presided. 30 Florida clubs represented. International President E. P. White, Jr. installed the officers; and noted there were 262 clubs in High Twelve International. 4 new clubs were chartered during bro. Hood's term, and 8 more under process of organizing or under consideration.

There is a notation that during 1968 San Bernardino HTC received its charter.

By 1968 the purchasing power of the \$ was only 40¢ now vs 1939. A \$500.00 annuity of 1939 was now buying only about \$200.00 worth. With cost of living 1939 @ 100, it was about 240 now. (Ref. "Inflation Simplified" US News & World Report, '69; and Dow-Jones Investors Handbook, 1967. Another source of information for interesting facts has been the World Almanacs. DLP)

The new brochure, "This is High Twelve" was now available at no charge from the St. Louis office, according to Mrs. Lillian George, Office Manager. The Youth Committee Chairman Walter A. Fullerton listed Leadership Camp results - top 4 states percentage wise: Calif. with 75 clubs sent 84 DeMolay to camp; Florida with 28 clubs sent 39½; Iowa with 16 clubs sent 19 boys; and Colorado with 4 clubs sent 7. Michigan with 19 clubs sent 12; Ohio with 19 clubs sent 10; Illinois with 13 clubs sent 9. (Sioux City was high club with 8 DeMolay and Twelvians.) Remainder of states with 8 clubs sent 6 boys.

WHITE PLAINS (HTC of) NY held its 1st scholarship award dinner 10/24/68, with Dr. Robert Reynolds, Dean of Westchester Community College as speaker. Dis. Deputy Grand Master of Masons Richard W. Luger spoke briefly on Masonry in education. Recipient of this 1st scholarship was Thomas Henry Callahan III in memorium of Bruce Einar Engstrom, who was killed in action 2/3/68 in Vietnam. Pres. Robert A. E. Ott of the White Plains Club announced the establishment of the Einar Engstrom Memorial Scholarship, supported by the family and the club.

CAMDEN (NJ) HTC Annual Ladies Night with 80 in attendance was 10/22/68. They celebrated the 22nd year of Camden HTC; and had 68 members. Were starting a new membership campaign. 50% average attendance. Among their projects... Wolcott Foundation, New Jersey Masonic Home (over \$1.00 per member); 2 boys to DeMolay Leadership camp; 2 Scholarships years to Camden County College @ \$300.00 each.

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM as suggested by Patriotism Committee: Pledge of Allegiance; One verse of America; Serving of meal; Recognition of Veterans/Gold Star Mothers if on Ladies Day; Recognition of visiting Masonic Bro. and other distinguished guests; Reading of article, "What Veteran's Day means to me"...or similar; Speaker (Patriotic Program); Benediction.

The Consumer Price Index Averages - all items for 1965 = 94.5; and for 1970 = 116.3. Hourly earnings in Mfg. Ind. (yearly avg) - gross... 1950 = \$1.440; 1968 = \$3.01; 1972 = \$3.81. (NOTE: Could it be that the foregoing evidence of inflation is the reason for High Twelve International having reached a "plateau" in club and total membership growth, percentage wise?)

6/30/68 "Tet" Offensive started by Viet Cong.

4/69 USA Armed forces in South Vietnam peaked at 543,400.

6/18/69 SOUTH VIETNAM & NORTH VIETNAM OPENED PARIS PEACE TALKS.

7/8/69 PRES. NIXON BEGAN WITHDRAWING MILITARY SUPPORT FROM SOUTH VIETNAM.

CHAPTER 11 PLATEAU

PARADISE (Ca.) HTC and the Ladies of the White Shrine of Jerusalem joined to provide a tableau, "The Last Supper", according to the May-June, 1969 High Twelvian. It was displayed 4 times during 1968, and was to be produced several times in early 1969 before several other Masonic gatherings.

The costuming and makeup were due largely to the planning and efforts of Mrs. Charles Redner, Past Worthy High Priestess of Paradise Shrine. The Paradise HTC aided by supplying the men to portray the part of Christ and His Disciples, as well as cooperating with makeup and costumes.

JACKSON (Mich.) HTC distributed almost 3,000 American flags to 1st and 2nd graders in the 21 Elementary Schools in the Jackson school system, as a project to carry out the HTI program of fostering and encouraging patriotism timed to coincide with George Washington's Birthday. May-June High Twelvian, 1969

2nd International Vice President John L. Shaw of San Gabriel, Calif., "...Masonry in general and High Twelve in particular has this one principle, the furtherance of brotherly love and affection for each other..." "...What then should be the Mission of High Twelve? (It is) "...to bring other Masons into the fellowship of our organization, to spread the brotherly love and affection which we have for each other, to other Masons in our community. Only by sharing our fellowship, can we truly enjoy our rewards." He said, "...The four 'F's of High Twelve are FELLOWSHIP - FOOD - FUN and FRIENDSHIP. Our MISSION in High Twelve is to extend our Friendship, Love & Affection...."

LAGUNA HILLS (Calif.) HTC was organized at this Leisure World by T. Archer Brown, Past State President, Michigan. The charter party was 5/8/69. Art Schifferman, formerly of Downtown Los Angeles HTC and Past International General Counsel and Tom Hines of Downtown L.A. HTC also were very instrumental in the founding. 26 members. T. Archer Brown, President.

BOAZ (Escondido, Calif.) charter issued 5/2/69. 61 members. Pres. Arlie W. Bergman. TUCSON (Ariz.) HTC charter issued 6/21/69. 45 members. Pres. LaVern P. (Buck) Graham. TUCKERTON, N.J. HTC charter issued 6/24/69. 22 members. Pres. Rolland J. Lund.

The 48th Annual Convention was held in St. Louis, Mo. June 8 - 11, 1969. Program contained advertising. William L. Weiss was General Chairman. Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel. For the 1st time I've noted, while technically under the auspices of the Missouri State Association, the convention was run by a corporation of High Twelve Clubs from the Metropolitan St. Louis Area (7 St. Louis Clubs & 4 from nearby Illinois Clubs.) DLP

WOLCOTT FOUNDATION, INC. Excerpts from Treasurer Wm. Noble Kinnard's report. 5/1/68 to 4/30/69. 4/30/69 Assets = \$13,509.73; Cash Receipts \$10,376.51; Cash Disbursements \$8,963.82; Rec. over disb. \$1,412.69. Bal. 5/1/68 = \$12,097.04; Net Rec. \$1,412.69; bal. 4/30/69 = \$13,509.73. Disbursements: Tuition, etc. \$7,500.00; Other \$1,463.82 = \$8,963.82. Cash on hand 4/30/69 = \$13,512.73 - total \$22,476.55.

Receipts (Wolcott F. Inc.) - Donation = \$7,910.73; Memorials \$1,185.00; Dues \$716.95; Interest Time deposits \$443.14; Int. Bonds = \$120.79 - \$10,376.51; Cash on hand \$12,097.04 = \$22,476.55.

Top donations to Scholarship & Memorial Funds: CALIF: \$2,866.42; Mich. \$1,225.52; Illin: \$1,162.68; Penna: \$1,061.50; Iowa: \$671.81; N.J.: \$290.00; Ohio: \$271.00; Colorado: \$160.00; Kansas \$150.00; Missouri \$125.00; Indiana: \$100.00; E.C. Wolcott: \$100.00.

Workshop Breakfast: Clarence Schiefer, Chairman. Individual panel discussion groups....For Presidents, E.P.White,Jr; Vice Presidents: Howard M.Smith; Secretaries: John L. Shaw; Treasurers: Wm.S.Roser; Int.Representatives: Wib L.Mager. After lunch, the Recorders of each of the 5 groups reported, followed by a group participation question and answer period.

The Speaker for Monday noon was Most Worshipful Bro.Elvis A.Mooney 32° KCCH, Grand Master of Missouri Masons. E.C.Wolcott was presented a red, white & blue Grosgrain ribbon with the High Twelve emblem appended as a jewel, as the official insignia of the 1st President;to be symbolically handed down to each incoming President. Bro.Wolcott was delighted and wore it all during the Convention. At the President's banquet, the decoration was transferred to the personage of Pres. Howard M. Smith.

The following resolution was passed at the 48th Annual Convention, "Be it resolved that High Twelve International publicly expresses its abhorrence of such tactics (the violent and crude disruption of religion services and planned attempts to destroy our democratic system of government, institutions,etc.) and urges the law abiding citizens of this country, whatever their race, creed or color may be, to involve themselves now in the preservation of our constitutional rights & American heritage; and be it further resolved that monetary blackmail of any kind and under any guise be vigorously denied and exposed." Patriotism Committee.

Officers to serve for 1969-70: President Howard M.Smith, Dunedin,Fla; 1st V.P. John L.Shaw, Temple City,Ca; 2nd V.P. Wib L.Mager, Belleville,Ill; 3rd V.P. Howard H.Jennings, Lansing, Mich; Treasurer Wm.S.Roser, Louisville,Ky; Immediate Past President E.P.White,Jr., Louisville, Ky. General Counsel James N. Robertson, Media, Pa; Int.Sec. Robert F. Clynych, Baton Rouge, La; President Emeritus E.C. "Wallie" Wolcott, Founder, Webster Grove,Mo; Chairman Wolcott Foundation Arthur E.Buss, Escalon,Ca; Int.Chaplain Father Michael M.Kippenbrock,Enterprise,Fla. Editor High Twelvian Leonard B.Voorhees PIP, Newbury, Ohio, Asso.Ed. Max J.Reed, Louisville,Ky; Office Mgr., Mrs.Lillian V.George, St.Louis,Mo.

INTERNATIONAL ZONE OFFICERS: Pres.Smith - Florida & Georgia; V.P.Shaw - Sou. Calif., Ariz. & Utah; V.P.Mager - Ill; Ind; Sou.Missouri; V.P. Jennings - Mich. and Wisc; Im.PIP - Kentucky- Alabama; Gen.Counsel Robertson Central & E.Penn. Mass. & N.H. Sec.Clynych - Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas & Arkansas; PIP Burkin-Kansas, North Missouri. PIP Malcolm North.Calif., Oregon, Wash. & Nev. PIP L.B. Voorhees, Ohio, Virginia, W.Va. & W.Penna; James L.Turnbull - Iowa, S.Dak.,Minn. & Nebr; Henry Hood - North & So.Carolina; Ed Natal - New Jersey & N.Y. Walter Rymell - Colorado, Wyoming, New Mex. & Mont; Les Newmark, Okla.

Clubs outside of North America at this time: Arnold Page, Lakenheath, Eng; Gen.Curtis E.LeMay, Andersfon AFB,Guam; Torrejon Air Base,Spain. 2nd Annual State Presidents meeting at Int.Conve., PSP Henry Hood (Fla.) presiding. PIP Voorhees, Int.VP Shaw and several Past and present state presidents attended.

State Presidents as of 1969 (according to High Twelvian): CALIF: Harold E. Brillhart, Soulsbyville; COLORADO: H.Baird Whitaker, Denver; Florida: Cecil Dunham, Clearwater; ILLINOIS: Lindell L. Barker, Belleville; INDIANA: Dr.W.T. Scholl, Evansville; IOWA: James W.Coyer, Waterloo; KANSAS: Donald R.Fisher, Manhattan; KENTUCKY-ALABAMA: O.Lee Wiseheart, Louisville; LOUISIANA: Claude Meyers, New Orleans; MICHIGAN: Harry A.Etienne, Detroit; MISSOURI: Wm.D.Morgan, St.Joseph; NEW JERSEY: Alonzo L.Jones, West Orange; OHIO: Herman H.Lawrence,Middletown; Pennsylvania: Daniel L.Marquette, Pottstown.

Speaker at the Installation Banquet, Int.Convention - Walter E.Floeser, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Missouri for Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of North America., Southern Jurisdiction.

7/18/69 - CHAPPAQUIDDICK - MARY JO KOPECHNE FOUND DROWNED IN SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY'S CAR.

7/20/69 - U.S.ASTRONAUT NEIL A. ARMSTRONG FIRST MAN ON THE MOON.

BAY AREA (Coos Bay, Oregon) Charter issued 8/9/69. 29 members. Pres.Orrin R.Ormsbee. Vinton S.Malcolm PIP presented charter. George W.Robb, V.P.Calif.Association; Fred Havrilla, Jules Gerhardt and Lester Phillips, all three California Area Vice Presidents attended. Sec. Wm.A. Donaldson.

TUCSON HTC reported earlier had its charter presented 6/21/69, by California Assn. 1st Executive V.P. John L. Shaw. Calif. Assn. President Harold Brillhart was Installing Officer. PSP Louis Black, General Counsel James Robertson and California Sec. Tallman Trask assisted. Past Grand Master R.C. Nicholson, a club charter member, brought greetings from the Arizona Grand Master. Also present, 4 Worshipful Master of Masonic Lodges, and Shrine Potentate Thomas Roor.

The International Representative's position in the individual club was explained thusly in the July-Aug-Sept., 1969 High Twelvian, "...Each club is entitled to one. He is the liaison officer between High Twelve International and the local club. The International Representatives are the direct representative of the International Governing Board in their local clubs. He is entitled to cast one vote on each question submitted to vote at the International Convention..."

"At the time this office was created, there were no State Associations. The number of clubs were small, and it was of great benefit to the International Office to keep a check on the local clubs through such an officer. In the future, it may be possible that the duties of the International Representative may be changed materially, that many of the duties which heretofore had been assigned to him will devolve upon others, primarily because of the increase in the number of clubs and the added burden of correspondence by the International Office with individual clubs."

"....Above all he should be an Ambassador of High Twelve Fellowship, and be a key man in the promotion of our Masonic Objectives. He should never assume a dictatorial attitude or attempt to dominate his club. His position is one of objective counseling..." (NOTE: Later, this position was eliminated, and many of his responsibilities conferred upon the newly created post of Masonic Representative, who had the added duty of being chief liaison between the club and the nearby Blue Lodges, etc. He retained his vote at International Conventions. I feel that the title International Representative was eliminated because too many Club Presidents were complaining, "Who's boss?" DLP)

WICHITA (Kan.) HTC celebrated its 25th anniversary 7/28/69 with over 100 present at the home of Orville Bell, one of 8 charter members present. Charles F. Burkin, PIP was present. Club Pres. Jim Wilson presented a light hearted comedy characterization of the Club's programs. Don Fortney and his band provided the music.

VILLAGES (South San Jose, Ca.) HTC charter party 9/13/69. 41 members. Pres. Roy H. Olson; Sec-Tr. Eugene Moore. TUCKERTON (NJ) charter party was 9/11/69. 22 members. Charter presented by International Zone Officer Edward Natal. Installing team... Gov. Alonzo Jones and Nelson Craig. By charter night there were 27 members. Pres. Col. Rolland J. Lund; Sec. J. Clifford Sooy. Int. Rep. Col. B. Victor Cranston gave a history of Masonry and High Twelve.

ROCKFORD (Ill.) HTC presented \$3,000.00 to the School of Hope 9/13/69. Auctioneer Cecil Williams, the Committee Chairman. Club President Lee Allison. LAKE CUMBERLAND (Somerset, Ky.) HTC charter issued 9/17/69. 19 members. Pres. John A. Daulton. SIGNAL HILL, Ca. (Long Beach) charter issued 11/8/69. 20 members. Pres. Earl G. Beebe. (NOTE: I will never forget the first organizing meeting of this group. We met on a concrete platform next to the well head of a working oil well, Signal Hill, Calif., under a small canvas canopy. Howard K. Noble picked up hamburgers at a nearby cafe. This has since become one of the great clubs of Southern California. DLP)

11/3/69 - PRESIDENT NIXON TURNED THE FIGHTING OVER TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE. 271
11/15/69 - GIANT NATIONWIDE ANTI-WAR PROTESTS START.
1969 HOURLY EARNINGS IN MFG.IND. (Yrly Avg) GROSS = \$3.19 ('55=\$1.86; '60=\$2.26).

President Howard M. Smith in the Oct-Dec., 1969 High Twelvian reaffirmed previous commitments to "....continue the expansion of new clubs and to revitalize the older clubs so we would be represented in every Grand Jurisdiction..." "....To continue the plans of my predecessors and the Long Range Planning Committee to build the image of High Twelve, so that no longer will we have the question asked by our brother Masons, 'What is High Twelve?' To make High Twelve a truly Masonic Service Organization, not only to the Symbolic Lodge, but also to the Masonic Youth Organizations."

"....To establish a system of continuity for all committees, projects and planning at the International, State and Local level...." "....To see established a project which will inspire the membership to full participation. Many are dissatisfied with the 'give away' features of our International Project, and would prefer a method of placing some obligation upon the recipient...."

"....To work out a better system of scheduling State Conventions so that there would be no overlapping of dates, thus enabling the International President to be present at all the State Conventions....To encourage a more universal usage of High Twelve jewelry.....To build a closer alliance with the Grand Lodges by urging attendance of the members at meetings of the Subordinate Lodges and the Grand Lodge, and to assist the Grand Master in helping carry out his projects...."

WEST SHREVEPORT (La.) HTC Charter relinquished 12/7/60. Chartered 4/12/56.
SALISBURY HTC (Maryland). Their charter was given up 12/60. " " " 11/22/55.
EL CERRITO (Calif.) HTC charter relinquished 1/13/61. Charter issued 2/22/55.
ROCKY MOUNTAINS HTC (Idaho Springs, Colo.) charter relinquished 11/30/69. Iss'd 5/55.

Dr. Leonard B. Voorhees PIP wrote of the Ohio club that had so declined that those interested "....met to vote on disolvement or continuation....A few stalwarts who believed in High Twelve as an adjunct to Freemasonry insisted on trying a new approach, which would include a service attitude toward our Fraternity. The club began to look alive, to grow and to afford services to the local Blue Lodge and Community." "....This club continues to grow and brings its members the challenge of DeMolay participation, along with other youth groups sponsored through related Masonic activities...."

ABE LINCOLN HTC of Springfield, Ill. celebrated its 25th birthday 12/5/69. Past President and Co-Founder Judge Harlington Wood, Sr. talked about the early days of the club. 15 Past Presidents were present. Robert Ring, Chairman for the event.

California Association President George Robb had a slogan, "Hitch our wagon to a Star", as he embarked on a big expansion drive, with Chairmen for north and south. His goals - 25 new clubs, 1,000 new members and 500 new DeMolays. 3 Charter applications received in two months to date (12/69).

Bro. Henry Hood Florida PSP and International Zone Officer visited with M.W. Wm. Grimbail, Grand Master of Masons, South Carolina, in his office at Charleston 9/18/69. International Pres. Howard M. Smith and Hood visited Grand Masters in Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina. They were received very courteously, according to Bro. Hood. They met with Most Worshipful John Riley, G.M. of Masons in Tennessee 10/20/69 at the Louisville Grand Lodge meeting. Hood met the Grand Master Wm. A. Hooks, Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina at Grand Lodge, Raleigh, where 3 other Grand Masters were present.

Money raising events were held by many High Twelve Clubs during the Fall of 1969 for victims of the recent hurricane...working through the Grand Lodges of Mississippi and Louisiana. SPRINGFIELD (Ill) HTC reported having had an interesting award program earlier in the year. The Gold Cane Award to the outstanding Senior Male.

Citizen of the area. Chairman Carrol C. Hall said, "...It is inexpensive, effective, and affords community recognition of selected senior male citizens, who in their retirement years are continuing to contribute to the welfare of others through hobbies and charities and personal service...." A beautiful certificate with gold border and appropriately inscribed was presented to each recipient.

MID-YEAR meeting of the International Governing Board was held 12/12/69-12/13/69 in Louisville, Ky., Quality Courts Motel. President Howard M. Smith presided. 1st V.P. John L. Shaw reported that Kona, Hawaii had 81 charter members on petition; also a new club at Sun City, Arizona. He recommended that the Wolcott scholarships be on a loan basis; that it be for subjects other than political science and government; that it be available for undergraduates; and that it be granted to applicants training in Trade and Vocational College work. A survey of total membership will be made for reactions to the proposals.

President Howard M. Smith installed the Officers of the Louisville Area Clubs, and members at the Mid-Year meeting were present. A summary of the suggestions made at the State Presidents' Roundtable were referred to the Long Range Planning Committee for further consideration and future disposition.

The Youth Committee Chairman, Walter Fullerton of St. Petersburg, Fla. reported in the Jan-Feb-March, 1970 High Twelvian that there were now 6 DeMolay Leadership Camps. The cost was now \$75.00 per boy. "Our goal for 1970 is 400 boys in Leadership Camp...."

At the Mid-Year meeting, there was a discussion on operation of Workshops. Indicated Workshops should be by SUBJECT, rather than by OFFICE...e.g. Instead of by President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc., should be by CLUB ADMINISTRATION, PROJECTS, YOUTH, PROGRAMS, MEMBERSHIP & EXPANSION....."

The use of the International Office in St. Louis and Mrs. Lillian George's duties were discussed. "...She cannot provide the answers; she must manage the Office only. She does, however, handle Monthly Reports, and these Monthly Reports should be submitted to the International Office regularly. It was recommended by the Committee that Mrs. George, International Office Manager, should inform the State President and the appropriate Zone Officer of any clubs which are delinquent in their dues. This information should be sent on May 1st and Nov. 1st...."

MISSOURI State Association's Club Expansion Committee Chairman Pete J. Crosby "...has devised a way of locating areas where a club would flourish. There are 114,000 Master Masons affiliated with 588 Lodges, many in non-urban areas. There are 13 High Twelve Clubs in the State, of which 7 are in St. Louis Metropolitan Area."

"...The Committee took a map of the State and a copy of the proceedings from the Grand Lodge, and marked every city, town and village where a Masonic Lodge is functioning." "...We located those Lodges within 20 miles of each other, and obtained the Lodge number, name and Secretary's name and address, together with the name and address of the District Deputy Grand Master for that area...."

"....The program includes the sending of a letter to each Secretary and to the District Deputy Grand Master containing information and pamphlets related to High Twelve. We point out the reasons why a High Twelve Club will help rekindle interest in Lodge attendance and the resulting increase in Masonic Fellowship." "...Every Lodge in Missouri will learn about High Twelve because the groundwork is laid...."

President Howard Smith reported in the Jan-Feb-Mar., 1970 High Twelvian that there were now clubs in 3 states which had no clubs....Arizona, Hawaii & Oregon. "Interviews have been had with Grand Masters in four other Jurisdictions where High Twelve

is not presently represented...Nevada, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee."
"...All Masonic Grand Jurisdictions but six have shown a loss of membership last year; but High Twelve has again shown an increase....the direct result of your dedication devotion and hard work. How simple it would be if every member would bring in just one new member...."

3rd Vice President Howard Jennings' suggestions for improving relations between High Twelve and Grand Lodges: 1, Representation at Grand Lodge Meetings; 2, State Presidents send congratulatory letters to new State Officers of Masonic Bodies; 3, High Twelve Public Information Officer with direct access to the Editor of the High Twelvian; 4, State Presidents of High Twelve should approach the Grand Master and ask what High Twelve can do for him and other Grand Officers; 5, Help with project that the Grand Master is promoting; 6, Make the Grand Master a member of High Twelve, honorary or regular; 7, State Associations should have officers present at Grand Lodge Annual Conventions; 8, On visiting a Grand Lodge, present to Grand Master with name and address of the State Association Officer so he will be recognized; 9, Invite Master and Senior Warden and Wives to club social events; Invite Grand Officers to High Twelve State Conventions months in advance. (NOTE: In California this invitation must be made a year in advance.DLP)

KONA (HTC of) Island of Hawaii charter presented by HTL 1st V.P. John L. Shaw 1/17/70. Louis P. Black, California P.S.P. was Installing Officer. Calif. Executive V.P. W.J. Patton delivered the charge. President Dr. Thomas M. Mar; Sec. Robert L. Bates. Dr. Mar had discussed the idea of forming a club with Donald Campbell, P.G. Lecturer of GL California 10 years earlier. In 1965 Most Worshipful Myron E. Smith, Grand Master of Masons, California & Hawaii recommended to Dr. Mar the formation of a High Twelve Club in the Kona Area. P.M. Alexander K. Bell, M.C., and other Masonic dignitaries and members from Hilo were present.

CLAYTON HTC honored the new Illustrious Potentate of Moolah Temple Edward W. Garnholz 2/11/70 with 77 members present....a record. Wallie Wolcott presented the Potentate with a T.V. set for the young mens' lounge at the Temple. Bro. Garnholz was a member of the Clayton Club.

General Counsel James Robertson, PIP, answering the question, "Why incorporate" in the April-May-June issue of the High Twelvian said, "...Should be discussed with a local attorney." "...Generally, when a group incorporates, and the corporate charter is issued, there are several steps to take to obtain the charter.....registration of name with Bureau of Corporation in the State; prepare and file a petition to incorporate; advertise the intention to seek a corporate charter in accordance with the act (some states require a Court hearing); recording final corporate charter; and paying the required filing fees and court costs....."

"....Once the charter is obtained from the State, there may be certain forms and reports which must be filed with the State, as the Corporation is a 'person' under the law and has legal status. Action may then be taken under the International Revenue Code to have the corporation listed under Section 501. This merely means that the corporation is exempt from paying taxes, but certain annual reports are normally required....."

TEHAMA COUNTY (Red Bluff, Ca.) charter issued 2/7/70. 55 members. Pres. G. E. Messinger; SUN CITY (Ariz.) HTC charter issued 2/14/70. 50 members. Pres. Donald A. Flenniken. SUNSET POINT (Clearwater, Fla.) charter issued 1/20/70. 35 members. Pr. Th. A. Courtney. AKRON (Ohio) HTC charter issued 2/9/70. 28 members. Pres. Herbert D. Kelley; HILLSBOROUGH (Tampa, Fla.) Charter issued 3/3/70. 37 members. Pres. Maynard S. Cory; FT. LAUDERDALE (Fla.) charter issued 3/10/70. 35 members. Pres. Robert R. Miller; BAYSHORE (Bradenton, Fla.) charter issued 3/20/70. 35 members. Pres. Joseph H. Austin; DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS (Ohio) HTC charter issued 4/10/70. 53 members. Pres. Thomas M. Major. VISTA (Ca.) HTC charter issued 4/10/70. 57 members. Pres. Frank W. Allen;

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**HIGH TWELVE COMES TO
HAWAII, ARIZONA and OREGON**



Left to right: Most Worshipful Thomas David Henderson, Grand Master of Arizona; Howard M. Smith, President of High Twelve International; Most Worshipful Chester R. MacPhee, Grand Master of California and Hawaii; John L. Shaw, First Vice-President High Twelve International; and Most Worshipful Paul W. Sorensen, Grand Master, Oregon; all of whom were photographed at the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D. C. on February 24, 1970. This picture is to commemorate the coming of High Twelve to Arizona, Hawaii and Oregon.

The above cover of the High Twelvian will give future generations some idea of the size and general appearance 1962 of High Twelve International's official magazine. It was published from 4 to 6 times yearly, depending on the state of the finances at the time. DLP

MAINLANDS (Pinellas Park, Fla.) HTC charter issued 4/3/70. 54 members. Duncan B. Thomson; SOUTH JACKSONVILLE, (Fla.) charter issued 5/5/70. 24 members. Pres. James M. Rogers; YUMA (Arizona) charter issued 6/13/70. 36 members. Pres. Harry A. Moxon.

SUN CITY (Ariz.) HTC's charter party was evening of Feb. 14, 1970, 187 High Twelvians and guests present. Most Worshipful Thomas D. Henderson, Grand Master of Masons in Arizona gave encouraging remarks pertaining to High Twelve's support of Masonic youth in Arizona. A bus from Tucson brought 32 members to the party, Tucson having sponsored the new club. Bro. Dean Tillotson, PM, presented the ball and gavel. Short talks were made by Shaw and by International Expansion Chairman Louis P. Elack, who presented the charter. V.P. Shaw was Installing Officer. Pres. Don A. Flenniken; Sec. Harvey H. Spiegel. Lyle A. Waterman of Glendale, Ca. and Dean Tillotson were Marshalls.

HILLSBOROUGH HTC (Tampa, Fla.) became the 34th club in Florida. 48 Twelvians were in attendance. Charter presented by International President Howard Smith. Rev. Mike Kippenbrock, State President and International Chaplain Installing Officer, assisted by Past State President Cecil Dunham.

CLAYTON HTC's Past Pres. and FSP Emil "Luvable" Jecmen installed his Son, Emil M. Jecmen, Jr. as President of the club, introducing him as the 'second best President Clayton ever had'. He didn't say who was the best! AKRON HTC's charter night party on 2/9/70 had most of the Ohio Association clubs represented. Ohio Assn. President Homer Spence was an enthusiastic proponent of formation of the club.

Allan R. Furman, Wolcott Fellow 1961-62, writing in the Spring of 1970 about the meeting with the Trustees, Farrington, White and Shaw, "...The question has also been raised as to whether or not other areas of study might not be incorporated into the program. I believe this would be unwise. It would lead to a loss of focus on important objective... that of placing outstanding young men in Public Service; and it would inhibit the impact and effectiveness of the present program by scattering the number of potential candidates over too many areas of employment." "...Other programs are tied to other educational institutions in the field of International affairs. Only the Wolcott and the Scottish Rite Fellowship Programs provide financial support for graduate studies in Public Service."

"...The major deficiency in the program is the lack of funds.....I would hope that at the next International Convention the membership will have an opportunity to endorse an expansion of this important program. (NOTE: Mr. Furman was sponsored by the Des Moines HTC....He joined the agency for International Development in June, '62, and has served in Washington, D.C. and East Pakistan in various positions concerned with the administration of foreign economic assistance projects.)

FOUNDER E.C. "WALLIE" WOLCOTT celebrated his 89th birthday 4/22/70. "He has a complete office in his bedroom, and is continuously working on the organization of new clubs through mailing and telephone calls...." Emil Jecman, Sr.

President Howard M. Smith reported in the April, May, June, 1970 High Twelvia that he and 1st V.P. John L. Shaw attended the meeting of the Wolcott Scholarship Trustees, Students and Max Farrington at George Washington University, Washington, D.C. "The meetings of the Grand Masters' Conferences which we attended were informative and inspiring. The contacts we made should enable High Twelve to establish new clubs in areas where we are not represented...." "...We attended the Grand Masters' Banquet, where we were invited to sit at the table reserved for the Grand Lodge of Arizona with Grand Master Tom Henderson, presiding...."

"...The visit to the House of the Temple, Home of the 33rd^o was a most enjoyable event. We were the guests of Sovereign Grand Commander Clausen of the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, Elmer Wagner, invited us to be his guests and accorded us the rare privilege of sitting with the Grand Officers of his State...."

"From all of these remarkable experiences, I wish to recommend that in the future the President of High Twelve International attend the Grand Masters' Conf."

1st V.P. John L. Shaw, writing on his plans for the year ahead, starting, June, '70, said, "....Our program was to be the 'YEAR OF THE MASTER MASON'. First, there should be an attempt to get all Master Masons into High Twelve. 2nd We should support the Symbolic (Blue) Lodge. Phase a - Attempt to get the sojourning Mason into the High Twelve Clubs and from there back into active participation in the Blue Lodge; b, Support of the Blue Lodge in its activities and encourage visitations to Blue Lodge; c. Assist in the formation of Blue Lodges...."

Past President Clarence M. Shields of the Downtown Toledo HTC said, "...After more than 3 weeks in a hospital room, I can only conclude that Masonry's strength is the Brotherly concern we have for each other." "...As I was about to go to surgery, a Brother Mason and a Fellow High Twelvian asked if I would need blood. As I recovered later from the anesthetic, my wife told me that two men from High Twelve had given blood for me. I can never fully thank or repay these Masonic Brothers. Many special acts of kindness were accorded me during the next several weeks. One nurse remarked, 'Masonry seems to be so important to these men.' " "....If we take our Masonic obligation seriously, and demonstrate our Brotherly love, potential members are certain to be attracted to Masonry...."

CLUBS BY STATES & COUNTRIES as of 4/1/70: 2 Alabama; 2 Arizona; 79 California; 3 Colorado; 1 England; 36 Florida; 1 Hawaii; 13 Illinois; 6 Indiana; 16 Iowa; 9 Kansas; 7 Kentucky; 9 Louisiana; 19 Michigan; 13 Missouri; 2 Nebraska; 8 New Jersey; 1 New York; 21 Ohio; 1 Oregon; 1 Oklahoma; 8 Pennsylvania; 3 South Dakota; 1 Spain; 2 Washington; 1 Guam. = total of 265 clubs.

5/4/70 KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (Ohio) 4 STUDENTS KILLED & 9 WOUNDED IN DISTURBANCES.
5/3/70 - 5/5/70 12,614 ARRESTED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR CIVIL DISTURBANCES.

SOUTH BAY (Chula Vista, Ca.) charter relinquished 6/70. (Chartered 1/16/60).

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 6/21/70-6/25/70, Fort Lauderdale, Fla; Galt Ocean Mile Hotel. Genl Ch. for Convention Elmer W. Olson. Singles \$11.00, doubles 15.00; studios \$22.00 Suites \$35.00. At this convention the Masonic Representative replaced the International Representative. "...he becomes more important than in the past." "...We now want to stress a more important current need. This man is to serve Masonry." "....." "He simply transfers his interests from International to performance at Masonic activities....." "...he heads his club delegation at (International) Convention..." "....(must) visualize what he might do to improve relations with the Master of his Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Chapter, etc....." Billed as 49th Annual Int'l. Conv.

The 108 page program had considerable advertising. The budget as approved showed office rent in St. Louis up from \$1,800.00 to \$2,400.00. The general chairman of Workshops was Tallman Trask of Calif. Breakdown: Club Administration, Ch. John R. Mitchell, Ohio; Projects & Youth Programs, Ch. Walter Fullerton, Fla; Masonic Relations, Ch. Harry Etienne; Club Programs & Publicity, Ch. Leonard Ballman; Membership Retention & Expansion, Ch. Geo. Robb, Calif. A Printing Committee was established to review prices and quotations on printing.

The Governing Board discussed the raising of the per capita for the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. from 5¢ to 10¢ per member. Instead it was recommended giving the

Wolcott Foundation, Inc. \$500.00 for publicity material. Considerable discussion re. continuation of the student subsistence allowance vs. just tuition and books. Opinion seemed to be to encourage the students to work for the government, their Congressmen, etc. part time and make the term 2 years.

George Robb, President of the California Association favored having the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. loan the money to more students than to give outright grants to fewer....as an endowment loan....to not depreciate the capital each year; to work; assistance - not as a total commitment in financing. "....If we send 3 or 4 students a year, we limit our prestige. We limit our influence, our ability to help."

There was discussion re. attendance at the Grand Masters' Conference, Washington, D.C. 1st obtain permission of your own Grand Master who attends the Conference; "Then meetings are open to you...." Smith, "We made progress, but could make a lot more progress if one man was to go back for a number of years....5 years, because when you go into this group of 500, it is extremely difficult to make a lot of contacts. It could be done in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Wolcott Trustees and in advance select those states....we desire to expand into..." He indicated that it would be beneficial if the one who attended had an exceptionally good Masonic background.

Vice Pres. Shaw thought that with the Grand Masters changing yearly in most Jurisdictions this wasn't necessary. He favored the International President and the International First Vice President being sent. Robert Clynch, PIP said that the 3 Past Grand Masters who are also Past State President of the Louisiana High Twelve Association felt they had "had" it by the time they finished as Grand Masters to do anything for another body (High Twelve). Pres. Smith didn't feel that the 1st V.P. should go as he wouldn't have the prestige of the President. It was voted to send the International President.

Outgoing President Howard M. Smith in his report to the convention said, "....We build upon the ashes of those who have gone on before us, and we lay down the gavel of leadership; (then) we too become a part of those ashes upon which our organization is built." The one previous Florida Convention was in Clearwater in '61, when President William L. Worthen, also from California, was outgoing President, "....at that time Florida was a fledgling unit of the whole, and today is giving California a run for its money insofar as size and influence are concerned," Shaw.

At the mens' luncheon Monday, "Chubby" Wright 33°, Secretary of the Miami Valley Rite delivered a stirring address. At the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. meeting, presided over by Chairman Arthur E. Buss,....Cecil Dunham of Florida and Wm. Kinnard of New Jersey were elected to the Board of Trustees. Former Wolcott scholar Allan R. Furman gave a fine talk on the status of the Wolcott Scholars.

The local Blue Lodge played host to some High Twelvians, who witnessed the work in the 3rd degree. The State Presidents Breakfast was presided over by George W. Robb, California's State President. California State Secretary Tallman Trask chaired the workshop session. A stirring, yet humorous talk was given by Roy T. Lord, FGM Masons in Florida and Grand Sovereign Inspector for Florida Scottish Rite; was Genl. Chairman for the Florida State Convention, 1970. 8 Past Int. Presidents attended Conv. A trip through the inland waterways on the "Paddlewheel Queen" was enjoyed by all.

Incoming President John L. Shaw said at the June 24, Int. Board meeting that the emphasis for his convention will be on the Golden Anniversary of High Twelve, to be held 7/11 - 7/14/71, Denver.

A few convention statistics: 445 attended - 262 men & 183 ladies. 18 states represented. 55 signed up for post convention trip to Nassau. On 6/25/70 the "Apollo

70" High Twelve Club was organized inside a Greyhound bus travelling along Interstate 95 between Cocoa and Melbourne, Florida. International President John L. Shaw led the discussion among the 19 charter members and their ladies on the way to Cape Canaveral. To hold only one meeting annually, a ladies day. 8 states represented. Alton Emerson Acting Secretary. Int.Pres. to convene annually.

John L. Shaw, Temple City, Ca. was elected President for the 1970-71 term. 1st V.P. Wib L. Mager, Belleville, Ill; 2nd V.P. Howard H. Jennings, Lansing, Mich; 3rd V.P. William K. Rose, Toledo, Ohio; Treasurer Wm. S. Roser, Louisville, Ky; Immediate Past Int. Pres. Howard M. Smith, Dunedin, Fla. Internat. Sec. Robert F. Clynch, PIP, Baton Rouge, La; General Counsel James N. Robertson, Media, Pa; Wolcott Foundation Chairman Arthur E. Buss, Escalon, Ca; Pres. Emeritus E. C. "Wallie" Wolcott, Webster Groves, Mo. Editor, High Twelvian E. P. White Jr., Associate Ed. Max J. Reed, both of Louisville, Ky. Int. Chaplain Rev. Phil Barrett, San Jose, Cal. Far West Assoc. Editor D. L. Paddock, Ca. Office Manager, Mrs. Lillian V. George, 3681 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis 63108.

International Zone Officer assignments: Robertson: Pennsylvania, N.Y., N.J., N.H., Mass., Vermont, Main, Rhode Is., Dela. & Connecticut; Smith: Florida, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, S. Car; Roser, Kentucky & Tenn; Clynch: Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Ark; Burkin: Kansas, Colorado, Okla; Neb. & Western Missouri; Mager: Illin., Iowa, S. Dak., N. Dakota, Eastern Mo. & Minnesota; Jennings: Mich., Wisc. & Indiana; Malcolm: Northern Calif, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah & Canada; Rose: Ohio, West Virginia & Virginia; Worthen: Southern Calif., Nevada, Ariz., New Mexico & Mexico; Shaw: Alaska & Hawaii.

State Presidents as listed in High Twelvian: California, George W. Robb; Colorado, H. Baird Whitaker, Denver; Florida, Michael K. Kippenbrock, Orlando; Indiana, Roger E. Hellman, Columbus; Iowa-South Dakota, James W. Coyer, Waterloo, I; Kansas, Donald R. Fisher, Manhattan; Kentucky-Alabama, Harold D. Council, Louisville, Ky; Louisiana, Henry M. Messinger, Bastrop; Michigan, Harry A. Etienne, Detroit; Missouri, Leonard H. Ballman, St. Louis; New Jersey, Victor A. Cranston (Governor), Mendham; Ohio, Homer A. Spence, Willowick; Pennsylvania, Daniel L. Marquette, Pottstown.

International Officers Liaison with Committees: 1st VP - Budget, Resolutions, Credential, Leadership, Nominations, Convention, Necrology; 2nd V.P. Expansion, Youth Activities, Masonic Relations, Public Relations, Projects, Future Sites, Jewelry; 3rd VP, Patriotism, Const. & B-L., Long Range Planning, Manuals, Work Shops, Auditor; Immediate Past President, International Club Affairs, 200th Anniv. Conv; Office Equipment; Ex Officio - General Counsel, Constitution & By-Laws, Credentials, Resolutions; Treasurer, Budget & Finance, Auditor; Secretary, Manuals; All officers - Long Range Planning.

1970-71 Executive Committee: Pres., 1st, 2nd & 3rd VPs, Treas., Sec., Genl. Counsl., Immed. Past Pres. and Budget & Fin. Ch.

Committee Chairmen: 1970-71: Expansion - L. E. Delebarre, Calif; Const. & B-L - Monta W. Shirley, Ca; Budget & Finance - Emil M. Jecmen, Sr., Missouri; Youth Activities - Walter J. Fullerton, Fla; Projects - Cecil Dunham, Fla; Masonic Rels - John Murray, Kan; Intern. Club Affairs - Theodore Arter, La; Public Relations - Darven L. Paddock, Calif; Resolutions - Harlan G. Richardson, Mich; Leadership - Herbert Goddard, Calif; Nominations - Charles F. Burkin, Jr., Kansas; Credentials - Lewis Hoffman, Ohio; Office Equipment - Lee W. Goby, Ill; Manuals - Glenn R. Woods, Ill; Convention - Leslie C. Whitney, Colo; Workshops - Karl M. Huston, Ind; Patriotism - Dr. H. M. Chabut, Mi; Long Range Planning - Harold Sivers, Ohio; 200th Anniversary - Wm. N. Kinnard, Pennsylvania; Necrology - Phil Barrett, San Jose; Auditor - J. Carl Menke, Ill; Jewelry - T. Archer Brown, Calif; Conventin Site Com ('73) Howard H. Jennings.

The Post Convention trip from Miami on the "New Bahama Star" to Nassau was great. PIP and Mrs. James N. Robertson, General Counsel said, "...As parents, we never saw so

many families represented at a post convention activity...." Editor E.P.White,Jr. commented in the July-Aug.,1970 High Twelvian, "...This is Bro.Shaw's year! The focus of attention will be on him as President because what he does, what he says, what he thinks determines the future course of our organization....." Aboard the "Bahama Star" the International Convention High Twelve Club was organized with 49 Charter members. 1st Pres. Richard W.Gordon of St.Louis, Mo. The ship was about 100 miles from shore at that time. (NOTE: We had a ball,DLP)

NORTH PENINSULA HTC (near S.F.,Calif.) charter party had the distinction of having as principal speaker Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in California Chester McPhee. Charter presented by International President John L. Shaw; State Secretary Louis P.Elack, PSP was Installing Officer with assistance of Wolcott Chairman Arthur E.Buss. State President George Robb delivered the charge; and V.P. W.J.Patton was Marshall. Club sponsored by the Downtown San Francisco HTC, whose President Robert Clark presented ball and gavel. Pres.W.Neil Andrus; Sec.Chas. Von Storch. Summer High Twelvian.

ROSSMOOR (Calif.) initiated large class of 30 new members, giving that club a total of 449, according to Pres.Lester Forsyth who claimed this to now be largest of the High Twelve Clubs.

MT.CLEMENS (Mich) HTC was selected as "Organization of the Year" by the Amvets Post of Mt.Clemens. Milton R.Penzion, President. The citation read in part, "Some fraternal clubs exist and other 'do', and amongst the foremost 'doers' in Mt.Clemens is the High Twelve Club. Since its inception in the mid-thirties, this Masonic Mens' Club has endeavored to promote and support worthy projects in the community.

Prime fund-raiser for these projects is the Annual High Twelve Show, proceeds from which benefited the YMCA, Memorial Statium, Mt.Clemens General and Martha T. Berry Hospitals, Red Cross, Salvation Army, County Youth Home, Boy and Girl Scouts, DeMolay, YMCA Building Fund, Mt Clemens Art Center, and a host of others.

"A measure of success is the fact that in the past five years the High Twelve Club has turned over \$12,750.00 to local charaties, including \$6,000.00 to the Camp of Underprivileged Children, \$4,000.00 to the YMCA Building Fund and \$900.00 to the Boy Scouts...." Signed Harold E. Addis, Commander.

DAVENPORT (Iowa) HTC congratulated Bro.Julius Lage for securing 20 new members, uly initiated, since January, 1970. "...Your first duty, other than your regular attendance, is to get a new member applicant's name on the dotted line for good fraternal fellowship and the best in programming....only Brother Master Masons in good standing can qualify...." Summer 1970.

As of August 27, 1970 there were 270 club, total membership of 16,770. GEORGE W.ROBB, President of the California Assn. of High Twelve Clubs was honored 9/18/70 by an appreciation reception in Riverside, with San Bernardino and Riverside High Twelve Clubs as co-hosts. 136 present, including State Officers and 12 High Twelve Clubs. FREMONT (Ca.)HTC charter relinquished 6/15/70. MONTEREY PARK (Ca.) HTC charter relinquished 8/13/70. Founded 2/9/63.

International President JOHN L. SHAW was honored at a reception at the Huntinton-Sheraton Hotel, Pasadena in the Fall of 1970. Nearly 200 members, wives and guests attended the banquet. Ten Twelvian leaders took turns "roasting" Bro.John, all in good fun. Present were two International Past Presidents, W. L. Hopperstead and Wm. Worthen, six additional Past State Presidents, many state, area and club officers and Grand Lodge dignataries.

List of State High Twelve Sponsors to DeMolay Leadership Camps (provided by Tom

W.Moberly, DeMolay Headquarters, Kansas City. (Nov-Dec.,1970 High Twelvian)
California = 61; Florida = 27; Michigan = 12; Iowa = 11½; Missouri = 11;
Ohio=10½; Kansas=6; Illinois = 5; New Jersey = 3; Arizona = 2; Indiana = 2;
Kentucky = 2; New Mexico =1, Virginia = 1; Colorado =½; South Dak.=½. Tot.156.

KNOXVILLE (Tenn.) HTC charter issued 8/14/70. 16 members. Pres. Sam L.Hansard.
GOLETA VALLEY (Santa Barbara vicinity,Calif.) Charter relinquished 10/70. Had
been chartered 3/2/68.

MONTEBELLO HTC had a 1932 Chevrolet convertible in the local Anniversary Parade,
which had 132 entries; and was viewed by thousands of spectators 10/17/70. Entry
was driven by Don Rumbough, owner, with seven Twelvians (shirt sleeved and straw
hatted) as passengers, including Pres. Bob Will. Along the parade route, they
threw 2,000 pieces of candy and other goodies to children watching. Signs on the
side made of cloth, read, "Montebello High Twelve Club - Masonic Fellowship Lunch-
eon." Signs on the front and back were the metal High Twelve medalion signs.

PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT (1941-42 DR.EDWIN E.HRUSKA, lifelong resident of
Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died 10/19/70 following a sudden illness. He was born April 9,
1895 in Cedar Rapids; and was married to Emma Svododa April 17, 1965. A veteran
of WWI, Dr.Hruska, a dentist, opened his practice in Cedar Rapids in 1917. PM
Mt.Hermon Lodge AF&AM. He held many positions of honor and responsibility in
Masonic affiliated organizations.

California's Governor Ronal Reagon spoke at the California Association of High
Twelve Clubs, Riverside 10/23/70. Over 500 attended this Annual Convention, presided
over by State President George W. Robb. Int.Pres.John L.Shaw installed E. Wells
Smith as President for the ensuing year. State Secretary Louis P.Black, PSP, was
endorsed as California's candidate for 3rd International V.P., 1971, Int.Convention,
Denver. The Convention,Riverside, was preceded by 12 Area Conferences throughout
the State and Arizona (at that time part of the California Association). Each Con-
ference probably as well attended as many State Conventions.

"As we approach this holiday season (Nov.Dec.,1970 High Twelvian), your Internate
ional extends a loving hand of brother love and friendship to all brothers of High
Twelve.....In the daily struggle to maintain ourselves and our family, we sometimes
lose sight of the needs and desires of our brethern who may be depressed and in dis-
pair. May we then remember our obligation to stretch forth a helping hand to aid
a fellow brother."....."Let's not wait till we see the sign of distress given, but
let us seek out those who need our help, and let us gladly give of ourselves that
the fallen may rise again." "....May the circle of sincere affection encompass all
of us into one closely knit group of friends and brothers, and may our hearts be filled
with love and joy for one another, and may peace and good will prevail for one and
all." John L. Shaw, International President.

At the KNOXVILLE (Tenn.) HTC Charter Party 8/14/70, Int.Sec. Robert F.ClynchPIP,
presented the charter, gong and gavel to President Dr.Sam L. Hansard; Sec-Tr.Haley
M.Jamison. HENRY HOOD, Florida PSP reported in the Nov-Dec.,1970 High Twelvian,
"....During my visit with Grand Masters of Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia,
North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia they were very courteous to me
and were glad to have someone from HTI to visit with them." "....they welcomed me
into their homes to meet their wives, so I am sure we have made some gains for High
Twelve on this trip....."

"Several years ago President Robert F.Hernon of the Illinois State Association
started 'Regional' Board meetings; State divided into Downstate, Central and North-
ern Section...." "Last meeting in Moline was so well attended that it even attract-
ed the Wilsons and Jeckmens from nearby Missouri, proving that if done smartly, you
can 'combine business and pleasure'" Walter F.Maas. (Result...a 'Mini' Convention).

VALLEJO (Calif.) HTC charter issued 11/7/70. 41 members. Pres. Howard Gee.

The new Constitution and By-Laws was now ready for distribution, thanks to the industry and talented efforts of James N. Robertson, PIP, Robert F. Clynch PIP and Int. Secretary, and Wm. K. Rose, Int. 3rd V.P.; to be in possession soon of all club and state officers. Unbound 8 1/2 x 11 punched copies free. \$1.50 if included in 3 ring binder.

A High Twelve poem written by Glory L. Brillhart, wife of 1969 California State President Harold Brillhart. She is author of "Notes with Glory", a book of her poems. (NOTE: The underscoring is mine for the uninitiated. DLP)

Enthusiasm and dedication drew
Men to High Twelve in the past, as they do today.
Although at inception, they numbered but a few.
Now cities and towns install them without delay.

As a new club begins, the older ones grow,
Enjoying each club day's lunch and fellowship;
Their aim, to aid youth, as those helped now show,
Whether journeys be far, or rather short trip.

Many attend Conventions, and their ladies too;
The DeMolays in college, they aid with a loan.
They urge joining a 'Rainbow', as many girls do.
Then on to Job's Daughters... Clubs seek young boys half grown

With talent apparent, through Wolcott Foundation,
Groomed as diplomats for our great nation.

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION (8th Annual) 12/1 and 12/2/71 Orlando.... Elected as President Raymond Rhude, International President John L. Shaw outlined plans for the 50th Anniversary Convention and was Installing Officer. Past Grand Master Roy T. Lord 33° Grand Lodge of Florida gave a talk on the importance of Masonry to our way of life. 5 of 6 Past State Presidents were present. ".... Because of our continued growth, it was necessary to activate another region in the State and elect 7 Regional Vice Presidents to help the line officers in supervising and assisting our 38 clubs and the expansion we expect to make...." The Convention endorsed PSP Henry Hood for International 3rd Vice President.

ROSSMOOR HTC (Calif.) saluted the 94—50 Year Masons living in Rossmoor Leisure World 10/27/70. 83 were present, all but 11 were members of the club. The 83 represented a total of 4,396 years. This may be a record.

11/3/70 - ALLENDE, COMMUNIST-MARXIST SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT OF CHILE.
11/9/70 - CHARLES DE GAULLE DIED.

1970 GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT = \$977,080,000 (in 1950 it had been \$284,769,000).
1970 Hourly earning in Mfg. Ind (Yrly) Avgs) gross \$3.36 (1960 = \$2.26).

The "50th Anniversary is to be built into a valuable contest", according to Pres. John L. Shaw, writing in the Jan-Feb., 1971 High Twelvian. "Wallie gave 50 years - What About You?" ".... Any member of High Twelve International who brings in 10 new members between Jan. 1, 1971 and 6/15/71 will become a Golden Award member, and become a member of the NIFTY FIFTY CLUB. His name will be published in the High Twelvian, and he will receive a gold ribbon...."

"The second phase of this promotion covers the entire year for 1/1/71 to 12/31/71.

Any High Twelve Club that forms a new club during the year of 1971 will receive a gold ribbon to be attached to their banner, to be known as the Golden Anniversary Award Club. Club receiving most gold ribbons will be presented the President's Golden Anniversary Award trophy. In the event of a tie, the winner will be based on a total number of charter members of the clubs formed by each club...."

"...The third phase covers entire year. Every club with 50% increase will be a blue ribbon award to be placed on club banner. Every club with 25% increase, will receive a red ribbon. Every club with 10% will receive a white ribbon.

EAST OAKLAND (Calif) HTC #37 charter relinquished 12/17/70. (Another old one gone!)

By the end of 1970 the California Association of High Twelve Clubs' Ensign May De Molay Loan Fund assets had grown to about \$67,573.00, with 101 DeMolay Loans. Loans were interest free. Repayment history nearly perfect. (Undergraduate College Loans).

J. NELSON TRUITT, PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 1953-54 DIED IN HARRISON, ARKANSAS. When President of International he was a resident of Denver, Colo. He served for several years as Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation after his term as President.

The Board of Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc., Washington, D.C. appointed Philip E. Cartwright Trustee to replace the late Isaac Robertson. Scholars were introduced and answered questions pertaining to the program. President John L. Shaw and V.P. Wib Mager were present. Chairman Arthur E. Buss presided. It was agreed the scholarship application form needed updating to conform to present policies, and to make it a stronger contractual document between scholar and Foundation. Each Trustee henceforth to be assigned to a Zone for which he would be responsible for working with the State Wolcott Chairman to distribute information and answer inquiries. Bro. Shaw set the Wolcott Fund Goal at \$50,000.00 for the 50th Anniversary year.

Chairman Art Buss quoted from the By-Laws of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. as follows, "Sec. 5 - Proxies. Any member of a constituent club of HTI may vote the written proxies of the members of his club who are members of the Foundation, and he may also vote the proxies of the members of not more than 5 other club...."

BRANDON (Fla.) HTC charter night was 1/9/71. 118 High Twelvians and guests present. Sponsored by the Sun City (Fla.) HTC. Charter presented by PIP Howard M. Smith. Pres. Rutherford L. Hughes. 21 charter members.

MID-YEAR meeting of the Governing Board was held in St. Louis, Mo. Unfortunately, the High Twelvian of March-April, did not give the date...probably January. Nearly all of the 14 State Presidents (and N.J. Governor) were present to take part as Governing Board members.

"...Financially HTI is in beautiful shape. Productively it is in an equally enviable condition., i.e., things are running along smoothly under the firm and guiding hand of Pres. John L. Shaw, and the future looks bright." Editor. The Long Range Planning Committee spent several day and night sessions to wind up the composition of the Convention Manual to be produced for the benefit of future groups who undertake the job of hosting an annual affair in their locality. The Governing Board discussed and approved the various slogans and programs for the 50th Annual Convention.

At the State Presidents session held prior to the Mid-Year Governing Board meeting, some 15 men assembled under the leadership of 1st International Vice President Wib L. Mager. They discussed reducing the number of "work sessions" at International Conventions from 6 to 3; to call these gatherings "seminars" to be staggered so all sessions could be attended by everyone. Designate the recent 1st V.P. of H.T.I. as "President-elect." All resolutions to be presented in writing to the Resolutions Committee. Gave unanimous approval of the new Manual. Clubs and State Officers not having one could

obtain them from St. Louis for \$1.50.

Six Past International Presidents attended the meeting. President John L. Shaw announced the appointment of Harold D. Council, Louisville, Ky. as Chairman of Youth Activities to succeed Walter Fullerton, resigned.

The International DeMolay Headquarters advised that there were now 8 Leadership Camps, with the standard price per boy at \$75.00. High Twelve Clubs were urged to as always support this annual project. ST. CHARLES, Mo. Charter issued 2/6/71. 23 members; President Adrian J. Lohman.

WEBSTER GROVES, Mo. HTC entered a High Twelve float in the Annual Community Day parade. Webb T. Rogers had a High Twelve insignia sews to his golf cap publicizing High Twelve even on the golf course. (This was probably in the spring of 1971). (NOTE: Sometimes it's hard to figure out the dates). DLP

As of April 30, 1971 there were 271 clubs in High Twelve Int., and 17,303 members. SALEM (Oregon) HTC charter issued 3/22/71. 57 members. Pres. George Dilts. By the end of 1971, GEORGE ELOSS (Atwater, Calif.) HTC charter had been relinquished.

3/10/71 - SENATE APPROVED 94-0 AMMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION LOWERING VOTING AGE TO 18.
5/1/71 - AMTRACK WENT INTO OPERATION "TO GET THE PEOPLE BACK ON TRAINS."

HUI AWAKEA (Honolulu) charter issued 5/30/71. 26 members. Pres. Robert C. Kong. (NOTE: There had been several previous High Twelve Clubs in Honolulu over the years.) DLP
EAST OAKLAND (Calif.) charter relinquished 12/17/70. TORREJOH (AFB SPAIN) Charter relinquished 3/30/71 (NOTE: Reactivated 4/9/73)

6/30/71 - OHIO RATIFIED 26th AMENDMENT TO CONST., LOWERING VOTING AGE TO 18. NOW LAW.

Pre-Convention Board Meeting, Denver, Colo. 7/11/71. 2nd V.P. Howard Jennings said that one Grand Master wasn't interested in High Twelve because it wasn't a Civic Organization. One of our publications had stated that High Twelve was not a Civic Association. He felt this should be changed.

It was agreed that the Policy Manual include that the President, a Vice President and the Immediate Past President attend the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D.C. In the event of incapacity of any of the three, the Presiding Officer to appoint the 3rd party to attend.

The Board approved a jewelry contract with the Klitzner Co. Bro. E.C. Wolcott reported that he had been carrying on a heavy correspondence and phoning, in an endeavor to start new clubs. He mentioned Oklahoma City having 8 or 9 interested Masons, but no restaurant willing to accomodate them; also Muscatine, Iowa working on a list of 24 names. The hotel in Mascatine would take the club.

Finances 1970-71: Club dues \$47, 935.50; Reinstated Member fees \$235.50; New Member fees \$4,314.00; Charter member fees \$618.00; Sale of jewelry & club supplies \$8,030.96; Interest-Sav. A/C. of Dep. \$792.56, Misc. \$52.50 = \$61,979.02 - Cost of jewelry & club supplies \$6,396.90 = \$55,582.12.

Expenses '70-71: E.C. Wolcott \$4,800.00; Office Salary \$6,950.50; Travel (all) \$14,062.77; Hi. 12 Mag. \$14,623.96; Promotional Lit. \$1,611.94; 50th Ann. Promotion \$1,348.60; Other \$9,352.85... Total Expenditures \$52,750.62 ... Excess of income over expenditures (or retained earnings) \$2,831.50.

50th Anniversary Celebration & International Convention, Denver, Colorado July 11-14, 1971. Denver Hilton Hotel. General Chairman Leslie C. Whitney. The 50th Anniversary Souvenir Program contained advertising. Wednesday July 14 was "Wallie Wolcott Day." Bro. John Vanderhoof, Lt. Governor of the State of Colorado spoke, "...We cannot permit our children to delude themselves that America alone, without allies, can

live securely behind the barriers of the two oceans in an age of Inter-Continental Missiles." Bro. John H. Hacker, Director of Revenue of Colorado (next in line behind the Lt. Gov.) was introduced by Ed Natal, Past Governor New Jersey Association of High Twelve Clubs. Bro. Hacker was Past President of the Camden Htc, 1st Secretary of the New Jersey District, and the High Twelve Governor of New Jersey. He mentioned that not only was Lt. Gov. Vanderhoof a Mason, but that the Governor was too.

After reports from State Association Presidents, Pres. Shaw called on representatives from Tulsa, Bruce Phillips; Knoxville, Tenn, (Univ. of Tenn. Agri. Dept. Personnel) Harold Council; & Francis Haller, representing Washington State. PIP Vinton Malcolm, Oakland, Ca. reported that about a year ago they started the Bay Area Club in Coose Bay, Ore., and several months ago had started a new club in Salem, Ore., whose president Geo. Dists was a former Davenport, Iowa HTC member.

Public Relations Com. Chairman Darven L. Paddock made a strong pitch for development of an audio visual program for presentation at Grand Lodge room of President.. High Twelve officials, lodges or wherever else it would be permitted.... slide first and film later. Members were urged to send in their best colored 35mm slide negatives.

President Raymond Rhude of the Florida Association presented a plaque to President E. Wells Smith of the California Association for having started more clubs during the year than Florida had. T. Archer Brown, Jewelry Chairman said the jewelry catalogue was nearly completed and would be mailed to club secretaries.

V.P. Wm. K. Rose (speaking of manuals) remarked about the lack of communication between International and the clubs. "...is constant, yet 99% of the answers to their questions are in this book.... for the first time in 50 years, we now have permanently, right up to date the answers to practically all of the problems that arise from time to time." "...Almost a majority of the local club officers say they've never seen it. Others acknowledge they have a copy but rarely read it...."

Wolcott Nifty Fifty reibbons were presented to representatives of the top 50 contributing club, where special contributions were sent to the International Office as per instructions. Also... the Nifty 50 ribbons presented to those bringing in 10 members; and those clubs with 25% increase.... Sun City, Ariz; Arlington, Ca; Palm Springs, Ca; Bradenton, Fla; Holiday, Fla; Venice, Fla; West Jacksonville, Fla; Mason City, Iowa.

73% of the clubs made no contributions to the Wolcott Foundation 1969-70 (except 5¢ per capita?). San Bernardino HTC therefore submitted a proposed amendment to Art. IV, Sec. 2a of the By-Laws, raising semi-annual dues from \$1.50 to \$2.00; and Art. III, Sec. 4, adding Sub-Sec. b, whereby HTI would pay the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. \$1.00 a year (per member) payable August, as per membership of the previous December. This had been discussed previously at the Mid-Year meeting and rejected. The proposal was also defeated at this convention.

Past International President Harold Sivers advised that a Convention Manual had been prepared by PIP Holland F. Flahavhan and committee, was up to date, and had been printed; so any club or State Association extending an invitation to a future convention could obtain this manual from the St. Louis office.

President show reported that the membership was now about 17,500. He mentioned that he had visited the Florida State Association, Hawaii, Missouri, New Jersey, Iowa State Conv. (and the 50th Anniversary Convention site, Denver 3 times), in addition to visitations in California and Arizona.

"...You have heard much concerning the Grand Masters' Conference. I feel that this is one of the outstanding things we have done to improve our relationship with

Grand Lodges...." " I personally attended the Grand Lodges of California and Arizona. Howard Jennings has attended the Grand Lodges of Wisconsin & Michigan. Wib Mager attended the Grand Lodge of Missouri and Illinois. Other High Twelvians have attended other Grand Lodges and have brought to them the message of High Twelve...." John L. Shaw. President Shaw was interviewed extensively over local T.V. in Denver during the Convention in defense of the F.B.I. (NOTE: Shaw was a former Agent. DLP)

Officers for 1971-72 - Pres. Wib L. Mager, Belleville, Ill; 1st V.P. Howard H. Jennings, Lansing, Mich; 2nd V.P. Wm. K. Rose, Toledo, Ohio; 3rd V.P. Louis P. Black, Arcadia, Calif; Treasurer Wm. S. Roser, Louisville, Ky; Int. Secretary Robert F. Clynch, Baton Rouge, La; General Counsel James N. Robertson; Im. Past Pres. John L. Shaw; President Emeritus E.C. "Wallie" Wolcott, Webster Groves, Mo; Chairman Wolcott Foundation, Inc. Arthur E. Buss, Escalon, Ca; Editor, High Twelvian E.P. White, Jr., Louisville, Ky; Ass. Ed. Max J. Reed, Louisville, Ky., Far West Asso. Ed. Darven L. Paddock; Int. Chaplain W. George Wilson, St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Lillian V. George, Office Manager, 3681 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.

State Presidents: California - Elliott Wells Smith, Walnut Creek, Calif; Colorado Harry Price, Denver; Florida - Raymond Rhude, Bradenton Beach, Fla; Illinois - Glenn R. Woods, Sr., Mascoutah; Indiana - Albert R. Kelley, West Lafayette; Iowa-South Dakota Hervert H. Jacobs, Mason City, Iowa; Kansas - Orvalle V. Millikan, Wichita; Kentucky-Alabama-Tenn. - Foster G. (Greg) Lord, Owensboro, Ky; Louisiana - Richard L. Scott, Shreveport, La; Michigan - Keith W. Seales, Howell; Missouri - Adrian J. Lohman, St. Charles; New Jersey - Nelson W. Craig, Jr., Governor, Audubon; Ohio - Lewis Hoffman, Dayton; Pennsylvania - M. Warren Bolton, Norristown.

Executive Committee: President, 1st, 2nd & 3rd VPs, Treas, Sec., Genl. Counsel & Immediate Past President. ZONE OFFICERS: Robertson - Penn., N.Y., N.J., New Hampshire, Mass., Vermont, Maine, Rhode Island, Delaware & Connecticut. Howard M. Smith - Florida, Georgia, N. Car., South Carolina; Roser - Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama; Clynch - Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas & Arkansas; Jennings - Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, N. Dakota; Wm. Rose - Ohio, Indiana, North Carolina & West Virginia; (NOTE: Both Smith & Rose shown as assigned North Carolina); Vincent Malcolm - Oregon, Wyoming, Idaho & Montana; Black - Sou. Calif., Nevada, Ariz., Colo; New Mex. & Utah; Shaw - Northern Calif., Washington, Alaska & Hawaii; Mager - Missouri, Kansas & Okla.

Officer Committee Liason: 1st VP - Budget, Resolutions, Credentials, Leadership, Nominations, Convention & Necrology; 2nd VP - Expansion, Youth Activities, Masonic Relations, Public Relations; Projects; Future Sites & Jewelry; 3rd V.P. - Patriotism, Const. & By-Laws, Long Range Planning, Manuals, Workshops & Auditor; Immed. Past Pres. - International Club Affairs, 200th Anniversary & Office Equipment. EX-OFFICIO: General Counsel - Const. & By-Laws, Credentials, & Resolutions; Treasurer - Budget & Finance & Auditor; Secretary - Manuals; All Officers - Long Range Planning.

Committee Chairmen 1971-72: Expansion - L.D. DeLeBarre, Calif; Constitution & By-Laws - Chas. F. Burkin, Jr., Kansas; Budget & Finance - Edward L. Natal, New Jersey; Youth Activities - Don Marsh, Ohio; Projects - Nelson W. Craig, Sr., New Jersey; Masonic Relations - John Murray, Kansas; Int. Club Affairs - Theodore Arter, Louisiana; Public Relations - Wally Maas, Illinois; Resolutions - Nathaniel S. Tuchman, Mich; Leadership - Victor A. Cranston, New Jersey; Nominations - Wm. L. Worthen, Calif; Credential - Carleton L. Crispin, Illinois; Office Equipment - Lee W. Goby, Illinois; Manuals - Glenn R. Woods, Calif; Convention - Don A. Yocum, Michigan; Workshops - Homer A. Spence, Ohio; Long Range Planning - John L. Shaw, Calif; Patriotism - Milton Shaw, Florida; 200th Anniversary - Wm. N. Kinnard, Pennsylvania; Necrology - W. George Wilson, Missouri; Auditor - J. Carl Menke, Illinois; Jewelry - Chuck Henning, Michigan; Convention Site Comm. '74, Wm. Rose, Ohio; Past Presidents of Int. - John L. Shaw, Calif.

Short Course In High Twelve Club Public Relations (Or How To Get and Keep Members)

1. Every club president is in effect his own Public Relations Chairman, and this is one of the most important functions of his job as president.

2. This is the 50th Anniversary of High Twelve International. Obtain from last year's president the bulletin regarding how to celebrate this event. This is the best opportunity your club will ever have to obtain great publicity on High Twelve. Utilize the two releases that accompanied the bulletin. We hope you have a tremendous Anniversary meeting or party.

3. We assume you have a club publicity chairman. In addition to taking releases to the paper(s) regarding programs, does he take advantage of visits from your State Presidents, International Officers and other important Twelvians? Does he turn in a story regarding attendance at state conferences, state and national conventions, etc? Most papers will give space to this if nothing else. Does your publicity chairman keep taking releases to the papers even though they are not printed? Tell him to keep trying! Some day he will have such an interesting program or story to tell that the newspaper will run it in spite of its prejudices.

4. Bulletins are good sources of public relations, especially if copies are mailed to the Blue Lodge Secretaries or Masters.

5. Your old International Representative is now called the Masonic Representative. Inasmuch as the Master Mason is your "Public", this representative, especially if he is a Past Master, can be a very valuable public relations man for your club. He should be able to advise you how to keep on the right side of the Masters and the Inspector in your area. He is your friend at court. If he arranges a club visitation at a Blue Lodge you must go all out to see that you have good representation at the meeting.

6. Speaking of Blue Lodges, did you get posters from St. Louis, which you can fill in with felt pen, indicating time, date and place you meet? Many Masters permit these to be posted near the Tiler's desk. It's worth a try.

7. Further in the area of promotional materials, St. Louis has metal roadside signs. Do you have one posted along with Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis as you approach town? St. Louis provides brochures, and other material telling Master Masons about High Twelve. Do you utilize these? Some clubs have had great success by asking the Masters to include a copy with their Trestle Board mailings.

8. The wearing of lapel pins, tie clasps, etc. is very important. The wives have jewelry available, which would be helpful. Most clubs utilize business cards indicating day, time and place of luncheons, and inviting Master Masons including sojourners to attend. Book matches are important. We will have a case or two at the International Convention, Denver, for sale at 50c a box. Don't overlook participation in Old Timers' Parades. Get ahold of an old car; plaster it with High Twelve signs. Dress up in vintage clothes or hats, and you'll be surprised at the publicity you get. It's fun. Same with home town fairs. Try a booth, and invite Master Masons to stop and chat and sit down and rest.

9. The most important public relations gimmick of all, however, is to have good, wholesome programs. The visitor will want to return if he enjoys himself. You may lose him forever though if the stories are too raw.

10. Last but not least . . . your greeting committee must do a good job; and when the visiting Master Mason departs, the members of the Greeters must urge him to come back again.

Darven L. Paddock,
Far West Assoc. Editor

The Wolcott Foundation, Inc. was in good shape according to Chairman Arthur Biss, who was re-elected, as was Phillip Cartwright for 3 & 5 years respectively. As a result of the spirited drive to increase the grant fund at the inception of President John L. Shaw's year, the balance of \$26,827.77 as of 4/30/71 was increased by \$7,396.05 as of 7/14/71.

The officers were installed by Emil Jecman, Sr., PSP of the Missouri Assn. Founder E.C. Wolcott was in attendance at this convention.

MAYFLOWER GARDENS (Lancaster, Ca.) HTC charter issued 7/21/71. 18 members. Pres. Robert L. St. Clair. YREKA (Calif.) HTC charter relinquished 9/29/71. Was chartered 10/3/64. DEERFIELD BEACH (Florida) charter issued 9/3/71. 19 members. Robert Mac Alvanah Pres. GATEWAY (St Louis) charter relinquished 11/30/71. Issued 2/12/65.

8/15/71 - 90 DAY WAGE-PRICE-RENT FREEZE INSTITUTED BY PRESIDENT NIXON.
9/28/71 - CHILE VIRTUALLY EXPROPRIATED ANACONDA & KENNECOTT COPPER MINES.

INTERBAY (Tampa, Fla) HTC charter issued 10/28/71. 29 members. W.B. Gresham, Jr. Pres. MIAMI (Fla.) HTC charter issued 10/30/71. 28 members. Pres. Charles R. Emerson; LAKE TARPON VILLAGE (Palm Harbor, Fla. charter issued 11/11/71. 36 members. Pres. Edward A. Komraus. GATEWAY (St. Louis, Mo.) charter relinquished 11/30/71. Was chartered 2/12/65. YREKA (Calif.) Charter relinquished 9/29/71; Chartered 10/3/64.

FOLLOWING LISTED AS RECEIVING AWARDS AT CONVENTION DENVER: No 50% increase; so no Blue Ribbon Awards. Clubs with 25% increase - Red Ribbon Awards: SunCity, Ariz; Arlington, Ca; Palm Springs, Ca; Bradenton, Fla; Holiday, Fla; Venice, Fla; West Jacksonville, Fla; Mason City, Fla.

10% increase - white ribbons: Tucson, Ariz; Concord, Ca; Far West, Ca; Hemacinto, Ca; Mt. Helix, Ca; North Park, Ca; San Bernardino, Ca; San Gabriel Valley, Ca; Vallejo, Ca; Bayshore, Fla; Dunedin, Fla; Hillsborough, Fla; Holiday, Fla; Lake Worth, Fla; Leesburg, Fla; Mainlands, Fla; Naples, Fla; Palmetto, Fla; Skycrest, Fla; West Pasco, Fla; Lafayette, Ind; Clinton, Iowa; Dubuque, Iowa; Laurence, Kan; Downtown Louisville, Ky; Harry M. Lemert, La; Port Huron, Mich; Southfield, Mich; Gateway, Mo; Kirkwood, Mo; West Orange, N.J; Hamilton, Ohio; Sandusky, Ohio; Downtown Toledo, Ohio; West Toledo, Ohio; Bay Area, Ore; Valley Forge, Pa; Wm. Penn, Pa. and Fairchild AFB, Washington.

Top clubs (by states) contributing to the Wolcott Foundation 1/1/71 - 6/1/71....
14 California; 7 New Jersey; 6 Florida; 6 Iowa; 3 Illinois; 3 Kansas; 2 Indiana; 2 Kentucky, 2 Michigan; 1 Ohio; 1 Arizona; 1 Pennsylvania & 1 Colorado.

The Kentucky-Alabama-Tennessee Association held its annual meeting. Chairman Jimmie Bittner. Int. Pres. Wib L. Mager installed officers. C.J. Hyde, PIP gave a semi-serious talk. M.W. George R. Effinger, Grand Master Kentucky Masons spoke briefly. James Bibb, Pres. Ky-Ala-Tenn. Assn. 10/15/-10/16/71.

The Ohio State Association Convention was in Dayton, 9/24 and 9/25/71. 150 High Twelvians and ladies present. Floyd W. Walton elected President. Model luncheon was conducted by Dayton, Far Hills, Mound and DOWTOWN Dayton HTCS. The State Association was thanked for the \$2,500.00 gift to the Chappel Fund. Toledo Downtown was awarded plaques for gain in membership and membership gains. Many Masonic dignataries present. Int. Pres. Wib Mager spoke.

The Oak Park (Ill.) HTC won the scrapbook contest at the International Convention, thanks to Wally Maas who put a lot of time and effort into it. Book divided into monthly sections, each started with a news sheet and program card for that month. The club had a photographer and made a bid for regular publicity in local papers. The pictures and clippings were supplemented with good headings and artwork here & there. Wallie gathered all of his material, carefully marked for the entire year.

He added special events, obits, DeMolay....whatever, and then put the whole thing together.

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA (Calif.) HTC celebrated its 50th Anniversary 10/4/71 by holding a joint installation of officers with Army Memorial (Fort Ord) HTC. Address delivered by John L. Shaw, PIP. E. Wells Smith Installing Officer, with 1st Ex. V.P. W.J. Patton and 2nd Ex. V.P. Dr. Fred Havrilla assisting. Carmel honored 11 Past Presidents and 14 of the 23 active charter members. There were 115 Carmel members and 29 visitors present.

MIAMI (Fla.) HTC charter presented 10/30/71 by State Vice President Dr. Milton E. Nelson to President Chas. Emerson. State Pres. Raymond Rhude Installing Officer. Club sponsored by Ft. Lauderdale, with Pres. Herman Gingrich presenting the ball and gavel.

The next day, DEERFIELD BEACH received its charter. Pres. Robert T. MacAlvanah. Sponsoring club was Lake Worth, whose Pres. Elmer G. Kingman presented ball & gavel. Later in October, Inter-Bay HTC Tampa, charter presented by Howard M. Smith, PIP. Pres. W.B. Gresham. Bro. Cecil L. Dunham Installing Officer.

On Nov. 11, 1971 The Lake Tarpon Village HTC held its charter party in Palm Harbor. State President Rhude presented the charter to Pres. Ed Komraus. Installing Officer Cecil Dunham. Pres. James Galloway of sponsoring club, Skycrest, presented the ball and gavel. That was the 4th club within about 30 days, plus 1 earlier in the year, equalling 5, with two more due early in 1972 in Florida, the one state that had not hit its plateau yet.

CAMDEN (NJ) HTC celebrated its 25th Silver Anniversary together with High Twelve International's 50th Golden Anniversary in a Ladies Night celebration. 78 in attendance. State Governor Nels Craig of New Jersey Association congratulated the club, and in a special tribute presented charter member lapel pins to 6 charter members. Date?

The December, 1971 High Twelvian listed the following members as having sponsored 10 or more new members (the "Nifty Fifty") Elton Knowles, San Gabriel Valley, Ca; Harold Susman, Palm Springs; Jack Morris, Jr., Palm Springs; Benjamin Fisher, Holiday, Fla; Ray Hutchinson, Palmetto, Fla; John R. Mitchell, Downtown, Toledo; Albert R. Kelley, West Lafayette, Ind.

Number of clubs by States as of 11/1/71.... 2 Alabama; 3 Arizona; 76 California; 2 Colorado; 1 England; 43 Florida; 1 Guam; 2 Hawaii; 13 Illinois; 6 Indiana; 16 Iowa; 9 Kansas; 7 Kentucky; 9 Louisiana; 19 Michigan; 13 Missouri; 2 Nebraska; 8 New Jersey; 1 New York; 21 Ohio; 1 Oklahoma; 2 Oregon; 8 Pennsylvania; 3 South Dakota; 1 Tennessee; 2 Washington.....total = 271.

WESTMINSTER (Colo.) HTC charter relinquished Dec., 1971. Was chartered 3/1/55. HOMESTEAD (AFB, Fla.) charter relinquished 12/13/71. Was chartered 1/6/68.

The Mid-Year Governing Board Meeting Dec. 9, 10 & 11, 1971 was held in Sioux City, Iowa and Nebraska. Founder's Club #1 did the honors. The Board meetings were held at the Hilton-Marina Inn, Sioux City, Nebraska. This was intended as a salute to E.C. "Wallie" Wolcott, Founder, but Wallie was ill and could not make the trip. Newell Guernsey was Conference Chairman. President Wib L. Mager presided over the business sessions. Practically all State Presidents were on hand.

Membership total reported as being over 18,000; Finances in good shape; Morale good. The Denver Convention Chairman (Whitney) presented a check for \$825.25, representing repayment of loan to the Committee and a portion of the overage. A recommendation was presented by Charles Burkin PIP, and the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee that the Constitution & By-Laws Committee recommend that Art. II, Sec. 8 of the

By-Laws be amended by adding the following: "...A vacancy shall be deemed to exist upon the death or disability of any officer or upon the refusal or inability of any officer to perform the duties of his office. The Governing Board shall be invested with the authority to declare any office vacant upon the happening of any of the above (foregoing) conditions." This will be determined at the 1972 Convention. The State Presidents convened under the chairmanship of Int.1st V.P.Howard Jennings.

The afternoon sessions had attendance of between 20 and 30. There was discussion at the Governing Board meeting of assisting with the financing of the High Twelvian magazine with paid advertising. Each State President was called upon to speak on expansion and retention. It was reported that the Tucson,Ariz. club, only 3 years old, financed 15 boys to Leadership Camp and secured transportation for 15 more, all through a variety of money raising methods. "...Low dues do not breed healthy clubs.." "...We need the wisdom of the elderly with the vigor of the young."

Art Buss, Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation pushed for the adoption of the increase of members from 5 to 7, by dividing into geographical areas; each area to select and elect its own Trustee, instead of at-large as at present. There was a slide program on the life of E.C.Wolcott,Founder. MW John Rowe, FGM, Iowa, presently Grand Secretary, in speaking, dealt principally with our Masonic obligations. When he distributed questionnaires with Masonic and Non-Masonic questions (when, where,etc.) non-fraternal questions had 100% correct answer from the males present, while Masonic questions rated very low. He made his point. It was reported that PIP Charles Burkin, Jr. and C.J.Hyde were both now 33^o, Southern Jurisdiction.

The California Association President W.J. "Pat" Patton's 'tools in trade' are the Area Conferences...one in the spring and one in the fall for each of the 12 Areas. He attended Area 8 Conf. in Feb. and Area 4 in Feb. 1st Ex.V.P. Havrilla represented the State Officers at Area 2 and 11 in Jan., and Areas 3 & 11 in Feb. 2nd V.P. Darven L.Paddock attended Area I, 5 & 9 in Jan. and 6 & 7 in Feb. There were 5 to 9 clubs in most areas, and the new club presidents discussed their problems at these conferences. These Area Conferences were followed by the State Spring Conference at Carmel-By-The-Sea, a Mini Convention. The State Annual Convention is held in the fall after the Fall Area Conferences.

The previous year, Vice President Paddock had printed and gold stamped 1,000 date books. This year he was instructed to double the order, meeting a profit of about \$1,000.00 to be divided between the Wolcott and Mayo Funds. Int.Pres. and Mrs.Wib Mager were guests of the State Conference.

12/18/51 - PRESIDENT NIXON DEVALUED THE DOLLAR BY 8.57%. GOLD INCREASED FROM \$35 to \$38. GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT FOR 1971 = \$1,055,450,000. ('50 = \$284,769,000; '60 = \$503,734,000.) HOURLY EARNINGS IN MFG.IND. yrly avgs.GROSS 1971 = \$3.56.('50=\$1.44; '60 = \$2.26).
2/21/72 - PRESIDENT NIXON ARRIVED IN PEKING FOR TALKS TO ENDEAVOR TO EASE TENSIONS.

In January, 1972, Pres.Wib Mager, PIP John L.Shaw and W.J.Patton and families attended the installations of the KONA and the HUI AWAKEA (Honolulu) HTC's; and did some spade work in other prospective areas.

The Board of Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation,Inc. held annual Mid-Year Meeting at the George Washington University. Pres.Wib L.Mager and 1st V.P.Howard Jennings were present. Had discussions with Max Farrington and Phillip Grub, Counselor of Students. Talks covered undergraduate requirements for admission; and the need for maintaining contact with universities and colleges to insure that interested students prepare themselves by taking the necessary courses for admission to the program.

1/17/72 there was a merger between the CLEVELAND(Ohio) and DOWTON CLEVELAND HTC's. MAUMEE VALLEY (Toledo,Ohio) HTC charter issued 1/22/72. 165 members. Pres.Donald D. Addis. ATCHISON (Kansas) HTC charter issued 1/19/72. 45 members. Pres.W.E.Dent.

1/25/72 - PRESIDENT NIXON ANNOUNCED SECRET PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM.
3/30/72 - NORTH VIETNAM LAUNCHED ALL-OUT ATTACK.

LAKE CUMBERLAND (Somerset, Ky.) Charter relinquished 2/25/72. (chart'd 9/17/69).

At the Grand Masters' Conference, Washington, D.C., February, 1972, High Twelve's best interests were nicely handled by President Wib Mager, 1st V.P. Howard Jennings, and John Shaw, Im.P.I.P. "....It is felt by the line officers that High Twelve can favorably impress by adequate representative attendance at these top Masonic functions; and, as time goes on, the real and vital role High Twelve plays in the enhancement of the Blue Lodges will be thoroughly recognized and help to move the whole Masonic Scheme of things forward...." Ed. High Twelvian, Feb., 1972.

"....We talk a lot about Blue Lodge visitations, good relations with the Masonic Bodies, etc., but one of the best examples yet is the visit to Pentalpha Lodge recently by members from High Twelve Clubs of Alhambra, Arcadia, San Gabriel Valley, Pomona, La Crescenta and Burbank...."

"...The Worshipful Master, Bro. Ronald Hart, gave State President W.J. Patton, International 3rd V.P. Louis P. Black and others a full half hour after dinner to outline High Twelve and its continued growth in California. This was followed by an interesting question and answer period. This action opens the door in a section of Los Angeles where there are no clubs...." Spring, 1972. High Twelvian.

President Wib Mager on Friendship: "....What does being a friend mean? It means forgetting about yourself and caring about the other fellow. It means shifting your attention away from yourself. There are many troubled souls who can be soothed by your interest and kind words. Like bread on the waters, interest and love come back to you a hundredfold....but don't look for it...just be a friend...."the only way to have a friend is to be one." "....Through visitations to State Associations to State Association Conferences and Conventions, and local club appearances, Hazel and I have witnessed the willingness to accept persons for what they are, not who they are. We have been privileged to belong to a way of life, love, respect and concern of a brother through High Twelve...." High Twelvian, Spring, 1972.

4/15/72 - USA STARTED INTENSIVE BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM.

5/8/72 - USA MINED HAIPHONG AND NORTH VIETNAM PORTS.

MAIN LINE (Ardmore, Pa.) HTC charter issued 3/10/72. 40 members. Pr. James F. Strong.
NORTH PENN (Lansdale, Pa.) HTC charter issued 5/19/72. 56 members. Pr. John L. Krupp.
STURGIS (Mich.) HTC charter issued 5/27/72. 17 members. Jack Grim, Pres.
SAINTS JOHN (Clearwater, Fla.) charter issued 6/15/72. 31 members. Pres. C.E. Dunham.

MAIN LINE HTC charter was presented by Int. General Counsel James N. Robertson, PIP. Inasmuch as Pres. James F. Strong was unable to be present, it was accepted by 1st V.P. Cecil A. Fuerst. Bro. Strong 82 years old was the guiding light in organizing club.

TUCSON HTC, together with DeMolay, Rainbow and Jobs and Sabbar Shrine Charters on Easter Sunday, 1972 presented an hour program of entertainment at the Veteran's Hospital, transported by a London Double Deck Bus. The TUCSON HTC arranges this yearly.

President Wib L. Mager received the Key to the City of Leavenworth, Kansas from Kansas State Association 3rd V.P. Ralph E. Wilson recently, according to the April, '72 High Twelvian. Pres. Orville Milliken presided. Int. PIP Charles Burkin was present, as was PSP and FGM of Masons in Kansas John H. Murray. Leavenworth, Club #51n International is the oldest club in Kansas. There were representatives from Huron, Kansas City, Lawrence and the newly chartered Atchison Club. Bro. Wilson also presented State President Millikan a Key to the City.

DOWNTOWN LOUISVILLE (Ky.) HTC celebrated its 25th year in a massive turnout of over 200 men and wives. Among the Past Presidents there were Max Reed, Verion Gosser C.J.Hyde, PIP, FGM, I.R.Ball, Norman Wade, James N.Bibb and August Baumer, Jr. James Bittner is President. Several Kentucky Grand Masters were members of this potent club. PIP C.J.Hyde was Anniversary Chairman. 2nd club in Kentucky, Owensboro being 1st. May, 1972 High Twelvian.

The following Wolcott Foundation Inc. Zones were announced by Chairman Art Buss:
 Zone 1 - Art Buss of Calif: Alaska, Northern Calif., Idaho, Montana, Wyoming & Wash.
 Zone 2 - Alton C.Emerson of Southern Calif: Arizona, Sou.Calif., Guam,Hawaii, Mexico, Nevada and Utah. Zone 3: Thomas C.Ryther of Kansas - Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Zone 4 - Harry H.Sauerwein of Illinois: Illinois, Iowa, Minn., Missouri, North Dakota, S.Dak. & Wisconsin. Zone 5 - Philip E.Cartwright, Ohio: Canada, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio. Zone 6 - Harold D.Council, Kentucky: Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tenn; Zone 7 - Wm.N.Kinnard of Pennsylv. Connecticut, Delaware, D.C., England, Maine, Maryland, N.H., N.J., N.Y., Penna., Rhode Island & Vermont. Zone 8 - Cecil L.Dunham of Florida: Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

ROSSMOOR HTC (Leisure World, Northern Calif.) celebrated its 7th year Feb.22, 1972 by welcoming its 500th member, Benjamin Armstrong, 92, a Master Mason since 1901. A retired construction engineer, he belonged to Nestle Masonic Lodge, Providence,R.I. Received a 35 year metal in 1936; a 40 year bar, a 45, a 50, a 55 and later a 60 yr. Jewel. His latest was a 65 year medal.

The Governors of Iowa, California and Nebraska each sent awards of appreciation to our beloved Founder E.C.Wolcott at the Annual Valentine Party, Webster Grove, Mo. according to the February, 1972 High Twelvian. Over 100 Twelvians and their ladies attended. Pres.Harry Hines,M.C. The Annual Affair was the kick-off of a campaign by Greater St.Louis Area Association to develop a greater degree of participation and collaboration between clubs in this area in and around St.Louis and nearby Southern Ill. President Wib Mager represented International.

The ROSSMOOR HTC report showed 469 members in good standing. The December Toledo report (DOWNTOWN HTC) showed 472 after bringing in 131 members during the year (20 in Dec.)....4 more than Calif. Rev.Eustace S.Heckert was President when this record was made. (The race between Rossmoor and Toledo seesaws back and forth, month by month, year by year.....a fantastic growth battle. DLP)

There were 9 DeMolay Leadership Camps planned for this year; and as usual, wherever there are High Twelve Clubs they are expected to help send boys to camp.

5/2/72 - J.EDGAR HOOVER, FBI DIRECTOR DIED.
 5/15/72 - ALABAMA GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACE SHOT IN LAUREL, MD.
 5/22/72 - PRESIDENT NIXON VISITED MOSCOW (FIRST AMERICAN PRESIDENT).
 6/13/72 - PRES. NIXON FROZE SOME RETAIL PRICES.
 6/17/72 - WATERGATE BROKEN INTO. 5 MEN ARRESTED.

International Convention of High Twelve Int. Traverse City, Mich (51st Conv.)
 June 18 - 21, Park Place Motor Inn. Genl.Chairman Don Anthony Yocum. James N. Robertson was appointed Parliamentarian. The proxied convention delegates to the Wolcott meeting voted to increase the Trustees from 5 to 8 according to zones above, and increase responsibilities of Trustees therein.

Wolcott balance on hand April 30, 1972....Memorial (Endowment) Fund (various deposits) \$26,269.36; Scholarship Fund \$12,582.42; Operating expense a/c \$432.94; Total all Funds \$39,284.72; Donations rec'd at convention \$3,055.75....total \$42,340.47. Bro.Max Farrington of George Washington University made his 19th HTI Convention appearance. He said that the scholarship students came from California - 11; Ohio -10; Iowa - 6; Michigan - 5; Pennsylvania - 5; Colorado - 4; New Jersey - 4; Missouri 3; South Dakota - 2; and 1 each from N.Y., Oreg.,La., Wash.,Myd.,Ind.,Va.,Kan.,Fla.

and Illinois. Of these 39 were in government service, 20 are Foreign Service Officers in the United States Embassies; 8 teaching at college level; 5 have PhDs, 4 in business (of these, 3 are on foreign assignments); 2 in Military Service; 2 are Housewives but have been in Federal Service, 1 a Baptist Minister; and 2 still working on Masters or advanced degrees. 2 are lost. Farrington said it now cost approximately \$4,000.00 to cover tuition, fees, board, room & book allowance.

There were 700 Convention Delegates and wives. Overflow crowd from Park Place Motor Inn was sent to nearby Holiday Inn. Machinery was set in motion to award plaques to 1, Outstanding High Twelvian of the Year; 2, Outstanding distinguished Citizen of the Year. Heritage Bonds to sell for \$5.00 through local clubs for benefit of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. Sympathy and get well cards now available. An Insurance Committee will check into High Twelve International's insurance needs.

On a moment's notice, Vice President Louis B. Black set up and conducted work shop programs, inasmuch as the Chairman Homer Spence of Ohio had passed away. Expansion, Retention and Membership were the main topics. The Workshop on Public Relations was moderated by Darven L. Paddock, 1st Ex. V.P. of the California Association.

Members were glad to hear that the TORREJON HTC, Spain, had been re-established. It was reported that the net membership of HTI increased 1,180 for the year. PIP John L. Shaw reported on the Past International Presidents' Meeting. He said HTI was wasting money in giving \$500.00 to the Order of DeMolay, as not nearly in line with checks presented by Scottish Rite, Shrine, etc. He also reported that while they didn't achieve goal of \$50,000.00 to the Wolcott Foundation during his and Wib Mager's term, it appeared contributions would reach a minimum of \$30,000.00

The Convention approved amendment of Art II, Sec. 8 of By-Laws by adding: "A vacancy shall be deemed to exist upon the death or disability of any officer, or upon the refusal or inability of any officer to perform the duties of his office, and the Governing Board shall be invested with the authority to declare any office vacant upon the happening of any of the above conditions..."

A Resolution was approved dedicating High Twelve International to support of separation of Church and State, by denying the flow of tax subsidies, direct or indirect to sectarian denominational schools and institutions.

Clubs with 50% increase in membership: Venice, Fla. and Cleveland, Ohio.....25% increase - Sun City, Ariz., Tucson, Ariz. and Happy Hiram, Calif; Yucaipa Valley, Ca., Leesburg, Fla; South Jacksonville, Sunset Point, Lawrence, Kansas; Dayton, Ohio. 10% increase...CALIF: Arcadia, Fresno, Hayward, Hueneme Bay, Laguna Hills, Mayflower Gardens, Montebello, Mt. Helix, Palm Springs, Paradise, Pomona, San Bernardino, San Gabriel Valley, Signal Hills, Tehama County, Temple City, the Villages, Vallejo, Yuba-Sutter; Denver, Colo; FLORIDA: Ana Maria Is., Bradenton, Dunedin, Ft. Lauderdale, Ft. Myers, High Point, Holiday, Interbay, Lake Tarpon Village, Largo, Mainlands, Northeast, Palmetto, Sarasota, Seminole. Hui Awakea-Hawaii. Quincy, Ill., Wood River; Columbus, Ind., Indianapolis, Ind. Iowa: Algona, Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, Clinton. Kansas: Keystone and Wichita. Downtown Louisville, Ky. Port Huron, Mich; Jedderson City, Mo. Kansas City and Kirkwood. Princeton, N.J, Tuckerton, Downtown Columbus, Ohio. Chester, Pa. Main Line and Philadelphia, Pa. Added later....Downtown Toledo, Ohio.

Financial Summary - Fiscal year ending 5/31/72....Income: Club dues \$50,285.85; Reinstated members \$238.50; New Members \$4,882.00; Charter mem. fees \$878.00; Jewelry & Club supplies \$8,713.55; Int. \$914.96; Misc. \$244.00. Total income \$66,156.88; less cost of jewelry and club supplies \$8,020.41 - \$58,136.47. Expenses \$4,800.00; E.C. Wolcott; Office Salaries \$7,200.00; All travel \$11,890.17; Magazine \$19,358.03; Promotional literature \$2,180.48; other \$9,438.51; total = \$54,867.19. Excess of income over expenses - or retained earnings fiscal yr end. 5/31/72 \$3,269.28.

The International Auditor, J. Carl Menke said all convention expense should be placed in the year of the International President; and that the \$500.00 convention loan repayment and any surplus should be placed in a separate account for use of future International Conventions.

E.C. Wolcott's health prevented his attending the convention. "...My 91 years are slowing me down....I am looking forward to the Mid-Year meeting, which I hope will be in St. Louis...." SUN CITY, Ariz. HTC won 1st place in the Scrap Book competition.

New clubs chartered: St. Charles, Mo., sponsored by Clayton, ...2/6/71; Brandon, Fla., sponsored by Sun City Center 1/9/71; Salem, Ore. (Coos Bay) 3/22/71; Hui Awakea, Honolulu 5/30/71; Mayflower Gardens, Ca. 7/21/71; Deerfield Beach, Fla., sponsored by Lake Worth 9/3/71; Lake Tarpon Village sponsored by Skycrest 11/11/71; Interbay (Tampa) Fla. sponsored by Hillsborough 10/28/71; Miami, Fla. sponsored by Ft. Lauderdale 10/30/71.

The Souvenir Program carried advertising. The \$5.00 HERITAGE BOND as a means of raising funds for the Wolcott Foundation was approved. \$1.00 would stay with HTI to pay for costs. The printing of "Sympathy" and "get well" cards for use of the clubs was approved. An Insurance Committee was appointed, as was a Financial Advisory Committee to the President. Changes were proposed in the set up of the Monthly Reports, with California and Louisiana to conduct "Trial Runs."

1972 **Traveling Memberships and Members-at-Large proposal was tabled.** It was voted to have two special awards.... "High Twelvian of the Year" and "Founder's Award" for the Citizen of the Year of National Prominence, to consist of plaque and scroll for each. Recipients to be named at Mid-Year meeting and presentation at Annual Convention....and no other International awards to be given by HTI.

The Governing Board went on record that it "...would not look with disfavor at local club having its own Womens' Auxiliary (Twelvettes, etc.). However, the International Board emphasized that such an auxiliary would be a local club affair, and would have no official connection with High Twelve International.

OFFICERS FOR 1972-73: President - Howard H. Jennings, Lansing, Mich; 1st V.P. - William K. Rose, Toledo, Ohio; 2nd V.P. - Louis P. Black, Arcadia, Ca; 3rd V.P. - Leslie C. Whitney, Denver, Colo; Treas. Wm. K. Roser, Louisville, Ky; Int. Secretary - Robert F. Clynch, PIP, Baton Rouge, La; General Counsel - James N. Robertson PIP, Media, Pa; Immed. P.P. Wib L. Mager, Belleville, Ill; Chairman Wolcott Foundation, Inc. - Arthur E. Buss, Escalon, Ca; Pres. Emeritus - E.C. Wolcott, Webster Grove, Mo; Editor High Twelvian, E.P. White, Jr., Louisville, Ky; Asso. Editor Max J. Reed, Louisville; Far West Asso. Ed. Darven L. Paddock, Glendale, Ca. Int. Chaplain - Robert A. Hockstad, Elk Rapids, Mich. Office Mgr., Mrs. Lillian George, 3681 Lindell Blvd, SL.

STATE PRESIDENTS: California - W. J. Patton, Sherman Oaks; Colorado - Jay R. Gould, Boulder; Florida - Norman C. Hadley, Lantana; Illinois - Robert M. Ring, Springfield; Indiana - Frank W. Lundmark, Evansville; Iowa/South Dakota - Alfred Stewart, Oelwein, I. Kansas - Robert S. Truesdell, Jr., Kansas City; Kentucky-Alabama-Tennessee James W. Bibb, Louisville; Louisiana - Mere Milton Walsh, Baton Rouge; Michigan - Fred H. Korte, Jr., Clarkston; Missouri - Emil M. Jecmen, Jr., Clayton; New Jersey - Otto H. York (Governor) Parsippany; Ohio - Floyd W. Walton, Perrysburg; Pennsylvania - Claude J. Newhart, Ft. Washington.

ZONE OFFICERS: Malcolm - Washington, Oregon, Northern Calif., Idaho & Alaska; Black - Sou. Calif., Nevada, Utah, Ariz., Hawaii & Mexico; Whitney - Colorado, New Mexico, Montana, Wyoming; Burkin - Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma; Mager - North Dakota, S.D., Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Wisc., Ill; Rose - Michigan, Ind., Ohio; Clynch - Arkansas, Louisiana & Texas; Wm. S. Roser - Kentucky, Tenn., Alabama & Mississippi; Robertson Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Mass., Connecticut, Rhode Island, N.Y., Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland & West Virginia. Howard M. Smith - Southeast.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICER COMMITTEE LIAISON: 1st V.P. - Budget, Resolutions, Credentials, Leadership, Nominations, Convention, Necrology; 2nd V.P. - Expansion, Youth Activities, Masonic Activities, Public Relations, Projects, Future Sites; Jewelry & Printing. 3rd VP - Patriotism, Const. & By-Laws, Long Range, Manuals, Workshops & Auditor; Immed. Past Pres. - Int. Club Affairs, 200th Anniversary, Office Equipment. EX-OFFICIO: General Counsel - Constitution & By-Laws, Credentials & Resolutions; Treasurer - Budget & Finance and Audit; Secretary - Manuals and Long Range Planning; All Officers - Long Range Planning.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN for 1972-1973: Expansion - L.D. DeLaBarre, Calif; Const. & By-L Armand L. Koethen, Kentucky; Budget & Finance - George W. Keeler, Ohio; DeMolay Liaison - John Murray, Kansas; Youth Activities - Donald I. Marsh, Ohio; Project - Nelson W. Craig, Sr., New Jersey; Masonic Activities - Howard M. Smith, PIP Fla. International Club Affairs - Joseph Steffek, Louisiana; Public Relations - Wally Maas, Illinois; Resolutions - Thomas Major, Ohio; Leadership - Victor A. Cranston, New Jersey; Nominations - Harold Sivers, Ohio; Credentials - Carleton L. Crispin, Ill; Office Equipment - Ben E. Stoner, Missouri; Manuals - Roger Helman, Kentucky; Convention '73; John L. Shaw, PIP, Calif. Workshops - Emil Jecmen, Mo; Long Range Planning John L. Shaw, Calif; Patriotism - Vance Rose, Kentucky; 200th Anniversary - Co-Chairmen Wm. K. Kinnard and M. Warren Bolton, Pennsylvania; Necrology - Robert A. Hockstand, Mich; Auditor - J. Carl Menke, Ill; Financial Advisory - Norman E. Hadley, Fla; Jewelry Wib L. Mager, Ill Printing - Herbert H. Jacobs, Iowa; Convention Site - Leslie C. Whitney, Colorado; Past Presidents Wib L. Mager, Ill.

Leslie C. Whitney of Colorado and Roger E. Helman of Indiana were both placed in nomination for International 3rd V.P., with Bro. Whitney being elected.

Wib L. Mager, writing some time after he had served his year as President commented that his slogan, "Protect our Masonic Heritage" is still in use in some clubs. He made 73 visitations except Louisiana and Colorado (he started his term in the latter) "....I attempted to exercise the feelings within my heart, and share them with my officers, committee chairmen and brethren all. I tried to make this a family of Masons, recognizing each others potentials and cultivate our characters so that they will produce forgiveness and affection; to spur the High Twelve way of life to make the teachings of Masonry meaningful...."

There was an interesting Post Convention Trip to Mackinac Island and its famous Grand Hotel (with the long porch).

Clearwater (Fla.) HTC celebrated its 15th Anniversary during the summer by presenting Past International President Howard M. Smith an achievement award, a plaque designed and presented by PSP Cecil Dunham. Bro. Smith was Club President in 1963, State Association President in 1964 and International President 1969-70.

President Howard Jennings' slogan for his year, "Make and Take High Twelve where the activity is." Ed Natal's motion that an official High Twelve flag be studied by the Executive Committee and report back, passed. The Iowa State's project, a contest at local club level for Symbolic and Grand Lodge Attendance awards was referred to committee for study. Newly elected President Jennings was authorized to attend the Grand Master's Conference in Canada as an aid to formation of clubs there.

Bulletin Award winners: Hemacinto, Ca; Denver, Colo; Bradenton, Fla; Oak Park, Ill; Downtown Evansville, Ind; Davenport, Iowa; Downtown Louisville, Ky; Jackson, Mich; Downtown Toledo, Ohio and Camden, N.J.

During July Dr. H.M. Chabut, Jackson Club, hosted an outdoor potluck dinner at his home. Following are some of the VIPs who attended "Michigan's most famous get-together": Int. Pres. Howard H. Jennings; PIP Howard M. Smith; Int. 1st VP Wm. K. Rose; Mich. Pres. Fred H. Korte; Cecil Johnson, Pres. Jackson Club.

ATCHISON (Kan.) HTC charter presented during early summer, 1972, by PIP Charles Burkin. State President Orvalle V. Millikan was Installing Officer, assisted by 1st VP Robert S. Truesdale, Jr. and 2nd VP Robert L. Boring. President W. Earl Dent; Sec-Tr. Larry E. Lein.

The International Convention High Twelve Club, which had been formed aboard the "Bahama Star" out of Miami, elected T. Archer Brown Pres; and Harry A. Eime was re-elected Secretary at the International Convention, Traverse City. Membership 297.

TWELVETTES, etc.....President Howard H. Jennings, writing in the Sept-Oct-Nov., '72 High Twelvian, "....This writer was asked to check with eight major service clubs operating in the general field of human association for its betterment, to get their positions and reactions." "....Sertoma, International DMolay, Rotary International, Exchange International, Optimist Int., Lions Int., Civitan Int...all encourage the alliance of their members' ladies in common pursuit of a single or compound objective."

"....Except for Sertoma International, it was learned that no official recognition or status was given to the women-folk, but whatever role they could find and deserved in support of the men-folks' activities, was highly regarded and eagerly and energetically sought after."

"....So, this sort of gives High Twelve the 'green light' of query to determine how its 20,000 members feel about an invitation of cooperation between men and women in the development and enhancement of High Twelve International." "....This reporter has often speculated that the reason for the rapid growth and expansion of the 8 Service Clubs was apparently the magic formula, 'let the women assist'.....This article, therefore, is written to solicit the opinions and expressions of every member of High Twelve." The Editor followed this with survey results as follows:

- a. The Women's Group is to be sponsored by/and or maintain regular liaison with the local High Twelve Club.
- b. The activities, projects and programs of the group are to be principally in support of and/or complimentary to objectives of the local High Twelve Club.
- c. Among the objectives of the group is to be the encouragement of acquaintance and friendship among its members.
- d. The group is to local in its membership activities and functions, without affiliation with other groups.
- e. The name of the group is to be determined locally, but shall not include the name of High Twelve except in relation to the local High Twelve Club (NOTE: e.g. Glendale Twelvettes for example. DLP).
- f. The membership of the group is to be limited to women relatives of High Twelvians, e.g. wives (or widows), daughters, sisters, mothers who reside in the locality of the local High Twelve Club.

"From the foregoing, you will see that there is no official provision for womens' clubs auxiliary to High Twelve. Womens' groups may be formed at the local level at the determination of those concerned, but no formal organization procedures or documents are provided by High Twelve International for any such group." E.P. White, Jr. Ed. From the Sept-Oct-Nov., 1972 High Twelvian.

7/8/72 - WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED USA WILL SELL SOVIETS \$750,000,000 OF GRAINS OVER 3 YRS.
8/3/72 - U.S. SENATE RATIFIED STRATEGIC ARMS TREATY (with Soviets).
8/11/72- LAST USA TROOPS LEFT VIETNAM

SPOKANE (Wash.) HTC charter issued 9/13/72. 15 members. Francis D. Holler, Pres. (NOTE: charter relinquished a year later - 11/73)

NORTHMONT (Englewood, Ohio) Charter issued 8/19/72. 16 members. Pres. Wm. M. Gaines.
ROADRUNNER (Tucson, Ariz.) HTC charter issued 7/24/72. 23 members (personnel at Monahan AFB). Pres. Joseph R. Skelton.

YUMA (Ariz.) HTC charter relinquished 9/21/72. Was chartered 6/13/70.
HEART OF SCREENLAND (Culver City, Ca.) charter relinquished 12/72. Was formed 2/15/54... (We just wouldn't give up on this club, however, and re-instated it in 1975. I have a strong hunch that a lot of clubs could be reactivated if the State Association officers would go back a year or two later and try again. DLP)
ST JOHNS (Fla.) was sponsored by Clearwater HTC, not SKYCREST.... High Twelvian.

ROSSMOOR HTC collected 3,000 tons (6,000,000 pounds) of old newspapers and magazines, material the Rossmoor residents save and tie up and High Twelve and DeMolay boys fill a railroad box car every 2 weeks. Returns went to 4 DeMolay Area Chapters.

The California State Convention, San Diego, in October, luncheon speaker was a Riverside High Twelve Club regular member, Most Worshipful William H. Price, Grand Master of Masons in California and Hawaii. HTI President Jennings gave an inspiring address regarding our goals.

LAVENDER PIT HTC Charter Party, Bisbee, Ariz. 11/19/72. 16 member. Int. 2nd VP Louis P. Black presented the charter. D.L. Paddock, Calif. Assn. President was Installing Officer. Pres. Gene A. Prow. Sec-Tr. Nicholas Chisewsky. Inasmuch as Bro. Chisewsky was working his shift in the coppermine (open pit with lavender cast), Paddock had Vi Chisewsky stand in for her husband. (NOTE: Unusual situation here; with 1/3 of pit crew sleeping, 1/3 up and around; and 1/3 working in the pit, with mine operating around the clock. DLP)

President Howard H. Jennings was appointed a Deputy on the Supreme Council of De Molay by Grand Master J.W. Nutt as a reward to High Twelve International for its contributions to Masonic Youth. On a scroll occupying 1/6 of a page of the Sept., Oct., Nov., 1972 High Twelvian appeared the question... "WHAT ARE YOU DOING? Do you have Twelvettes (A Ladies Auxiliary), and if so, how recently have they met with your club?"

MICHIGAN's Annual HTC workshop meeting in the Fall of 1972..... \$1,945.48 was presented to Phil Cartright for the Wolcott Foundation from the 1972 International Convention Committee. The Souvenir Program Committee was especially responsible, as they gained \$1,000.00 by making their own layouts, setups, proof reading and binding for the program books, which contained advertising by local merchants.

KENTUCKY-ALABAMA-TENNESSEE elected G. Donald Ransdell Pres. for the 1973 term. "...It was enthusiastically voted to endorse the idea growing in popularity throughout the High Twelve movement, to encourage the help and counsel of the ladies of the men in High Twelve. While there is no provision to recognize ladies groups by International, it is hoped that the individual clubs will take the initiative in developing the idea and making the ladies felt wanted, needed and appreciated, however the joint effort can be attained."

DE MOLAY LEADERSHIP CAMPS. It was reported in the Fall of 1972 that High Twelve was responsible for sending 194 DeMolays to camps. The only group to sponsor a higher number was the individual Masonic Lodges, which sponsored 219 young members. CALIF: 69; FLORIDA 38; MISSOURI 25; ILLINOIS 13; KANSAS 13; IOWA 12; ARIZ. 6; NEW JERSEY 6; OHIO 6; MICHIGAN 5; PENNSYLVANIA 1.

As of 12/1/72 - Clubs by states: 2 Alabama; 4 Arizona; 75 California; 2 Colorado; 1 England; Florida 44; 1 Guam; 2 Hawaii; 11 Illinois; 6 Indiana; 16 Iowa; 10 Kansas; 6 Kentucky; 8 Louisiana; 20 Michigan; 13 Missouri; 2 Nebraska; 8 New Jersey; 1 New York; 22 Ohio; 1 Oklahoma; 2 Oregon; 10 Pennsylvania; 3 South Dakota; 1 Tennessee; 2 Washington.

SIoux CITY FOUNDER'S CLUB former President (1955-56) Bro.CHARLES C.HOWARD was elevated to Most Worshipful Charles C.Howard, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa. He was the President of the Iowa-South Dakota State Association in 1964-65. Reported in the 12/72-Jan-Feb., '73 High Twelvian.

DAYTON DOWNTOWN HTC provided 50 "New Testaments in Today's English" version in very large type to the Ohio Masonic Home Sunday School. Pres.Thomas Routsong headed the project.

The Mid-Year meeting of the International Governing Board was held in St.Louis December 8 & 9, 1972 at the new Rodeway Inn. All State Presidents were present except 1, whose wife was ill. The High Twelve membership was now quoted as 18,452, highest in history. Max Reed proposed to publish a High Twelve Cook Book, to be prepared by the ladies and sold by HTI as a money raising project. William Roser suggested selling fruit cakes made by Benson's Old Home Kitchen. The General Chairman who put together this Conference was Richard W.Gordon. President Jennings was encouraged to obtain a suitable metal collar, symbolic of the Office of President at social and business functions.

GATEWAY (Sydney, Ohio) HTC charter issued 11/1/72. 32 Members. OHIO MASONIC HOME (Springfield, Ohio) HTC charter issued 12/5/72. 43 Members. Pres.Grover A. Berry. (Ray Erwin Pres.Gateway). MT.SOLEIDAD (San Diego, Ca.) HTC charter issued 1/13/73. 24 members. Pres.Daniel T.Blankenship. NAVAL AIR STATION (Jacksonville, Fla.) charter issued 11/25/72. 69 members. Pres.Charles H.Moody.

12/18/72 - HEAVY U.S.A. BOMBING OF HANOI.

1972 - Wholesale price index = 119.1 (1967 = 100).

Consumer price index averages - all items 125.3

Hourly earnings in Mfg.Ind. (yearly avgs - gross) = \$3.81.

Gross Natl.Prod. \$1,155,155,000 (1950 = 284,769,000).

Std.& Poors Dec.close '72= 118.95 ('71= 92.15 '70= 92.15 '69= 92.06)

1/27/73 - PARIS PEACE PACT SIGNED - AND END OF MILITARY DRAFT.

1/11/73 - PRES.NIXON LIFTED MANDATORY WAGE & PRICE CONTROLS - AFTER 17 MONTHS.

2/12/73 - U.S.A.DOLLAR DEVALUED 10% BY TREASURY DEPT.

2/27/73 - WOUNDED KNEE TRADING POST AND CHURCH SEIZED BY ABOUT 250 MILITANT INDIANS ON THE OGLALA SIOUX RESERVATION.

President Howard H. Jennings reported that he and Helen had completed 9,841 mile trip of 9 weeks last fall, including September; and visited High Twelve Clubs and State Conventions. He actually started his visits in April of 1972 before being installed, when he visited Clubs and Officers in Northern Illinois, Southern Iowa, Missouri, Louisiana, Alabama and Tennessee. He wanted to find out what the clubs were doing. He asked for support of Wolcott Foundation, Masonic Youth Activities (De Molay in particular), and asked what the clubs were doing for Blue Lodges and Grand Lodges.

LOUIS C. HUEBNER, former Trustee of the Wolcott Foundation (10 years) died 2/22/73 in his home in Quincy, Ill.

BELLEVILLE (Ill.) HTC member Wm.M.Reiss was presented a plaque by Wolcott Trustee Bro.Harry Sauerwein in recognition of his \$1,809.33 donation to the Foundation in addition to \$100.00 he gave early in 1972. Date unknown. BASTROP (La.) charter relinquished Feb ,1973. Started 6/15/64.

Four DAYTON, Ohio Clubs held joint installation at the Stratford House. State President John F.Miller was Installing Officer. PSP U.Herbert Garlaugh presented the local Past Presidents pins and certificates. Thomas H.Routsong, MC. New Pres. of Downtown Club Calvin t.Hubler; Pres.Far Hills Club James O.Rader; Dayton Club Pres.Jefferson C.Bloomer; and Pres.of Mound Club Cecil E.Powell. There also were guests from the new Northmont Club.

CAMDEN, N.J. was chartered 7/15/46, the first in New Jersey. They claimed to be the first in membership, activity and fellowship in the Garden State. In 1972 they closed with 78 members, a slight increase. 899 attendance at 21 meetings, avg.att. for the year = 51.2%. Submitted by Nelson W.Craig.

FORT DODGE HTC adopted the name KARL L.KING, a local resident since 1922. The well known band leader was a charter member, and President in 1959. He composed over 300 marches which are played today world wide. "....Fort Dodge members have a vivid memory of Bro.King defending HTI when a suggestion was offered that the club divorce itself from HTI. Bro.King asserted in a brief talk, '....This club will die if it becomes just another Masonic luncheon club. I have seen it happen in other cities where I have been. We now belong to an International organization which is helping us all the time.'" Bro.King passed away in 1970.

DE MOLAY Headquarters, Kansas City, advise there will be 12 Leadership Camps in 1973. BASTOP (La.) HTC charter relinquished 2/73. Chartered 6/15/64.

More about Pres. Jennings' and Mrs. Jennings' travels for High Twelve. In their Fall trip they visited Grand Officers and DeMolay officials in addition to club officers. They visited clubs in Northern Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. To Grand Officers he emphasized that HTI was responsibly organized on a National basis. He visited Idaho, Washington & Oregon, visiting clubs not often contacted by International officers.

In California, Pres. Jennings "rapped" with club officers and members in groups of 10 to 250. He installed new State Officers at Convention, San Diego; drove car and travel trailer through Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma to International office, St.Louis, visiting High Twelvians and Masonic dignitaries where he could. The Office Manager, 1st V.P. and Treasurer were provided a day-to-day itinerary, plus a toll-free telephone number by which he could be contacted within 24 hours or less. He provided weekly mail addresses; and maintained an "office" within his trailer, complete with Secretary (wife), typewriter, etc.

On return home for a brief rest, Jennings attended the Florida State Convention in Clearwater, followed by meetings in Southern Ohio. Then to the Mid-Year meeting in St.Louis, flying home for the holidays. In the winter and spring they went to West Virginia, Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia, then back to Florida for more club visits. (NOTE: I have gone into this much detail on President Jennings' travels mainly because of how people of leadership rank in High Twelve could keep in pretty constant touch with him. Other presidents have travelled, maybe just as much; but Jennings provided a pretty complete story. It was my thinking that the rank and file should have some idea of what all is involved in this job. DLP)

OHIO MASONIC HOME (Springfield, Ohio) HTC, previously reported had its charter presented by State President Frank F. Miller, who acted as Installing Officer with the aid of Past State President U. Herbert Garlough, Albert C. Rich, Dr. Clarence J. Bradbury and Lewis Hoffman. President Grover Berry; Sec-Tr. Harley Manlief. Keith M. Bruster, Administrator of the Home and the Dayton Downtown, Dayton Far Hill and Mount and Springfield Clubs worked hard to form this, which they hailed as the first HTC ever chartered in any Masonic Home. (NOTE: I was under the impression there was a club of sorts at the Kentucky Masonic Home, if not the Missouri Masonic Home. Anyway, this is the only one definitely reported as such. DLP).

ARMY MEMORIAL (Fort Ord, Calif.) HTC charter relinquished 2/28/73. Formed 9/7/57. It was reported in the March High Twelvian that E.C. Wolcott continued to improve.

4/30/73 - NIXON AIDES-HALDEMAN, EHRLICHMAN & DEAN RESIGNED OVER WATERGATE SCANDALS.
6/16-6/25 1973 - PRES. NIXON & BREZHNEV SIGNED 9 AGREEMENTS TO AVOID CONFRONTATIONS.
7/16/73 - ALEXANDER BUTTERFIELD REVEALED THE EXISTENCE OF THE NIXON TAPES.

Some thoughts on a High Twelvian's obligation to unfortunate Twelvians. High Twelvian March-April, 1973 issue: THE SICK - Do we have an obligation to our sick brother besides signing a card that is passed around at the meeting? Do we visit him the the hospital, at home? Just once, or several times? Does only one brother visit this incapacitated brother....once only? Do we run errands for him? Loan him needed sickroom equipment? Is someone assigned to coordinate all this? Does someone care?

THE DISTRESSED - What about the distressed brother in our midst? Do we shun him? Or do we offer him assistance in his time of need? If we cannot help personally, do we talk it over with the brothers and see if all is being done that can be, such as calling it to the attention of the representative in the District from Grand Lodge?

THE ELDERLY - There are increasing numbers of them in our clubs. Are we ignoring them and their problems? Do we bring them into our conversations? If they can no longer drive to luncheon meetings, do we pick them up? Do we aim some programs to them which might be helpful? (ARP, HEW, Medical, etc.) Does anyone visit the convalescent homes, the retirement hotels, etc. and look up old Master Masons who may have long been forgotten? Does anyone care? We should.

FUNERALS - What organized, standby arrangements do we have for that contingency that may strike our club any moment - a visit from the Grim Reaper? Do we have a funeral team which can either conduct a Masonic Service for the Blue Lodge(s) or provide pall bearers (with aprons kept handy?)

THE WIDOWS - Are we concerned with her heartbreak, her problems in her time of great sorrow? Here of course is where the Twelvettes (the local group of wives of Twelvians) can be of greatest help in time of need. Does the widow need more than sympathy? A ride? Advice? A helping hand? Frankly, when our Brother goes to his reward, is our reward to his widow to forget her? Do we not only invite her, but actually bring her to Ladies Days affairs? Do we care?

THE ORPHANS - These orphans of Master Masons may be our greatest responsibility. Are we ignoring them? Do we visit the Home? Help it in every way possible? As they grow older, do we encourage them to join Masonic youth organizations? Scholarships? DLP

The International Convention June 23-27 was held in Pasadena, Calif., Huntington-Sheraton Hotel. General Chairman John L. Shaw; Co-Chairman Louis P. Black; Chairman Hawaii Post-Convention trip Darven L. Paddock. UNION (N.J.) HTC charter was relinquished a few days earlier. It was formed 4/4/64.

The Wolcott Foundation, Inc. report as of June 1, 1973 indicated Income = \$26,125.76; Expense \$9,785.51; Net income over expense \$16,340.25 - \$26,125.76. Assets = \$56,835.44; Liabilities \$18,006.00; Reconciliation Cash, etc. \$40,495.19; net increase over expenditures \$16,340.25 - \$56,835.44.

All 8 Trustees had been active in presenting the Wolcott Scholarship story to individual clubs & State Associations, using slides & informational material prepared by Secretary Phillip E. Cartwright. A total of 60 program presentations were made during the year. Chairman Buss headed the list with 18; Sec. Cartwright and Vice Chairman Harry C. Sauerwein were next in line.

"The Belleville Club with 179 members came up with nearly \$3000.00 (for Wolcott Foundation, Inc.) for an average of nearly \$17.00 per member. The 202 member Oak Park Club contributed \$1,000.00, nearly \$5.00 per member. The Downtown Toledo HTC presented the Foundation with a check for \$500.00 in honor of member, etc. All clubs but one in the Kansas State Association contributed...and substantially over last year.

"The new awards: Century Club for donors with minimum of \$100.00; Founder's Club for a minimum of \$500.00; Wolcott Club for \$1,000.00 or more; club members

were presented attractive framed certificates and lapel pins at the Convention, Pasadena, under direction of Trustee Alton C. Emerson; Wm. N. Reiss - the 1st member of the Wolcott Club. There are 10 now in the Century Club.

The venerable Tallman H. Trask, Sr. was presented with the Most Outstanding High Twelvian Award for the year. He was Secretary-Emeritus of the California Association, where he was Secretary for many years. His contributions to the growth and well being of High Twelve were monumental.

PROJECTS - No Honor awards; Banner awards 13 (Seminole, Camden, Penellas Park, Kirkwood, Audubon, Louisville, Tuckerton, Leesburg, Belleville, Birmingham, Lake Tarpon, Vallejo, Bridgeton, Clearwater (in order of filing reports). Florida lead with 5; New Jersey 3 and 1 each. Calif., Ill., Ky., Mich. & Mo. Scrap Book - Class A - Rossmoor; B - 1st Sun City, Ariz; C 1st - St. Johns, Fla.

The Father and Son Team of William and Bobby Scoralick of White Plains, N.Y. HTC were a convention first to our knowledge (Unless the early year presidents-father and son team of Hardy appeared together in Tulsa, Okla. DLP)

Summary of Finances High Twelve International year ending 5/31/73: INCOME: Club dues - \$52,053.00; Resinstated members \$261.00; new members \$4,848.00; Charter member fees \$628.00; Sale-Jewelry & club supplies \$9,067.31; Int. \$995.06; Misc. Inc. \$96.00 - Total income \$67,948.37; Less cost of jewelry & supp. \$8,115.12. Net income \$59,833.25....EXPENSES E.C. Wolcott \$4,800.00; Office Salary \$7,500.00; Travel & Mid-Year \$15,336.84; Grand Masters Conf. \$1,068.12; High Twelvian Magazine \$17,810.09; Promotional literature \$1,820.60; Other \$9,659.38....\$57,995.03. Excess income over expenditures (or retained earnings) \$1,838.22.

It was voted that on offshore mailings of High Twelvian Magazine they be sent air mail. President Paddock of the California Association urged heavy 200th Anniversary promotion. Brother Robert Hockstad, Past Grand Master, Michigan, indicated that a visitor who is a qualified Master Mason in good standing of a Blue Lodge which is recognized by the Grand Jurisdiction could be accepted as a visitor (at local Lodge).

President Jennings played a tape of a few words from Founder E.C. Wolcott. Miss Donna Brenish, Pennsylvania, graduate of George Washington University, a former Wolcott Foundation Fellow, gave an address. Howard Orpen of William Penn HTC, Philadelphia was elected 5 year Trustee, Wolcott Foundation, Inc., Dist. 7.

Donald Ransdale, Kentucky, presided over the Presidents' Workshop Session. The Vice Presidents Session was reported by Alfred Stewart of Iowa. The Secretary-Treasurers' Session was reported by Nelson W. Craig, N.J. Recommendations: Updating the Greeting and Suggested duties of the President, Secretary and Treasurer, revised copies to be sent to each newly installed Club President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Special Interest Group Session was reported by George Fenton, California.

There was an attempt to reopen the Credentials Committee because many Los Angeles County clubs had not arrived as yet to qualify. Defeated. Convention Co-Chairman John L. Shaw, PIP reported 310 ticket books were sold; 144 Ladies on their tour; 150 at Ladies' Breakfast; 186 men at Mens' Breakfast; & 387 at joint luncheon. Wib Mager PIP said that at the Past Presidents' Breakfast it was recommended that a definite time be set aside for Past Presidents to meet when unable to do so prior to Convention....Referred to Long Range Committee.

Roger E. Halman, Indiana, had charge of the seminars. The symposiums were on.... Expansion, Retention and High Twelve's place in Masonry. Robert Clynych, PIP, 1st V.P. William Rose and Robert A. Hockstad, International Chaplain gave stirring disertat-

ions on High Twelve's place in Masonry. Bro.Hockstad's address is contained in Vo.48 - #1, July-August,1973 High Twelvian. The Club Presidents met under the leadership of Chairman G.Donald Ransdell;Vice Pres. under Emil Jecmen,Jr; and Secretaries under Kenneth Barrette, California.

A Model Club meeting was simulated, with George Washington University's Max Farrington as a speaker. He noted that while Blue Lodge membership was declining, High Tweve, among several other Masonic oriented organizations was going up. The answer in a nut shell was that we go after members. The Blue Lodge under existing rules cannot.

The State Presidents' Round Table was chaired by 2nd V.P. Louis P. Black. General Convention Chairman John L.Shaw PIP served as Chairman of Long Range Planning. The Sunday evening pool side party (Polynesian motif) was outstanding and fun. Dr. Hector Chabut of Jackson,Mich. was again appointed Medical Director. This was his 25th convention. Monday's Mens' Luncheon feature was M.W. William H. Price, Grand Master of Masons of California and Hawaii as speaker.

Chairman Arthur Buss of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. reported that it was a vast improvement in operations efficiency to have 8 (instead of 5) Trustees by Zones. "...Gifts and bequests during the fiscal year 1972-73 reached an all-time high; and for the first time in the history of the Foundation, another state had surpassed California in donations...." The Trustees held 4 meetings since the Annual Meeting. St.Louis in December; Washington,D.C. (with Max Farrington, students & Faculty). The Investment Committee consisted of Trustees Cartwright, Sauerwein and Dunham....."

"....Another change in policy adopted this year is the stipulation in very understandable and positive words that the applicant acknowledges to the Trustees in his application that if he or she does not seek and accept employment in the Government, then all funds advanced by the Foundation towards their education then become an interest bearing loan."

Past International President Hicks Griffiths, former Trustee, now serving as General Counsel to assist in legal matters and to assist inquirers in preparing gifts and bequests to the Foundation. The Trustees recommend 1 - That the Annual contribution per member be raised from 5¢ to 15¢ to cover increased costs in printing and office expense; 2 - That a Committee of Trustees and members of By-Laws Committee study ways to simplify the procedure for election of Zone Trustees. The Zone 8 vacancy was filled by H.Howard Orpen, Philadelphia.

J.W.Nutt, Immediate Past Grand Master of the DeMolay Supreme Council delivered the principal address at the Joint Men and Ladies Luncheon. Bro.Nutt was presented the International Founder's Award. After recess there was a tour of Disneyland. Over 250 participated.

The Financial Advisory Committee's report was to be filed with records of HTI. \$2,500.00 was authorized to be withdrawn from savings to purchase a duplicating machine for the St.Louis Office and for printing of the Manuals. It was voted that printing of the official roster be returned to the March-April issue of the High Twelvian, and that it reflect current club information as of January 1; that this information must be in St.Louis on or before January 1, so the Office Manager could forward to the Editor by February 1.

The San Bernardino HTC recommended that contributions of 5¢ per member to the Wolcott Foundation,Inc. be increased to 15¢ to cover increase in cost of printing and office expense. Accepted as a recommendation for committee study. Roger Helman of Indiana was nominated for International 3rd V.P. by the Nominating Committee. Edward L.Natal of New Jersey and Keith Seales of Michigan were nominated from the

floor. The vote was Helman 244, Natal 214 and Seales 110. There not being a majority, Bro. Seales withdrew; and there was another ballot, with Bro. Helman being elected 3rd V.P.

Specific approval was given for August 3, 4 & 5, 1973 meeting in Philadelphia between Pres. Rose, Secretary Clynych and General Counsel Robertson to review, correct and amend any part of the Manuals in need. Approval was given for the President, 1, 2 and 3rd VPs to meet together in October somewhere.

Following amendments to Convention Manual were approved: 1 - Allocation of rooms, Para. 1, Pgs. 6 & 7 - add "The assignment of any free rooms shall be made by the Convention Committee, subject to approval of the International Executive Comm." 2 - Amends Para. 14 of same manual, Pgs 12 & 13 re. Post Convention Committees, "Nothing shall add to the benefit of the Post Convention Committee, or any International Officer directly or indirectly from any source whatsoever by reason of the contracts or arrangements made necessary because of or by reason of said Post Convention activities."

3 - Amendments approved whereby the Local Convention Committee should contact the President and/or Secretary of the local Medical Association, advising of the High Twelve International Convention, complete with a Medic so our physician (Dr. Chabut) would know whom to contact in event of need for quick hospitalization. California President Darven L. Paddock's appeal for expenditure of not to exceed \$500.00 for an expansion brochure was approved.

Recently reflecting back on his year as International President Howard Jennings said he didn't feel that war, recession, etc. had any effect on the growth of High Twelve then. He felt that building the image of High Twelve was his principal thrust. He felt that his many contacts with Grand Lodge Officers and other Masonic leaders may have been the cause of High Twelve representative (himself) being appointed to membership on the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and an official invitation for the President to attend the session of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and that he actively sought an invitation to attend the session of the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, A.A.S.R. (several years later so done).

Bro. Jennings said he had a modest increase in clubs to 276, and 900 members added. There was a dialogue conducted 1972-73 on a one-to-one basis with the President of National Sojourners (about 9,000) members relative to a possible merger. "....despite his advanced years (early 90's) our Founder talked of writing brothers about the forming of new clubs....felt that in this way he was helping to earn the amount that was being paid him monthly by High Twelve International."

A metal, ornamental collar with High Twelve International's jewel was presented in 1972 to President Jennings to be passed along by each president to his successor; and now passed on to President Rose. The blue ribbon with the High Twelve emblem as jewel which was worn by Founder E.C. Wolcott in 1968 and in succession Howard M. Smith, John L. Shaw, Wib Mager and finally Howard H. Jennings, "....became a little the worse for wear during this time. At the Mid-Year Convention it was decided to purchase the metal, ornamental collar with High Twelve Jewel to take its place.

Officers for 1973-74: President William K. Rose, Toledo, Ohio; 1st V.P. Louis P. Black, Arcadia, Ca; 2nd V.P. Leslie C. Whitney, Denver, Colo; 3rd V.P. Roger E. Helman, Columbus, Ind; Treasurer Wm. S. Roser, Louisville, Ky; Int. Sec. Robert F. Clynych, Baton Rouge, La; General Counsel and Parliamentarian James N. Robertson PIP, Media, Pa; Imm. Past Pres. Howard H. Jennings, Lansing, Mich.

Chairman Wolcott Foundation Arthur E. Buss, Escalon, Ca; Int. Chaplain Rev. Eustace Heckert, Oregon, Ohio; Pres. Emeritus E.C. Wolcott, Lutheran Convalescent

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President W.K.Rose, in his acceptance speech said, "....A cursory examination of our conventions at any level will establish beyond any reasonable doubt that we assemble because we enjoy fellowship; and we crave leadership, inspiration, knowledge, vision, wisdom and humor. Anyone who has attended an International Convention will quickly agree there is humor. All the delegate has to do is to watch the head table and note the frequent moments of doubt and differences of opinion of

officers and chairmen. All in good taste, but these differences make for subsequent levity. At the club level the humor is even more noticeable, for most men enjoy heckling each and every other member present for any reason whatsoever."

"....So the first thing that is suggested here tonight is that you determine your own course of conduct; that you establish your preference for enjoyment of the better things of life, and forget that you heard some one say, 'Have a good day.' You can better make one than you can suffer anticipated but avoidable displeasure. In other words, it is up to each one of us to determine our own philosophy, our own way of life and then seek what we individually need. High Twelve can fulfill most any need."

"....We certainly must remember that we among others meet for the 'Happy Bonds of a Social Hour.' We do talk about Masonic ideals during these social hours. We give at least lip service to youth, and certainly we remember that we should act as individuals with no pretense of speaking for Masonry. Thus we do, to some extent, heed our ideals. We thereby observe the letter of the law, but many times overlook the spirit of that same law."

"....We must do for others to make Masonry noteworthy....we must, as High Twelvians serve others if the words of High Twelve are to merit National attention, and if we really seek to serve Masonry, we are remembered for what we do, rather than for what we say." "....We are doing extremely well in the areas of SERVICE...." "....in some manner we must be able to cause the individual High Twelvian to take a more active part in our progress." "....Neither International, a State Association nor any Club should attempt to dictate, dominate, control or direct to its unlimited satisfaction the wishes, needs or desires of any individual High Twelvian." "....Any act which creates dissatisfaction or loss of a single High Twelvian seems to be harmful and a second thinking should occur...."

The Post Convention trip to Hawaii was enjoyed by nearly a planeload of Twelvians, families and friends. Banquets at Hilo, Kona, Maui and Honolulu were opportunities to meet and talk with Twelvians of Hawaiian Islands and other local Masons, Shriners, etc. who made the effort to break bread with mainland Twelvians. Chairman Paddock had made an earlier trip to drum up interest amongst island Masons on meeting the tour. Many had never heard of High Twelve before, and some expressed an interest in joining or organizing High Twelve Clubs as a result.

6/25/73 - JOHN DEAN TESTIFIED IN WATERGATE HEARINGS, CHARGING "COVER-UP."
7/16/73 - WATERGATE RECORDINGS REVEALED BY ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD.
8/14/73 - USA CEASED BOMBING IN CAMBODIA.
10/4/73 - 4TH & BIGGEST ARAB-ISRAELI WAR IN 25 YEARS ERUPTED. THE "YOM KIPPUR" WAR.
10/12/73 - ISRAELI FORCES PUSHED WITHIN 18 MILES OF DAMASCUS.
10/10/73 - VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW RESIGNED (Later replaced by Twelivan GERALD R. FORD).
10/16/73 - ISRAELI FORCES CROSSED WEST BANK.
10/19-10/21/73 - ARABS IMPOSED OIL EMBARGO ON USA....
10/24/73 - SUEZ OCCUPIED BY ISRAELI FORCES.
10/25/73 - USA MILITARY PLACED ON ALERT.
10/23/73 - CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AGREED TO INQUIRE INTO POSSIBLE IMPEACHMENT OF NIXON.
11/7/73 - CONGRESS OVERRODE PRESIDENT NIXON'S VETO OF WAR POWERS BILL.
11/7/73 - USA & EGYPT RENEWED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.
11/9/73 - 6 WATERGATE SENTENCES METED OUT BY JUDGE SIRICA.
10/24/73 - CEASE FIRE WITH UNITED NATIONS SUPERVISION.
10/19-10/21/73 - ARABS IMPOSED TOTAL BAN ON OIL EXPORTS TO USA.
10/27/73 - CRISES ENDED WITH USSR - USA JOINT COUNCIL VOTE ON A MOVE BARRING SUPERPOWERS FROM PARTICIPATING IN A MIDDLE-EAST PEACEKEEPING FORCE.

NOTE: I have taken the time and space to devote to the above world and U.S.A. domestic problems of the time because of their wide-reaching results, especially to the United States and its economy; and its subsequent slow-down in the growth of High Twelve (as well as most service club type organizations. DLP).

The Sept-Oct-Nov, 1973 High Twelvian said that CHARLES WILLARD CONARD died 8/22/73 while in flight to Florida. Secretary to International Board in 1964; Administrator 1965-66; former President of the Iowa-South Dakota Assn. of High Twelve Clubs. Left a wife Marie Trimble Conard, 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

The Dec., '73-Jan-Feb., 1974 High Twelvian said that HOLLAND F. FLAHAVEN, Past International President (1946-47) passed away in Northfield, Illinois. (NOTE: In the researching of this book, I learned to respect Bro. FlaHaven very much, especially in the field of expansion. He was one of the great Twelvians. DLP)

During the Fall of 1973 International President William K. Rose received a special fez from Potentate Jack F. Wood of Zenobia Shrine. Below the Shrine emblem it read, "President International Hi Twelve" in glitters. President Rose was also given a seat of honor in Zenobia's Fall Ceremonial Parade, riding in a jeep for distinguished guests.

Tom Moberly reported that there were 1276 in attendance at the 12 DeMolay Leadership Camps in 1973, of whom 168 were able to attend because of High Twelve Internat'l.

INDIANA State Association met in Nashville, Ind., according to the September, 1973 High Twelvian. 49 at evening banquet; all clubs represented. Int. 3rd V.P. Roger Helman, G. Donald Ramsdell and Harold Council were among the distinguished visitors; with awards presented to Helman, Albert Kelley, Frank Lundmark and Wm. T. Scholl.

CHERRYLAND (Mich.) High Twelvette Auxiliary, Traverse City, Mich. was organized with Charlotte Mapes as President. 25 ladies had been meeting the 3rd Monday of every month for luncheon and programs. They joined the many other Ladies Auxiliaries formed over the years and reported in this history.

LAWRENCE (Kansas) HTC boasted 4 33° Scottish Rite Masons.... Bros. Eby, Ryther & Tuller were Past Presidents of the club. Bro. Herbert Tuller was Charter President. Thos. C. Ryther is PSP and a current Trustee of the Wolcott Foundation. Tuller was Sovereign Grand Inspector General Advisory Conference for the Lawrence Valley and Director of the Work. Herbert L. Jones was Assistant Director. Lisle E. Eby was Scottish Rite Almoner. Tuller, Jones, Martin and Ryther are Past Masters.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN (Chattanooga, Tenn.) HTC charter issued 6/9/73. 22 members. Pres. Robert E. MacRae; ENGLEWOOD, Colo. HTC charter issued 8/22/73. 26 members. Pres. Chas. W. Urmey; SUNDIAL (Sun City, Ariz. 2nd club) charter issued 10/13/73. 53 members. Pres. Arthur L. Finstrom. CAVE LAND (Bowling Green, Ky.) charter issued 10/13/73. 29 members. Pres. John W. Sagabiel. OMAHA (Nebr.) charter relinquished 9/29/73 (issued 12/13/46; FAR WEST (Beale AFB, Calif.) charter relinquished 10/16/73. Was issued 1/16/61.

OELWEIN (Iowa) HTC had a meeting in honor of L. E. "Pat" Hilsabeck, recently elected 3rd V.P. of the Iowa-South Dakota State Assn. FGM Charles Howard, Sioux City, told the capacity Ladies Night crowd that the communication between club and community was what made them both better. "Brotherly love is the fulcrum for the lever, and the length of the lever (service) determines the power and strength of the effort. SUCCESS is composed of patience, laughter and song, loyalty and duty, and sympathy with one another's woes. Pres. Elmer Nelson had Bro. and Mrs. Alfred Stewart (who had made the Hawaii Post-Convention trip) demonstrate the native dances in their costumes.

The CALIFORNIA Association of High Twelve Clubs State Convention heard a speech by Most Worshipful Raymond A. Ebbage, Grand Master of Masons in California and Hawaii. One lasting thought he left, according to outgoing President Darven L. Paddock, was, "Tell your wife twice a day at least, 'I love you.'" (NOTE: This made quite an impression on Arlette. DLP) Howard Cliff of Napa elected new President.

The Mid-Year meeting was held December 7 - 9, 1973 in New Orleans, La., Downtown Howard Johnson Hotel. Meeting led by Pres. Wm. K. Rose. 3rd V.P. Roger Helman was absent on account of illness. Founder and Outstanding High Twelvian of the Year Awards were decided. (to be presented at Convention).

Newly revised Manuals were to be free to holders of the old manuals. 1st time purchasers to be charged \$2.50 each. Many Masonic dignitaries were visitors, and introduced, including FGM Dr. L. Legett. PSP Wm. A. Reeder was presented with a plaque by the Grand Encampment as an outstanding York Rite Mason.

Judge C. Lenton Sartain gave a talk on Acacia, the Masonic oriented undergraduates in many colleges. It was voted to appoint a committee to study and report back to the Toledo Convention on this organization formed in 1904. It was voted to retain the 5¢ per capita contribution International made to Wolcott Foundation, instead of raising it to 15¢ as requested.

International Secretary Robert F. Clynch, FIP, gave the results as follows to the questionnaire handed out at the International Convention, Pasadena:

1. Dates of Int. Conv. Should it start in middle of week? 37 "Yes".
2. Do you favor a large single workshop? 6 "Yes". Do you prefer smaller group workshops, wherein specific club officers would be present? 32 "Yes".
3. Should a specific time be set aside for Committee Meetings? 35 "Yes"
4. No adverse comments on request for Convention Necrology Service.
5. No comments on Awards.
6. Do you read the High Twelvian? 35 indicated they read the High Twelvian thoroughly.
7. Should we have a speaker at the President's (Installation) Banquet? 29 indicated they wanted no speaker.
8. Entertainment? 19 indicated it was just right.
9. Is the Wolcott Foundation satisfactory, or do you recommend any change? 38 indicated the Wolcott Foundation was satisfactory. However, here are some comments received: a. Raise dues to 10¢ per member; b. Make it a loan, not a gift; c. Give it more publicity; d. It doesn't reach enough persons; e. Make only (grants) if possible to Masons; f. Heritage Bonds \$5.00....then more clubs can participate; g. Members confuse the \$4,800.00 contractual item shown in the budget; link this to the Wolcott Foundation, and then give only a nominal amount to the Foundation.
10. Would you favor giving International support to..... a. DeMolay Program; b. Jobs Daughters; b. Any other youth group? 27 favored DeMolay, with High Twelve's participation.
11. Do you think our International Officers do enough visiting to State Association Conventions and individual club meetings? 24 indicated International Officers do enough visiting.
12. Do you feel that you are given ample opportunity to "speak" on the floor at Conventions? 28 indicated "yes".
13. What do you recommend to improve conventions? a. Conv. in center in downtown near shops and restaurants; b. Make Ladies trips less exhausting and less physical effort; c. Badges should show city, state & office, if any. d. Give City transportation information in advance (airport to hotel, etc.); e. More change in seminars and show in Convention book; f. Lower cost of meals - cheaper hotels, cheaper travel; g. Give more clothing information (weather); h. Preference (if any) of committees; i. More club participation and recognition; j. Hold Convention near shopping centers, restaurants and entertainment; k. Make better plans for the ladies; l. Make Seminar subjects known in advance; m. Keep the meetings short; n. Put as many reports as possible in print to save time for more important business; o. Fix time for reports of committees. Proxie should make report if Chairman not present; p. Define time published when Convention Committee will close; q. Post Convention trips appear to be taking over the function of the Convention. Most of the announcements and special reports at Convention pertained to post convention trip, not convention; r. Think more of

the ladies' comfort. Too much walking in the heat and ladies very tired; s. Workshops should be slanted toward the small and medium clubs, inasmuch as the large clubs can take care of themselves; t. Have a souvenir gift to be presented at the Convention...example, glasses at Indianapolis and bracelet at New Orleans; u. International Officers spend more time with members; The latter seldom have personal contact with elected or appointed International Officers. v. Several felt they did not have time to visit with International Officers on an eye-ball-to-eyeball basis.

14. Do we stress Conventions too much? 28 said about right as is.

15. Did you have sufficient information regarding convention? 30 "Yes" - 2 "No."

LEBANON (Ohio) HTC charter relinquished 12/11/73. Chartered 3/19/59.

1973 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 133.1 (1965= 94.5). WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX 134.7 ('67= 100). GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT \$1,294,919,000 (1950 = \$284,769,000). HOURLY EARNINGS IN MFG.IND. yrly avg. GROSS \$4.07 (1950 = 1.44). Standard & Poor's '73 CLOSE = 97.55. (previous year \$118.05) and by end of '74 \$68.56. (NOTE: I can't find current cost of living index; but I know it had been climbing steadily)DLP

12/23 - 12/25/74 - ARABS DOUBLE OIL PRICES.

1/17/74 - ISRAEL-EGYPT DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT REACHED.

2/6/74 - IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST PRESIDENT NIXON VOTED BY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

3/1/74 - 4 FORMER WHITE HOUSE AND CAMPAIGN AIDES INDICTED.

TOLEDO'S FOUR HIGH TWELVE CLUBS aimed for a total membership of 1,000 for International President William K. Rose for the International Convention, Toledo, in June. Current membership....580 Downtown Toledo; 184 Maumee Valley; 93 East Toledo; and 62 West Toledo. Date not clear.

ROSSMOOR (Calif.) HTC developed an unusual community service...its Medical Equipment Bank. The bank by the 1st of the year had accumulated nearly 300 items, some donated and some purchased. About 500 residents have benefited, and more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the items now in use. The Rossmoor Club also composed and distributed 5,000 20 page booklets on funeral service. "Plan now for the inevitable future." The cost of printing was assumed by the Fidelity Savings.

Dwight M. Shields succeeded Dr. Stanley V. Michota as President of the Downtown Toledo HTC. The 100 new members added in 1973 brought its total membership to 591, a net gain of 79...the 3rd consecutive year that Downtown Toledo added 100 or more new members. 53 new members had been added during the 1st half of '73 while Charles L. Mackall was President. (NOTE: This club and several military clubs over the years seem to be the only ones with 6 months terms of office.DLP).

TORREJON (Spain) HTC was kept alive by holding mixed dinners in Madrid. "....It has also helped to bring our Brothers into our circle. We are hoping to have a meeting place before the first of the year..."

MAX FARRINGTON notified Chairman Arthur Buss of the Wolcott Foundation 1/29/74 of his retirement as Assistant to the President of George Washington University, breaking the 18 year contact with High Twelve International and the Wolcott Foundation. "In retiring, I am happy to be able to turn the job over to Dr. Phillip Grubb, who I am sure will do an excellent job. Both the Wolcott Trustees and the University are fortunate to have him available....."

At the evening meeting 113th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Colorado, Most Worshipful Edward A. Martin, Grand Master of Masons in Colorado introduced

International 2nd V.P. Leslie C. Whitney and Colorado Association President Donald C. Davis in their capacities as leaders of High Twelve International.

Peter Stevens, Past President of the Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs was inducted into Temple University's (Philadelphia) Football Hall of Fame. Bro. "Pete" gained All-American and All-Eastern honors for the "Owls" in 1934, and played with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1936. He coached for 26 years, including '47-57 as football coach at Temple. He was Past President of Valley Forge HTC and was State Treasurer for 3 years.

PHILADELPHIA HTC member Rochester B. Woodall now Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania. Vice President of the Philadelphia HTC Joseph E. Trate was installed as Jr. Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania. The new Grand Master recognized the current President of the Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs Edward A. Hagel, a Past District Deputy Grand Master by being appointed Trustee of the Patton Masonic School for Boys and to the Committee on Masonic Culture.

The Midwinter meeting of the Wolcott Trustees, George Washington University Administrators and Wolcott Scholars, and HTI President Wm. K. Rose and International 1st V.P. Louis Black was held in Washington, D.C. (Date not given)

Quite a debate was taking place between these Twelvians....George Hudson, Kentucky Colonel; Gus Krause, Tennessee Colonel; and S.P. Swafford, Alabama Colonel as to which has top ranking honors....not to mention the various river commodores.

MARVELOUS MARIN HTC celebrated its 25th Anniversary recently. 4 charter members were present, including PSP Ernest A. Ford. Joseph R. Fillipo, 1st President, paid tribute to the memory of those charter members who had gone on before. Among the guests were PIP Vinton Malcolm, State President Howard Cliff and PSPs Marvin Lechner and Laurence Nurisso. There were many visiting High Twelvians. Club Pres. Robert K. Churchill was Master of Ceremonies. (Date not given)

LEHIGH VALLEY HTC of Allentown, Pa. had 54 charter members. PSP Ed Hagel, member of the West Chester HTC presented the charter, assisted by State President Dan Pettigrew of Pottsgrove and PSP M. Warren Bolton of Valley Forge HTC, and the president of North Penn HTC (sponsors) Russell Corsner. Pres. Joseph J. Brown.

PRINCETON HTC donated \$800.00 to the Shrine Crippled Childrens and Burns Hospitals, and in return, Club President Nichols J. Manni received a 100 Million Dollar Club Certificate from Past Potentate Walter O. Zelin. (Date not given)

LONGBOAT KEY (Florida) HTC charter presented 3/20/74 by State President Harold W. Bremer. PSP Ray Rhude Installing Officer. 50 members on charter. 81 members and guests present. Pres. Al Butterfield, of the sponsoring club, Anna Maria, presented the bell and gavel to Pres. Earl Cady.

WATERLOO, Iowa HTC's Past State President Art Diehl was presented a plaque at the Iowa-South Dakota State Convention for his many years of service to High Twelvism. He was congratulated by Pres. Wm. K. Rose of HTI, Toledo, Ohio and Harry H. Sauerwein, Belleville, Ill., Wolcott Trustee.

TUCSON HTC, host for the International Convention, completed its 1st venture in fund raising by operating a concession at the Pima County Fair. The 10x10 booth was set up in the Fair's main entertainment tent, where cotton candy, pop corn, soft drinks and bar-b-que were dispensed. Club members had the assistance of 16 organizations, including DeMolay, Jobs and Rainbows. The money raised to be used to get the Convention rolling. Subsequently, the money will be returned to the Club's treasury and be earmarked for youth projects. Various members donated supplies, time and energy. Among the "sellers" in the booth were Dr. Leonard Vorhees, PIP and wife Jo.

ROSSMOOR High Twelve's... Founder-President C.Wells Smith honored - 1st month's Citizen Merit Award, according to States Club President Henry Hieronimus. Smith was Past President of the California Association of High Twelve Clubs. He started the well known pancake breakfast in 1965 which continues to prosper. He was co-organizer of the paper drive in 1968. In 1971 the Rossmoor HTC presented him a plaque signifying him as a distinguished Twelvian.

KANSAS Association of High Twelve Clubs held its Annual Convention in Kansas City. Ralph E. Wilson new president, was Supreme Treasurer Order of Jobs Daughters International at the time. Pres. of HTI William K. Rose installed officers. FSP Thomas L. Ryther, Trustee of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. presented Century Club Certificates and emblems to 7 Kansas Twelvians (contributed \$100 ea.). The Convention voted a \$100.00 gift to the Foundation. It also authorized a memorial contribution at the future death of any Past State President or current State Officer. Work Shops were held for Club Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Masonic Representatives and general membership. They held a Grand Lodge Reception banquet and dance, honoring M.W. Rev. Forrest Haggard, Grand Master of Masons in Kansas.

MAJESTIC TOWERS (St. Petersburg, Fla.), 47th High Twelve Club in Florida and 2nd club sponsored by the Penella HTC received its charter 5/1/74. Majestic Towers is a beautiful waterfront retirement center for senior citizens. 21 members. Pres. Fay E. Nichols. Speaking of Florida clubs, Frank M. Schilling of Pinellas Park HTC wrote in the High Twelvian of July-Aug., 1974 that they now had (late Spring) 47 clubs in Florida, with about 95% retired Masons 65 or older (he was 79), with a considerable number of Past Masters, Past Potentates, 33°, Shriners, etc. His own club provided a funeral team for the local Masonic Lodges; and donated considerable valuable service to the Veterans Hospital; and such funds as they can afford to De Molay and Wolcott Foundations.

SEQUOIA (Visalia, Calif) HTC charter issued 5/17/74. 34 members. Pres. John E. Fraser. LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN (Chattanooga, Tenn) HTC honored a charter member, Right Worshipful Dr. Gus J. Vlasis, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Tennessee F&AM. Plaque presented by Pres. Robert E. McRae and Secretary Geo. C. Hudson had space for later engraving of the successive offices of R.W. Sr. Gr. Warden, Dep. Grand Master and Most Worshipful Grand Master. Pres. L. M. Morgan of the Kentucky-Alabama-Tennessee Association and a delegation from Owensboro, Kentucky were present.

3/18/74 - ARABS ENDED OIL EMBARGO AGAINST USA.

5/31/74 - ISRAEL & EGYPT SIGNED DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT.

6/30/74 - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX = 146.8 ('67 = 100; Jan., 1974 = 146.8).

SUSSEX COUNTY (Sparta, N.J.) HTC charter issued 6/12/74. 17 members. Pres. J. E. Abel. WOOD COUNTY (Bowling Green, Ohio) HTC charter issued 6/6/74. 60 mbrs. Pres. Rob. S. Johnson. KISSIMEE (Osceola, Fla.) HTC charter issued 6/1/74. 22 members. Pres. Rev. H. H. Barnard. NAVAL AIR STATION (Jacksonville, Fla) HTC charter relinquished 5/29/74. Was chartered 11/25/72.

CHAPTER 12
END OF AN ERA - AND A NEW BEGINNING

The 53rd Annual High Twelve International Convention was held June 22 - 26, 1974 in Toledo Ohio, Commodore Perry Motor Inn. Everett Eakin was Convention General Chairman. The World and the Nation had been through considerable turmoil. The economy had been sliding into the worst recession since the great depression of the Thirties. Former leaders of High Twelve had been passing away with greater rapidity....and the Black Camel was to cast his shadow over the camp of Twelvians with increasing visits.

Keith Seales reporting on the Long Range Planning discussed tying High Twelve programs in with the National Centennial programs. Ladies trips and Post Convention trips. Make membership cards large enough so can be used for addressograph purposes. Add birthdate on application card and brochures. Proposal to change dues for Wolcott Foundation was tabled. The obtaining of Jewels, Collars, etc. for HTI Officers and State Presidents to wear at Masonic functions was voted down. At the Grand Masters Conference, the Immediate Past President will no longer be required to attend.

The formation of a Past State Presidents Advisory Group to International was rejected. The State Secretary's name will appear in the High Twelvian in the future. Abridge Convention and Mid-Year minutes and send within a month to International Officers. A protocol manual for the treatment of state, international and club officers when visiting other clubs to be developed.

Illustrious Royal C. Scofield, Grand Master of Ohio Masons was principal speaker at the Joint Mens' and Womens' Luncheon. WORKSHOP Committee (night time) headed by PIP Howard Jennings. 10 Twelvians moderated as many subjects of interest to the clubs. The summing up of the various topics was done the next day in split sessions by Keith Seales, Ed Natal and Darven Paddock. "...The results of this effort was highly rewarding. Paddock's summary: Attend Blue Lodge and its functions; Support Masonic projects; Participate in DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, Rainbow for Girls and other Masonic oriented youth projects; help the elderly; Live as High Twelvians should..." High Twelvian Magazine July-Aug., 1974 has complete recommendations on "What High Twelve Can Do for Masonry." (Also page 316 herein).

As of 1st of June, 1974 the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. had recorded 45 Century Club members. One contributed \$100.00 3 times; another twice; and one Wolcott Club Member, a distinction reserved for donors of \$1,000.00 or more. PIP John L. Shaw suggested the Century Club idea for the Foundation and was its 1st member. Trustee Harry H. Sauerwein's Zone 4 led with 16 Century Club members. Philip E. Cartright's Zone 5 tied with Thos. C. Ryther's Zone 3 at 10 each.

An updated Wolcott pamphlet in the works. Max Farrington spoke, referring again to his question last year's convention on "Why" Masonic membership was going down. He mentioned that Government scholarships for the past few years have been directed to low income and so-called underprivileged minority groups. "....Therefore, many highly qualified students in the middle income brackets simply cannot afford to pay increased costs for higher education and must have help...."

Chairman Art Buss, a Trustee for 14 years was re-elected from 1st Zone. Thomas C. Ryther was re-elected from 3rd Zone. "....We have changed the living allowance given the students from a grant to a loan, repayable upon graduation in regular amounts..." "....We have made the tuition and fees into a grant/loan...." "....He agrees to repay all tuition and fees advanced by the Trustees in the event he does not enter Government service, a related profession or business." "....some of our

former students have, without urging from anyone, made regular payments to the Foundation in repayment....." The Wolcott Trustees awarded club honors for donations to the Fund to Birmingham, Mich. Average per member \$10.56; Akron \$10.12; Algona \$9.11; Leavenworth \$8.57.

There were 10 Past International Presidents present, composing the Past Presidents Council: Clynch, Burkin, Jennings, Shaw, Fenton, Worthen, Mager, Sivers, Robertson and White. BANNER AWARDS: Cherryland, Albany, Montebello, Alhambra, Seminole, Camden, St. Joseph, Penellas Park, Sunset Point, Deerfield Beach; Boone, Sts. John, Tuckerton, Palm Harbor. SCRAP BOOK AWARDS: Class A (over 100 mbrs) 1st place blue ribbon - Oak Park, Ill; Class B (50-100) 1st place blue ribbon - Sts. John Florida.

At the State Presidents Round Table, 1st V.P. Leslie C. Whitney presided. He reviewed Officers Policy Manual, with emphasis on State Presidents' Duties. —5 State Associations indicated they've formed new clubs....Most successful approach - person to person, the single contact, with several follow-up meetings with group participation. Usually 3 or 4 meetings result in a firm commitment. The Toledo mailing of 3 different form letters was reviewed....better than "shotgun" approach. "Preferred" mailing lists obtained from various Masonic Bodies utilized in some states.

Dues to State Associations range from 50¢ to \$2.00 per member. One State charges 25¢, but is raising this to \$1.00. Most State Associations provide in their budget for reimbursement of some of their State Presidents' (expenses). Several give none. Most ranged from \$100.00 to \$250.00 for travel to International and Mid-Year Conventions; some, like amount for both. Expenses far exceed the allocation in all cases.

37 clubs responded to survey on fund raising activities. No State Association itself conducted a fund raising event. One state cannot conduct one under any circumstance. The key in most instances is "donation" and not to use or refer to the Masonic family or emblem. Recommended that State Association Presidents must become more committed to the Wolcott Foundation and support of DeMolay Leadership Conferences (formerly called "camps").

Emphasized that greater stress must be laid on general membership attendance at State and International Conventions. 1st V.P. Louis Black discussed his proposed budget and improved techniques (including computerization) of the International Office. At the Necrology Service it was sad to know that over 650 (about 3%) were lost by death during the 12 months. Harold Sivers, PIP, Ohio, had attended 28 International Conventions and Carl Menke 24.

OFFICERS for 1974-75 term: President - Louis P. Black, Arcadia, Calif; 1st V.P. Leslie C. Whitney, Denver, Colo; 2nd V.P. Roger E. Helman, Columbus, Ind; 3rd V.P. Keith W. Seales, Howell, Mich; Treas. Wm. W. Roser, Louisville, Ky; Int. Sec. John L. Shaw, Temple City, Ca; Genl. Counsel James N. Robertson, Media, Pa; Immed. PIP Wm. K. Rose, Toledo, Ohio.

Chairman Wolcott Foundation Arthur Buss, Escalon, Ca; Int. Chaplain Major H. H. Smith, SA, San Jose, Ca; Pres. Emeritus, E. C. Wolcott, Luthern Conv. Hosp., Webster Grove, Mo; Editor High Twelvian - E. P. White, Jr., Louisville, Ky; Prod. Co-Ordinator Max J. Reed, Louisville, Ky; Presidential Aide Wib L. Mager, Belleville, Ill; Office Manager Mrs. Lillian V. George, 3681 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.

State Presidents: California - Howard Cliff, Napa; Colorado - Donald C. Davis, Denver; Florida - Harold W. Bremer, Orlando; Illinois - Carleton L. Crispin, Belleville; Indiana - K. Richard Hartley, Indianapolis; Iowa-South Dakota - Ivan M. Maxson, Royal, Iowa; Kansas - Ralph E. Wilson, Leavenworth; Kentucky-Alabama-Tenn.

L.M.Morgan, Birmingham, Ala; Louisiana - John E.Mulhearn, Monroe; Michigan - E.Ray Hughes, Birmingham; Missouri - Richard J.Hildreth, Kansas City; New Jersey - Dale Gibson (Governor), Bridgeton; Ohio - Frank C.Schneider, Lexington; Pennsylvania - Edward Hagel, Cochranville.

INTERNATIONAL ZONE OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS: Pres.Black - Arizona, Guam & Hawaii; 1st VP Whitney - Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Okla. & South Dakota; 2nd V.P.Helman - Indiana & Kentucky; 3rd VP Seales - Illinois & Michigan; Treasurer Roser - Alabama & Tennessee; Secretary - Shaw - Southern California; Genl.Counsel Robertson - Pennsylvania, New England, England & Spain; Immed.PIP Rose - Ohio; PIP-Presidential Aide Mager - Iowa & Missouri; PIP Smith - Florida; PIP Malcolm - Oregon & Washington; PIP Clynych - Louisiana; PSP Murisso - Northern Calif; PSGov. Natal - New Jersey & New York.

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(Support of the Wolcott Foundation increases (from donations as follows).....
1971 = \$16,256.82; 1972 = \$17,291.45; 1973 = \$20,196.57; 1974 = \$22,018.23. (The Zone system of responsibility and supervision of the Fund seemed to be paying off.DP)

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN 1974-75: Americanism - Stanton E.Davis, Mo; Auditor - J.Carl Menke, Ill; Awards - Executive Comm; Budget - Lyle A.Waterman, Ca; Const. & By-Laws - Earl C.Slayton, Colo; Convention Future Sites - Arthur A.Wickstrom, Colo; Convention 1975 - Donald E.White, Arizona; Convention 1976 (200th Anniversary) N.W.Craig, Sr., Sec.; Credential - Lewis Hoffman, Ohio; Expansion - G. Donald Ransdell, Ky; Forms & Literature Revision & Control - Darven L.Paddock, Calif; Fund Raising Activities - Leslie C.Whitney, Colo; Grand Masters Conf - Louis P.Black.

High Twelvian - Editor E.P.White, Jr., PIP, Ky; Insurance - Emil Jecmen, Sr., Mo; International Club Affairs - Joseph E.Steffek, Louisiana; International Convention Club - Pres.Nelson W.Craig, Sr., New Jersey; Jewelry & Supplies - Wib L.Mager, PIP, Ill; Acacia Liaison - Robert F.Clynych, PIP, La; DeMolay Liaison - Active Member ISC DeMolay, Howard H.Jennings, PIP, Mich; National Sojourners Liaison - Chester A.Townsend, Jr., Florida; Wolcott Foundation Liaison - Leslie C.Whitney, Colo; Long Range Planning - Wm.K.Rose, PIP, Ohio; Manuals - James N.Robertson, PIP, Pa; Masonic Activities - J.Robert Watt, Ill; Medical Dir - Dr.Hector M.Chabot, Mich; Midwinter - Howard M.Smith, PIP, Fla; Necrology - Major Herman H.Smith, Salvation Army, Calif; Nominations - Robert F.Clynych, PIP, La; Office Improvement - Richard W.Gordon, Mo; Office - International Liaison - Louis P.Black, Ca; Parliamentarian - Harold J. Sivers, PIP, Mo; Projects - Thomas M.Major, Ohio; Protocol - John L.Shaw, PIP Calif; Pub.Relations - Robert L.Boring, Kan; Resolutions - Thaddeus Jones, Iowa; S-at-Arms - Harry Pierson, Calif; Youth Activities - Harold W.Bremer, Florida.

CALIFORNIA HTC's sent 61 boys to Leadership(Camp) Conference (40 LaHonda & 21 to Running Springs); Missouri sent 36 to Potosi; 22 were sent to Georgia (presumably from Florida?); Illinois 12½; Ohio 11½; Colorado 10½; Pawling #2 - 4 (NY & NJ?); Pawling #1 - 1; A total of 160½ boys. High Twelve presumably also sent 22 advisors (not clear however from report).

President Louis P. Black had discussed with the DeMolay Headquarters staff in Kansas City, Kan. plans for High Twelve Leadership Conference participation, and better control of status on our contributions and tax deductions. President Black complimented Expansion Chairman Don Ransdell for the 6 clubs chartered so far. They look for great expansion in Michigan; 5 possibilities in Kansas; a half dozen or more in California; and possibilities in Massachusetts and Connecticut; and Tom Major in Ohio had reported good prospects.

"....The growth of High Twelve is essential to the bringing of Sojourners and other Brother Master Masons to a closer relationship with Freemasonry," said Black. "....We are recognized by most Grand Lodges, and are trying in every way possible to encourage Blue Lodge attendance and support of those ideals we all adhere to as reflected in our Masonic degrees...."

"....The adaptation of our address plate file to the computer is now complete, and each club has received a final listing to update the membership file. Each monthly report will be compared to the listing for the number of members, and the followup system instituted with the Club Secretary for verification. This issue of the High Twelvian is being mailed from the Computer and it is one more means of speeding up our communication with you...."

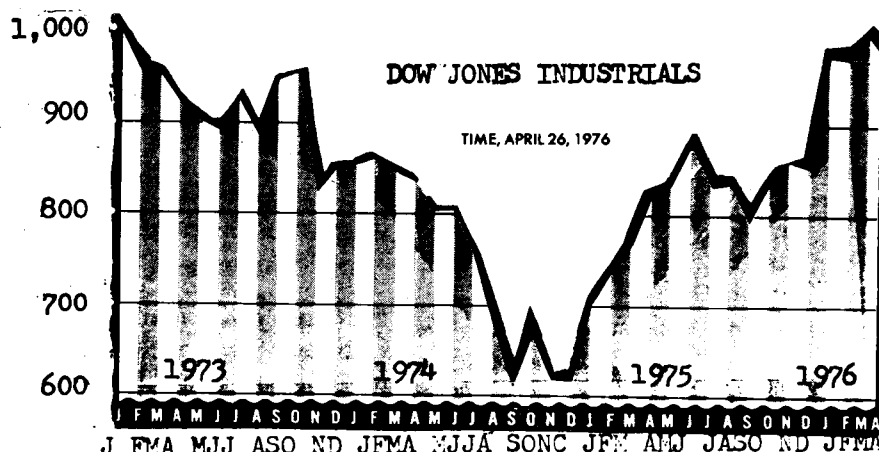
"....President Black reported his presence at the following receptions or Conventions: Arcadia, Ohio State Conv., Northern Jersey Scottish Rite (as Honored Guest); Kentucky-Alabama-Tenn. Conv., Oklahoma Grand Master's Reception, Tulsa HTC; San Gabriel Valley HTC reception for M.W. Burton Meyer, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Calif. and Ariz.; Carmeleta Lodge, Pasadena 50th Anniversary (Grand Master's Reception); California State Convention, Kansas Association Bd. Meeting, Topeka."

"....We are growing at a rate of 4% per year (20,000 members - roughly). He reported sale of 400 pale blue zipper front High Twelve packets. 280 clubs.

July, 1974 Consumer Price Index = \$148.3 (1965= 94.5)

Hourly earnings in mfg. ind. (yearly avg) gross \$4.40 (1950 = \$1.44)

- 7/12/74 - Ehrlichman & 3 White House "Plumbers" found guilty.
- 7/15/74 - CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD OVERTHREW PRES. MAKARIOS.
- 7/20/74 - TURKEY INVADED CYPRUS.
- 7/24/74 - HOUSE JUDICIARY COMM. RECOMMENDED 3 ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT AGAINST NIXON.
- 7/25/74 - SUPREME COURT HELD BUSSING PUPILS ACROSS SCHOOL DIST. LINES BETWEEN BLACK INNER CITY OF DETROIT & WHITE SUBURBS WAS IMPROPER.
- 8/9/74 - PRES. NIXON RESIGNED AND V.P. GERALD R. FORD SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT.
- 8/30/74 - FORMER NEW YORK GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER NOMINATED VICE PRESIDENT.
- 9/8/74 - PRESIDENT FORD UNCONDITIONALLY PARDONED EX-PRESIDENT NIXON.



HTC of DAYTON (Ohio) observed Charter Day with 5 of the original members in attendance. Nelson F. Muntz, 3rd V.P. of the Ohio Association was featured speaker. Past Pres. Howard R. Malone, who was 2nd Pres. of the State Assn. gave a brief history of the club. Milton H. Massie, 29th President of the club presided. (Summer '74?)

ARCADIA (Calif.) HTC honored Public Schools Week as Co-Host with the School District for the Inter-Service Club Luncheon at the Arcadia Masonic Temple.

DES MOINES "High I", wives of Twelvians had been meeting since 1951 to assist the High Twelve Club increase membership and promote club activities. While there were no elected officers at each monthly meeting, a Chairwoman was responsible for arrangements. The High Twelve Club entertained the Hi I with a spring party, a Christmas Dinner-Dance, and occasional luncheons with favors for the ladies.

SUSSEX COUNTY (HTC of) charter party 6/12/74 at Newton, N.J. had 75 members and guests, including representatives from 6 of the 7 New Jersey Clubs. While there were 17 names on the charter, the High Twelvian indicated 31 charter members, so there must have been a lot of last minute enrollees. State Governor Dale Gibson Installing Officer.

PARADISE, Calif. HTC....78 members and wives in 2 bus loads attended the Summer Festival Shakespeare Comedy "Twelfth Night," 250 miles away at Ashland, Oregon. They stayed all night in nearby Medford. On their return they visited the old mining town of Jacksonville, Oregon and a paper mill at Weed, Calif., and passed by Peter Lassen's ranch at Vina near Mt. Lassen. There, California's 1st Masonic meetings were held. With 255 members, Pres. Geo. Holland could boost the 2nd largest membership in Calif.

TRI LAKES (Branson, Mo.) HTC charter issued 8/9/74. 23 members. Pres. Virgil C. Six.
ACACIA (Seminole, Fla.) HTC charter issued 10/30/74. 41 members. Pres. Otto Mann.
WESTMINSTER (Colo.) HTC charter issued 11/16/74. 16 members. Pres. Irwin D. Grant.
RURAL DOUGLAS COUNTY (Nebr.) HTC charter relinquished 10/21/74. Chartered 4/22/49.
FAIRCHILD AFB (Evergreen Wash.) HTC charter relinquished 11/3/74. Chartered 1/1/68.

The Sept-Oct., 1974 High Twelvian proclaimed that this was the Black Year, and his (Pres. Louis Black's) messages would appear in the "Black Board" columns of the magazine. "....I proposed some rather sweeping changes in the administration of High Twelve in the International Office to better handle the sale of jewelry, supplies and the new official jackets (\$13.00 - light blue, zipper front) for High Twelvians. Bro. Wib Mager, PIP, has accepted the position of Presidential Aide in the International Office 2 days each week to handle these items and to assist in communications where it involves matter of policy with the various clubs...."

"....We are generally recognized by most of the Grand Lodge Jurisdictions now, thanks to the past International Officers attendance at the Grand Masters' Conference, as well as the devoted effort of many of you to meet with Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen." "....We must use some discretion in the communications with our various Grand Lodges due to different feelings of many Grand Masters, and am, therefore, requesting that my officers and members not directly communicate with Grand Lodges outside their own jurisdiction. If you feel you have a prospective lead for a new club that requires communication with a Grand Lodge, please send them direct to me. This will assist us in our Grand Lodge relations, and I will be guided in my correspondence by my Executive Committee and Governing Board...."

"You will also note that I have not assigned States and Territories to Zone Officers where we do not have High Twelve Clubs. These are to be assigned to the International President and the state will be assigned to a Zone Officer when clubs are to be formed...." "....Major emphasis will be placed on the Wolcott Heritage Bond program instituted by Wib Mager, PIP. They are \$10.00 each and hopefully \$8,100 is to be turned over for their sale...."

"3,000.00 is budgeted for expansion funds (a dollar of each \$2.00 charter fee allocated back to the individual, club or State Association that charters a new club)...." "Bro. Paddock has made suggestions for a complete revision of all International literature, which was presented to the Governing Board, Toledo. Forms kits will be mailed to each new Club Secretary, etc...."

"....The post card reservation forms for the Toledo Convention cost us \$2,286.00. I am proposing these substantial costs be eliminated and they be printed in the regular pages of the magazine, which will allow us to print 6 issues this year.

TULSA (HTC of) honored member, Most Worshipful J.C. Warner, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. He was presented to the club by Louis P. Black, President of High Twelve International. Member Waldo Emerson (Dode) McIntosh, for 10 years head of the Creek Indians and who served twice as President of the Intertribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes (Creeks, Choctaws, Seminoles and Chickasaws) made Bro. Black and Honorary Chief of the Coweta Tribe of the Indian Creek Name. Bro. Louis Black was now LUMKE HETKE (White Eagle). That's the black and the white of it.

OHIO Association of High Twelve Clubs 25th Convention 9/20/74 in Mansfield, Ohio, elected Tom Major President. The Mens' Model Luncheon was highlighted by Speaker Dr. Philip D. Grub. The largest attendance ever, witnessed the Worship and Necrology Service by Chaplain Bradbury. Convention was run by outgoing Pres. Frank C. Schneider of Lexington, Ohio. Tom Major was endorsed for International 3rd V.P.

CALIFORNIA Association of HTCs Annual Convention, late October, 1974 aboard the QUEEN MARY, Long Beach, elected as President, Emmitt Berry of Fresno, a very hard working Brother who served as Pres. of his club, Area VP, 2nd and 1st Executive Vice President of his State Assn. and chairman of Public Relations. PSP Darven L. Paddock was endorsed for 3rd Int. V.P. of High Twelve International.

ACACIA HTC (Seminole, Fla.) charter was presented by Howard M. Smith (PIP). 160 dignataries, members and guests were present. State President Harold W. Breme introduced the prominent guests. Cecil L. Dunham, PSP, was Installing Officer. A large Masonic Bible was presented by 1st V.P. Dwight Williams of the Seminole HTC. Pres. Herbert D. Fuhrman of Lake Tarpon Village HTC presented the bell and gave.

The Wolcott Century Club now listed at 51. Nov-Dec., 1974 High Twelvian. President Louis P. Black proposed placing the High Twelve magazine mailing on computer to program address files and labels, modernizing the handling of billing and addressing functions. This also would save \$70.00 per issue trucking Louisville to St. Louis, expensive wrapping for transportation... and a saving of 3 to 5 days between publication and mailing. Also the computer could be programmed to read out the membership lists by clubs, etc. "...We don't need a dues increase in High Twelve International in spite of inflation."

"Tips for Twelvians" by Expansion Chairman G. Don Ransdell, PSP Kentucky-Alabama-Tennessee Association in the Jan-Feb., 1975 High Twelvian: A Summary on how to build and strengthen our organization: Regular attendance at meetings; Let High Twelve be a monument in service to God, Masonry and Country; keep in mind purposes of our organization. Live up to duties of membership. Show a personal interest (cordial, gentleness with firmness; keep lines of communication open; disagree without being disagreeable; respect for viewpoints and feelings of Brothers.

Listen attentively when other have floor. Think for yourself. Develop your ability to communicate; promote a spirit of teamwork; stir up listless members.

Officers and leaders do homework before each meeting; be a peacemaker. Don't lose sense of humor; give credit where credit due; prevent meetings from bogging down; persuade capable persons to run for office; give your official representative respect and cooperation. Don't dodge thankless jobs that must be done; encourage, don't discourage. Back up words with deeds. Keep expenses under control; and keep long range planning in mind. Persevere amidst those disappointments and difficulties. Attend State and International Conventions. Keep High Twelve on the move. (NOTE: From 2 page article Vo.49, #4 of the High Twelvian.DLP)

FLORIDA State Association at its December, 1974 meeting, Harold W. Bremer outgoing president, elected Leslie W. Ketcham as President. Convention held at Long Boat Key. Among the out-of-state visitors to that impressive conclave were International President Louis P. Black, Calif; In 3rd V.P. Keith W. Seales, Mich; Don Ransdale, Kentucky, Charles Urmev, and Darven L. Paddock.

Over 400 attended the banquet to hear M.W. Grand Master George L. Myers, a fellow Twelvian. Florida had chartered 4 new clubs and lost 1, with total membership now of 4,256 - about 2% of the potential, according to Forrest L. Grimm. With the blessing of the Grand Master of Florida, there will only be High Twelve Clubs authorized in the future, and the Grand Lodge of Florida will no longer charter Square Clubs (independents). Among the prominent local VIPs were Howard Smith, PIP, Henry Hood, PSP and Cecil Dunham, Wolcott Trustee. Visitors Black, Seales, Mager and Paddock spoke at 20 club meetings.

WESTMINSTER (Colo.) HTC charter was presented by International President Louis P. Black at the Colorado State High Twelve Convention in Westminster on November 16. He was also Installing Officer. Leslie C. Whitney, 1st V.P. of HTI and former Colorado State President gave the Charge. State President Donald C. Davis presented the gavel to Charter President Irwin Grant. Bro. Gaines S. Green was M.C. Incoming Pres. Earl C. Slayton of Denver. Pres. Irwin D. Grant. 16 members.

WHAT HIGH TWELVE CAN DO FOR MASONRY

"Ask not what Masonry can do for High Twelve, but what High Twelve can do for Masonry" was the essence of a symposium in Palm Springs recently conducted by Darven L. Paddock, Immediate Past President of the California Assn.

A Past Master said, "It all started with the Blue Lodges; everything evolves around them." "If I were Master," said Paddock, "I first of all would want attendance at least occasionally at both Stated Meetings and Degree nights." The Senior Warden replied that in Palm Springs they try to make it easy for the Twelvian to work his way in; that the reason so many sojourners failed to attend Blue Lodge was fear of inability to get in. It was pointed out that at least in the Spring as well as in the Fall, clubs should make official visitations to the local Blue Lodges, with a good turnout a prerequisite.

Masters should be invited to be speakers; in fact, should have honorary memberships. It was suggested that their meals be paid when they do visit; and that they be given an opportunity to mention upcoming affairs, etc. The

Bulletin editors should be encouraged to carry highlights of Blue Lodge happenings, dates, etc., usually obtained from the Trestle Board. Same with Commandry, Consistory, Shrine, Eastern Star and the youth organizations. Legitimately, help bring new members into the Craft.

It was mentioned that support of all Masonic projects is a must; such as the Children's Home, Home for Elderly Masons, Public Schools Week, banquets, picnics and socials. It was strongly felt that the Masonic Temple Association was worthy of the local High Twelve Club's interest and attention. Sometimes either money or labor is needed for painting and repairs, new chairs, drapes, etc., as well as possibly taxes and rent. It is not out of line for a High Twelve Club to help as needed.

Of course Masonic Youth came in for high praise and an urgent call for help, sometimes financial, and always with adult moral support, preferably by physical presence at the chapter meetings. All High Twelve Clubs are expected to support the DeMolay Leadership Camps, and in the California Association at least, all clubs are expected to support the Ensign Mayo DeMolay Loan Fund, for college educations for worthy DeMolays. It is hoped that a good percentage of the Wolcott Scholarships go to DeMolay, Jobs Daughters or Rainbow for Girls or at least children of Masons.

All High Twelvians are expected to help with the Masonic sick, distressed, elderly and dying, as well as the widows and orphans. It was pointed out that every High Twelve Club should have a team ready, willing and able to attend funerals, wear aprons, act as pall bearers and in other ways be of help to the Blue Lodge in the conducting of a Masonic funeral.

Twelvians are expected to demonstrate a faith in God and a love of Country. We must at all times uphold the great image of Masonry; never tear it down. Twelvians should so live their lives that they are an inspiration not only to Masons but to everyone, everywhere. Also, High Twelve must never intrude on the prerogatives of Masonry.

All together, it was the consensus that High Twelve has a lot to offer Masonry, if High Twelve and Twelvians only will make the effort. Most do!

Submitted by E. Paul Whiteman

THE HIGH TWELVIAN

July-August, 1974

The Mid-Year meeting of the International Governing Board was held December 13, 1974 Clearwater, Florida, Fort Harrison Hotel. The State Presidents' meeting was presided over by Leslie Whitney, 1st V.P. Don Ransdell, Expansion Chairman reported growth: of 300 from the Toledo Convention to October 31, up to 20,298 members. Clubs formed in Sparta, N.J. (Sussex County) 6/12/74 and Bowling Green (Wood County) Ohio 6/6/74; Kissimmee (Osceola) Fla. 6/1/74; Bronson (Tri-Lakes), Mo. 8/9/74; Seminole, (Acacia) Fla. 10/30/74; & Westminster, Colo. 11/16/74.

E.C. Wolcott celebrated his 94th birthday in a convalescent hospital, according to Pres. Louis Black. In President Black's report to the Governing Board, he said, "I have averaged 188 hours per month working for High Twelve, particularly in converting the files to computer and working on the accounting in the International Office. If it was not for Bro. Wib Mager's assistance, I could not have accomplished the goals that have been attained."

"....We have a 24 hour answering service in the International Office now on the telephone, and it should assist you in case you need quick service. All jewelry, supplies and jackets are on a perpetual inventory, and all order are going out on a daily basis."

"....The past half dozen years of our officers' spreading the word at the Grand Masters' Conference have been worthwhile, since we have been able to show that the main goal of High Twelve is 'In Service to Freemasonry,' with our principal objective of bringing Master Masons back to Blue Lodge...."

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"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me..."

G.A. "Gerry" Royal passed away during the winter, according to the High Twelvian. He was President of High Twelve International 1955-56. His father, C.D. Royal was President of High Twelve International 1944-45. G.A. Royal was from Sioux City and C.D. Royal from Des Moines, Iowa. He had lived in Santa Barbara, Ca. of recent years; and had been high up in the councils of International for over 30 years.

John L. Shaw passed away January 16, 1975. He was President of High Twelve International 1970-1971. A lawyer of Temple City, Ca. and former FBI Agent, he was Past Master and Community Leader. About 400 persons attended the funeral, at which California Executive Vice President Mark Schrock gave the eulogy. (As of March, \$1,500 had been contributed to the Wolcott Foundation in John's memory besides the many Heritage Bonds sent directly to the Foundation.) At the time of his passing he was International Secretary. He left his wife Mary.

W.L. "Hoppy" Hopperstead passed away February 18, 1975, at 78 years. He was survived by his wife Frances. "Hoppy" was President of High Twelve International 1957-1958. A resident of Pasadena, Ca., a realtor, he was President of the California Association HTC's in 1952. Past Master Camelia Lodge 805. Joined High Twelve in '45.

Elliott Pendleton White, Jr. passed away 4/11/75. He was President of High Twelve International 1968-69. He had been president of his Club and his State Association. He was Editor of the High Twelvian off and on over the years, holding this position at the time of his death. He was a colorful writer by inclination, a friend by nature. His counsels were sought by High Twelve leaders. He left his wife Gertrude.

Robert L. Clynch, PIP and former Secretary HTI, Baton Rouge, La. was appointed International Secretary to replace John L. Shaw, deceased.

Max J. Reed was appointed Editor of the High Twelvian to replace long-time Editor

E.P.White,Jr., deceased. Bro. Max had served as Editor under three previous Presidents - Vinton S.Malcolm '66-67; Leonard B.Voorhees '67-68; and E.P.White Jr., '68-69. He also had served as Associate Editor or Production Chief under various Presidents. Resident of Louisville,Ky , as was Bro.White.

Dr.James.F. Hunter,PIP, 1928-29 passed away some time during the winter. His home was Seattle, Washington, and he was an early leader of the High Twelve movement. At the Convention, it was reported that W.A Anderson (1942-43)President HTI had passed away. Date not reported. He also had served as Editor of the Hi.12vian.

HIGH DESERT (Victorville, Ca.) HTC charter presented to Dr.Robert E. Schrock,Pr., Charter Pres. of Happy Hiram (Covina,Ca.) HTC by International President Louis P. Black. California State Association President Emmitt Berry was Installing Officer. California's 1st Executive Vice President Mark Schrock is the President's brother.

The California Association of High Twelve Clubs' Ensign May Loan Fund listed a total of 173 loans, amounting to \$157,679. Monthly loan repayments averaged \$1,450.00. As of June, 1975 approximately 113 had graduated. As of Oct.1, 1975 there were 40 DeMolays still in college. Funds were now being built up for loans to Rainbow for Girls, Jobs Daughters and to any younger Master Masons still desiring to go to College who qualified by grades.

MASCOUTAH (Ill.) HTC charter relinquished 3/12/75. Chartered 3/5/68. TOPEKA (Kansas) HTC celebrated its 50th Anniversary during March. Present were International Vice President Leslie C. Whitney, who spoke on aims of his upcoming administration. State President James Zimmerman. Club President B.H. Christian presided. Harry W.Colmery and Thomas F.Martin reminisced. Kansas Governor Robt. Bennett had his Executive Assistant Dr.John Conard speak at a Ladies Day Program; and the Governor's wife, Mrs.Bennett accepted a certificate of Honorary Membership for the Governor.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY (Rosemead,Ca.) HTC's Past President Earl Hutchinson was getting the story of High Twelve, the meetings, conferences,etc. on 14,328 M#2 from 10 to 11AM daily, Pacific Time. Other amateur radio operators are welcome to join in passing the good word of High Twelve on to the Masonic Brothers.

CAPISTRANO (San Juan Capistrano) HTC charter presented by International President Louis P.Black 3/21/75 to Pres.Dr.Leslie K.Campbell. State President Emmitt Berry was Installing Officer. 50 members on charter. 140 people present at the party. Worshipful John R.Green, Master of San Clemente Lodge was M.C. Membership mostly drawn from three of the large local Mobile Home Parks.

PENNSYLVANIA State Association Convention elected Dan Pettigrew to a 2nd term as President. Bro.Louis P.Black attended the ISC of DeMolay meeting in Orlando, Fla., where he was received as an honored guest, and witnessed PIP Howard Jennings elevated to Active Member, representing HTI,and on the DeMolay Leadership Training Camp Committee.

CHULA VISTA (Near San Diego) HTC charter presented by Int.Pres.L.P.Black. Pres. Joel E.Poukkula. 64 charter members. 106 present. PSP D.L.Paddock assisted. SADDLEBACK (Laguna Hills,Ca.) HTC charter presented 5/29/75 by Louis P.Black,Int.Pr. 65 charter members. President Cyril H.Johnson. MARINA, Ca,HTC charter issued 6/13/75. 34 members. Pres.George Guthrie. ACACIA (Green Valley,Ariz.) HTC charter issued 6/23/75. 56 members. Pres.Harold L Craig.

MISS SUSAN PRETZ was employed by Presiden Louis P.Black as Office Manager March 31,1975, replacing Mrs.Lillian V.George, who served in that capacity for many years. Lillian's friendly manner and spirit of helpfulness were greatly appreciated by the Brother s who came in contact or corresponded with her.

STOCKTON HTC (Calif.) celebrated its 50th Anniversary 6/9/75 at the Scottish Rite Temple. Stockton was sponsored by the Oakland Club in 1925. Master of Ceremonies was P.P. Norman Shaw, assisted by PP W.B. "Tommy" Thompson. 115 in attendance, including International President Louis P. Black, Vinton Malcolm PIP, and Emmitt Berry, State President. 50 year pins were given to PSP Frank Mayo and to PP G. Darrah, the only living charter members still active.

LEAVENWORTH (Kan.) HTC celebrated its 50th Anniversary in the Spring. There is a notation in the May-June High Twelvian that as it went to press we had 92 Century Club members (Wolcott Foundation \$100 contributions)...and aimed to pass the 100 mark by Convention time. Kansas led with 19; Michigan 14; Illinois 11 plus 2 \$1,000 members; Pennsylvania 9; Florida 6; Colorado 5 and California. 1 Each for Missouri, Indiana, Arkansas, New Jersey, Colorado and Oklahoma. Zone 4 (Sauerwein) led; then Zone 5 (Cartwright); Zone 3, 7, 1 & 2 in that order.

Here's a story I like to tell. DLP CLINTON HTC, the little Iowa Club with the big deeds: Masonic Home, Bellendorf = \$100.00; Omaha Home for Boys=\$100.00; DeMolay, Clinton = \$50.00; Rainbow, Clinton = \$25.00; Rainbow, Comanche = \$25.00; Rainbow, DeWitt = \$25.00; Rainbow, Lyons = \$25.00....Poinsettias for all shut in Masons at Christmas = \$150.00; Corsages for all ladies at Ladies Night = \$60.00; and Wolcott Foundation \$100.00 available....all with no outside help!

BRANDON (Fla.) HTC honored Past President Forrest Grim on his birthday, presenting him with a Resolution as a "Meritorious Service Award" in recognition of the many services he had rendered to his 3 High Twelve Clubs....Brandon, Sun City Center and Sturgis, Mich, to the Florida Association and HTI. Club Pres. H.E. Powell presented.

54th Annual Convention of High Twelve International held in Tucson, Arizona June 23-26, 1975 at the Braniff Place Hotel. Don White General Chairman. 2 weeks before the Convention the Wolcott Century Club had climbed to 115. In addition, Bro. Eugene Marsh and Bro. Wm. Reiss of the Belleville (Ill.) HTC each contributed substantially more than the \$1,000 minimum requirement for the Wolcott Club membership. The total received since inception of the plan now \$15,609.33 as of their year ending 4/30/75. This was an increase in contributions of \$6,862.10 in the Wolcott Foundation financial position.

At the 9AM session Monday, High Twelve International Session, President Louis P. Black presided. There were 6 Past International Presidents present....Rose, Robertson, Clynch, Mager, Malcolm and Sivers. At the luncheon session the 15th current State Association was formally chartered, with Don E. White as 1st President. Arizona clubs (except for Sun City) formerly were Area 12 of the California Association. The new Association was composed of Tucson, Sun City, Sun Dial, Roadrunners (Monahan AFB) and Lavender Pit. They were to charter Acacia HTC (Green Valley) soon; and the Green Valley members were present in force and helped entertain.

The Sunday Necrology Service was led by Major Herman H. Smith and Rev. Dr. Edwin J. Sloan, with especial poignant memories of our six great departed International Presidents. Friday afternoon there had been the Long Range Planning Committee meeting, Saturday morning, Executive Committee Meeting; Early Saturday afternoon the State Presidents round table; and Sat. evening a chuck wagon party out in the desert. Sunday evening there was a "get acquainted" party at the Skyline Country Club. The Wolcott Foundation met Monday A.M., the annual opportunity all members of the Wolcott Foundation present (representing every paid up member of their club) get an opportunity to hear from their Trustees and to vote on propositions before that body. During all of this time there were many interesting events for the ladies; and some for the members who didn't care to attend all sessions.

The General Session reconvened 9AM Tuesday. Alfred Stewart of Clevein, Iowa was

elected Trustee to serve Zone 4 (Iowa, South Dakota, Illinois and Missouri), succeeding Harry H. Sauerwein, whose 3 year term had expired. There was a symposium, "Club Relationship to International. The luncheon address was by Assistant to the President of George Washington University, Dr. Philip D. Grub, who had replaced Max Farrington.

The tour to Nogales (Sonora) Mexico was made by a high percentage of the Conventioneers, many of whom had never been to Mexico previously. On the return, there was a delightful stop at Rio Rico Resort Arizona for a light snack. It was a beautiful evening. Then came "politikin" till about 2:30AM they say. After the General Session re-convened the next morning, among the important business was the election of officers. Tom Major of Ohio withdrew in favor of Darven L. Paddock of California for the position of 3rd Vice President.

Elected to serve as officers for 1975-76 term were: President Leslie C. Whitney, Denver, Colo.; 1st V.P. Roger E. Helman, Columbus, Ind.; 2nd V.P. Keith W. Seales, Howell, Mich.; 3rd V.P. Darven L. Paddock, Glendale, Ca.; Treasurer Wm. S. Roser, Louisville, Ky.; Immediate Past President and International Secretary Louis P. Elack, Ca.

General Counsel James N. Robertson, Media, Pa.; Editor High Twelvian Max J. Reed, Louisville, Ky.; Associate Editor Walter F. Maas, Chicago, Ill.; Pres. Emeritus E. C. Wolcott, Lutheran Convalescent Hospital, Webster Grove, Mo.; Int. Chaplain Charles P. Carlson, Denver, Colo.; Chairman Wolcott Foundation, Inc. Arthur Buss, Escalon, Ca.; Presidential Aide PIP Wib L. Mager, Belleville, Ill.

International Zone Officer assignments: Pres. Whitney - Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and South Dakota; V.P. Helman - Indiana & Kentucky; V.P. Seales - Illinois & Michigan; V.P. Paddock - Southern Calif; Tr. Roser - Alabama & Tennessee; PIP Robertson - Pennsylvania, England & Spain; PIP Rose - Ohio; Sec. PIP Elack - Arizona & Hawaii; PIP Mager - Illinois; PIP Smith - Florida; PIP Malcolm - Oregon & Washington; PIP Clynych - Louisiana; PSP Nurisso - Northern Calif; PSG - Natal - New Jersey, New York, Mass. and Connecticut.

State Presidents: Arizona - Don E. White, Tucson; California - Emmett Berry, Fresno; Colorado - Earl C. Slayton, Denver; Florida - Leslie W. Ketcham, Clearwater; Illinois - Lawrence C. Huseman, Quincy; Indiana - Andrew H. Albrecht, Sr., Evansville; Iowa-South Dakota - Irvin W. Waage, Davenport, Iowa; Kansas - James E. Zimmerman, Topeka; Kentucky-Alabama-Tennessee - E. C. Rhodes, Louisville, Ky; Louisiana - Ray W. Burgess, Baton Rouge; Michigan - Morton Harwood, Grand Rapids; Missouri - George F. Lowery, Springfield; New Jersey - Governor Obert S. Pedersen, Succasunna; Ohio - Thomas M. Major, Columbus; Pennsylvania - Daniel Pettigrew, Pottstown.

Committee Chairmen: Affiliated Masonic Bodies - Howard M. Smith PIP, Fla.; Auditor - J. Carl Menke, Illinois; Awards - Executive Committee; By-Centennial - Edward L. Natal, N.J.; Budget - Wib L. Mager, Ill; Bulletins - Emil Jecmen, Jr., Mo; Constitution & By-Laws - Earl C. Slayton, Colo; Convention & Future Sites - Arthur A. Wickstrom, Colo; Convention, 1976 - M. Warren Bolton; Credentials - Lewis Hoffman-Ohio; Expansion - Mark L. Schrock, Ca; Forms & Literature Revision & Control - Darven L. Paddock; Fund Raising Activities - Donald E. White, Ariz; Grand Masters Conf. - Pres. Whitney & 1st V.P. Helman, Ind; High Twelvian Editor - Max J. Reed, Kentucky; Insurance - Emil Jecmen, Sr., Maryland; International Club Officers - Joseph E. Steffek; Int. Convention Club - Lem D. Whittsen, Ariz; Jewelry & Supplies - Wib L. Mager, Ill.

(Committee Liaison: Acacia Fraternity - Robert F. Clynych, PIP, La; DeMolay - Howard H. Jennings, PIP, Mich; National Sojourners - Howard H. Jennings PIP, Mich; Wolcott Foundation - Roger E. Helman, Ind; Leadership - K. Maynard Curtis, Ka; Long Range Planning - Louis P. Elack PIP, Calif; Manuals - James N. Robertson, PIP, Pa; Masonic Activity - J. Robert Watt, Ill; Med. Dir. - Dr. Hector M. Chabot, Michigan; Midyear Meeting - Robert L. Boring, Kan; Necrology - Charles P. Carlson, Colo; Nominations -

Wm. Worthen PIP, Ca; Parliamentarian - James N. Robertson, PIP, Pa; Patriotism - Standon E. Davis, Mo; Printing - Herbert H. Jacobs, Iowa; Projects - Clinton E. Ang, Ky; Public Relations - Walter F. Maas, Ill; Resolutions - Harlan Richardson, Mich; Sergeant-at-Arms - Otto H. York, N.J; Youth Activities - Harold W. Bremer, Fl.

Writing later, President Louis P. Black of the 1974-75 term said that the greatest blow was the loss of six Past Presidents during that period, and one was his International Secretary and the other the Editor of the High Twelvian Magazine. He felt that the greatest accomplishment during that period was the conversion of the address lists to computer; and the change of direction of the organization to be "In Service to Freemasonry"...and a resultant better communication and direction to the clubs. The switchover to computer caused considerable strain on the St. Louis Office until it had been perfected, with the help of Office Manager Pretz.

At the afternoon meeting of the new International Board, President Leslie C. Whitney presented his new "Mug", bearing the High Twelve International emblem on one side and his picture on the other. One of these mugs was to be given to every member getting three new members during the year.

President Whitney set as goals, this 4 point man program: 1, Every club participate in Area, State and International Conventions; support of Wolcott Foundation and support of our Masonic youth. 2, Building 30 more High Twelve Clubs. 3, Increasing membership to 22,500. 4, Four specific months to be set aside with special programs and club activities as follows: September - Masonic Youth; Nov. Patriotism; Feb. - Back to Blue Lodge; April - Wolcott Foundation, Inc.

The High Twelvian of the Year Award presentation was made by Outgoing President Louis Black to Charles F. Burkin, PIP, Kansas City. Bro. Charlie was home, ill; so Past President of the Kansas Association Robert Boring accepted it for him. The Citizen of the Year award went to Bro. President Gerald Ford of the USA, with one of his aides accepting it for him. Alan Furman, former Wolcott Foundation student and now Administrator with AID's Bureau for Population and Humanitarian Assistance spoke at one Convention session. Over 450 attended the President's banquet and installation of officers.

It was reported that attractive 2 color letterheads and envelopes were now available to the clubs for \$22.00/100 sets (cheaper in quantities); Club Secretaries to write Editor Max J. Reed of the High Twelvian Magazine. The subscription to the High Twelvian was \$2.00 a year to non-members.

Wolcott Foundation, Inc. Trustees: Chairman Arthur E. Buss, Calif. (Zone 1); Vice Chairman Alton C. Emerson, Calif. (Zone 2); Treasurer Cecil L. Dunham, Fla. (Zone 8); Sec. Philip Cartwright, Mich. (Zone 5); Howard Orpen, Pa. (Zone 7); G. Donald Ransdell, Kentucky (Zone 6); Thomas C. Ryther, Kan. (Zone 3); Alfred Stewart, Iowa (Z. 4).

State Assn. Secretaries: Ariz. - Neal G. Guse, Sun City; Calif. - W. J. Patton, Sherman Oaks; Colo. - Thomas R. Carter, Denver; Fla. - L. J. Measell, Seminole; Ill. - Eugene Dahm, Belleville; Ind. - Roger E. Helman, Columbus; Iowa-South Dakota - Richard R. Sears, Guttenburg; Kansas - John B. Schlarb, Topeka; Ken-Ala-Tenn. - Henry E. Gerlach, Louisville; Louisiana - Drew Anderson, Monroe; Mich. - Marvin M. Alward, Pontiac; Missouri - Leonard Ballman, St. Louis; New Jersey - Wesley C. Jones, Cranford; Ohio - Lewis Hoffman, Dayton; Penna. - Gerald G. Richards, Pottstown. (NOTE: It is unfortunate that lists of State Secretaries hadn't been printed in the High Twelvian long ago, or I would have listed herein. While I had some names, I didn't have enough to make it representative. DLP)

HONEYMOON (Dunedin, Fla.) HTC charter issued 7/1/75. 43 members. Pr. Robert S. Hughes. SONOMA VALLEY (Ca.) HTC charter issued 8/30/75. 28 members. Pres. Paul Marquez.

SABETHA (Kan.) HTC Charter issued 8/12/75. 26 members. Pres. Conrad F. Johnson.
CENTERVILLE (Ohio) HTC charter issued 9/29/75. 41 members. Pres. Richard A. Funk.
(If articles had appeared in the High Twelvian, more could have been written. DLP)

SAN DIEGO (Calif.) HTC charter presented 9/27/75 by Darven L. Paddock, 3rd VP HTI to Pres. Neal E. Macurda. Gabe Saliba 1st VP was recognized as Founder-President Ex-Officio for his organizing efforts. Club sponsored by Mt. Helix HTC. In stalling team headed by International Sec. Louis P. Black PIP, with State Pres. Emmitt Berry assisting. To Area V.P. Herman Pyron went much of the credit for the new club.

ACACIA (Green Valley, Ariz.) HTC charter party was 10/9/75, with charter being presented by Int. Sec. Louis P. Black PIP to Pres. Harold Craig. Don E. White, State President was Installing Officer. Several new members were inducted by Tucson Club Treasurer Lemel E. Whitten. W. Dean Tillotson was MC. The Green Valley Mens' Chorus entertained under the direction of Robert Slater.

KANSAS - The 1975-76 Grand Master of Masons in Kansas was Robert H. Arnold. The re-elected Grand Secretary was Albert O. Arnold, Jr. (no relation). Serving as Grand Tiler was Chester Kelsey.all members of the Topeka High Twelve Club. Atchison HTC Secretary Ronald E. White was Grand Lecturer; and Lawrence Winegardner, Asst. Frederick Jenson, member of Atchison HTC was Dist. 2 Deputy Grand Master. Dist. 14 Dep. Grand Master was an Honorary Member of the Lawrence HTC. Many other Kansas High Twelve members were appointed to Committee positions. Cited as outstanding Mason for the year were Donald Fisher, Manhattan, PSP Ralph E. Wilson, Leavenworth and Chester Kelsey, Topeka. (NOTE: Individual Twelvians truly "IN SERVICE TO FREEMASONRY". DLP)

CRESCENTA-CANADA (Montrose, Ca.) charter relinquished Sept., '75. Chartered 6/57. (NOTE: Not all was lost...about 1/2 the members transferred to Glendale-Acacia HTC)

Many Twelvians and their families took the Post Convention trip to Mexico City. As the saying goes, "A good time was had by all", and not too many suffered from Montezuma's Revenge we hope. Deep into the interior of Mexico makes for a lovely and interesting area to vacation.

The Wolcott Foundation's drive for 76 in '76 (a penny a day for "an investment in the future of America") was rolling right along. The Bicentennial year goal was set at 200 (Century Club members). Oh yes!..the 76 was for \$76,000 in donations.

President Les Whitney chose as his column header for the year for the High Twelvian Magazine, "The Rocky Mountain Trail Blazer." (Remember Black's BLACK BOARD?) Pres. Whitney's slogan was BLAZE A TRAIL FOR HIGH TWELVE. He set his goal for the 200th club and 21,000 members.

Pres. Whitney and Lois attended the chartering of the Sabetha, Kansas club; 95 people in attendance and 7 clubs represented. He attended 2 session of the De Molay Leadership Conference in Greeley, Colorado. The Arizona International 1975 Convention Committee gave gold, anodized aluminum desk name plates for every Int. officer and state association president. These will sit in front of those officers at the International Governing Board meetings.

Audubon (Kentucky) HTC awarded an Honory High Twelve membership to Governor the Honorable Julian Carroll at a special meeting of the club held in the State Cafeteria, arranged by Audubon Club member Judge Marvin Sternberg. Presentation made by State President E.C. Rhodes.

The beloved E. C. "Wallie" Wolcott, founder of High Twelve International died in St. Louis Thursday, November 6, 1975 in St. Louis at age 94.... within moments of "high twelve", Deaconess Hospital.

Services were held Saturday evening, Sunday and Monday morning at the Hoffmeister Mortuary, St. Louis. The final services were held at the Mayflower Congregational Church, Sioux City on Wednesday. Bro. Wolcott had served early in his ministry at this church. Internment was by the side of his beloved wife and parents at the Graceland Cemetery, Sioux City. Rev. Curtis H. Lindahl, Officiating.

In St. Louis Saturday evening, the Scottish Rite Rose Croix services were conducted by William L. House, 33°, Wise Master. Mizpah Lodge 639 of Figrissant, Mo. gave the Masonic Funeral Services, William Dan Bogdan officiated, inasmuch as his own Lodge, Overland was installing officers that evening.

There was a great "gathering of the clan" from near and far to view the remains and to talk about Bro. Wolcott's many achievements. Monday's services were under the auspices of the St. Louis area High Twelve Clubs. Services directed by the Reverend Robert C. Kemper of the Alton (Ill.) First Congregational Church of which Bro. Wolcott was former minister. Honorary Pallbearers were Int. Pres. Leslie C. Whitney; 3rd V.P. Darven L. Paddock; Sec. and PIP Louis P. Black; Presidential Aide PIP Wib Mager; PIP Harold Sivers; Wolcott Foundation Trustee Alfred Stewart; Auditor J. Carl Menke; and Bulletins Chairman Emil Jecmen, Jr.

Bro. Wallie's daughter, Mrs. Katherine Wolcott Carlson of Pacific Grove, Calif. represented the family; also present were his grandchildren by adoption Courtney Nissen, Louise Nissen and Mrs. Barbara Sohm. Other prominent Twelvians from a distance were 1st V.P. Roger E. Helman; William K. Rose, PIP; Illinois Association Pres. Lawrence C. Huseman; 1st V.P. William F. Crist; and Sec. Gene Dahan. Among the prominent Missouri members were Pres. George Lowery; 1st V.P. Rudy Bueck; and 2nd V.P. John Jackson of the Missouri Assn. Local arrangements were conducted by Richard W. Gordon and Bernice, who seemed to "live" at the funeral home for the 4 days.

Arrangements in Sioux City, where the actual burial took place was under the direction of Newell F. Guernsey of Founder's Club No. 1. President Leslie Whitney, Wib L. Mager, Dick Gordon and Pres. H. L. Bughman of the Iowa-South Dakota Assn. were present at the Sioux City services, as were 14 Twelvians from Gavelers Club #91, Sioux Falls, S.D. and others from as far away as Keokuk, Iowa.

Earlier in this book were listed some of E. C. "Wallie" Wolcott's earlier life story; and the book itself is really the story of Bro. Wolcott, his triumphs and trials. I won't repeat here the many articles about his accomplishments that appeared in successive issues of the High Twelvian Magazine. I do think it appropriate to summarize the thoughts of some of the Twelvian leaders that were printed in several issues of the magazine after Wallie's passing.

President Leslie C. Whitney, "It has been my privilege to meet, know and love our beloved founder, E. C. "Wallie" Wolcott, a man of Faith, with the courage of his convictions, and filled with Brotherly Love. Let us all join in perpetuating his dream of 'Masonry in Action' through High Twelve."

1st V.P. HTI Roger E. Helman, "... 'Wallie' had the privilege of seeing his dream, 'High Twelve' become a Masonic luncheon group whose goal was service to Freemasonry. Our Founder made his contribution. It is our responsibility to make some of our goals for High Twelve become a reality."

2nd V.P. Keith W. Seales, "... What he (Wallie) did will live on and on, and enrich the lives of Masons and all people everywhere."

3rd V.P. Darven L. Paddock, "... Wallie Wolcott was not only by far the best sales-

man for High Twelve we ever had, he was one of the great salesmen of his time. During the five year period 1944-49 he engineered our greatest expansion drive, quadrupling High Twelve."

Treasurer Wm.S.Roser, "...I've known and loved Wallie for a long time; and since being elected Treasurer in 1962, our association has been even closer. I enjoyed knowing him and treasurer his friendship. High Twelve has lost a giant..."

General Counsel James N.Robertson,PIP, "...I was completely saddened on the loss of our founder, Wallie Wolcott. We in High Twelve must continue our efforts to expand and better High Twelve in 'Wallie's memory."

Presidential Aide Wib L.Mager,PIP, "....This man has changed the way of life for all who accepted his wisdom. He has fulfilled his dream to unite all Masons into one family with love and care for each other...."

Wm.K.Rose, IM.Past Pres., "High Twelvians' esteem and respect for Wallie will be shown by the way we react and what we do in his name, rather than by the words we may use as a parting gesture."

Howard H.Jennings PIP, "...Sometime, I expect to tell him, 'Thanks Brother Wallie. Because of you and your creation, High Twelve, many of your Brothers enjoyed untol hours of Masonic Fellowship."

Howard M.Smith, PIP, "....He accomplished many things in various fields...but to the members of High Twelve, the most was his founding of an International Masonic Service Organization."

Dr.Leonard B.Voorhees,PIP, "....The memory of Wallie's contribution to our Fraternity and the hopes of society is the best kind of MONUMENT ever built."

Vinton S.Malcolm,PIP, "....It was during my year as President of International that after an absence of a few years he again became active in High Twelve. This to me was one of the satisfying aspects of my year."

Editor Max J.Reed, High Twelvian Magazine, ".... listening to Mr.Wolcott was like sitting at the feet of a Master Builder...who spent a great portion of his life trying to help his fellow men...."

There were so many other great tributes written to Wallie's memory. I wish I had space to quote all of them. We were all blest for either having known him or for having joined his great organization and priveleged to participate in his "dream."

When President Les Whitney spoke at the fall conference of the Arizona Association he presented 12 of his MUGS to members who had got 3 new members. Two went to Ozzie Johnson. TRI-LAKES HTC (Branson,Mo.) founded August, 1974 had doubled its membership by this past summer. They had organized and sponsored a variety benefit show presented in the Jones Auditorium at the School of the Ozarks. Proceeds \$1,200 to Branson Lodge #587 Building Fund.

Pres. Whitney, writing in the Nov-Dec.,1975 High Twelvian reminded Twelvians that two out of five High Twelve clubs chartered during the past 50 years failed. "Today almost 2/3 of our clubs have 70 members or less; and a majority are medium to small." He asked, "...Are you satisfied with your club's friendliness, activities and accomplishments? Are you helping to maintain its growth,continuity and service to Community?"

A key to the expansion prospects for the future are contained in these statistics on population, real personal income and manufacturing employment shifts by sections of the United States, taken from the Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis and Bureau of Labor Statistics, as reported in the May 17, 1976 Business Week.

U.S. Average percentage change 1960-1975-----Population up 18.4%; Real personal income up 77.5%; and Manufacturing employment up 9.2%, broken down as follows:

Section of the United States	Population %	Real personal income %	Manufact- uring income %
SOUTHWEST - (Ariz., N.M., Texas & Okla.)	+29.4	+105.8	+67.3
ROCKY MT. - (Colo., Utah, Woming, Idaho & Mont).	+31.6	+ 93.2	+45.6
FAR WEST - (Calif., Wash., Ore., Hawaii, Nevada and Alaska)	+34.2	+ 89.7	+19.8
SOUTHEAST - (Florida, Louisiana, Kentucky, Tenn., Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Virginia, W.V., Georgia, North and South Carolina)	+23.3	+114.3	+43.3
GREAT LAKES - (Ohio, Mich., Ind., Ill. & Wisc.)	+13.1	+65.1	+3.2
PLAINS - (Missouri, Iowa, Kan., Nebr., Minnesota, North & South Dakota)	+ 8.4	+70.5	+24.0
NEW ENGLAND (Conn., Rhode Island, Mass., Maine, New Hampshire & Vermont.)	+16.1	+65.5	- 9.2
MIDEAST - (Pennsylvania, New York, Myd & Del)	+10.9	+57.8	-13.7

From 1960 to and including 1975 there was a heavy shift in population from north to south and west. Some was due no doubt to retirees seeking warmer climates, or smogless Rockies. The factories were moving south and west either for reasons of climate, more and cheaper energy sources or cheaper (and possibly non-union) labor. Younger people were either seeking employment or milder climate or safety.

If one were to look at population percentage increases only, one might be led to believe that High Twelve's greatest potential growth would be in the south, far west and Rocky Mountain states. New England has fair population growth, but manufacturing income has declined. Older, settled areas don't yield many High Twelvians; possibly because they are satisfied with the status quo. The Great Lakes and the plains states have relative slow population growths, but fair real personal income percentage growth. In fact, the plains states show a pretty good manufacturing income percentage increase, which may bring in some sojourners. The Great Lakes states should begin to come back a bit with the advent of automobile manufacturing and allied industries. Some Master Masons may return to the fold; but doubtful many sojourners.

Business Week seems to feel that manufacturing will continue to seek warmer climates or more plentiful, cheaper sources of energy. If this is so, the population may well continue to shift south and west (percentagewise). A close study of "High Twelve from the Beginning" indicates an early growth in the west; then growth in Great Lakes regions (as automobile and other manufacturing increased); then Florida, Louisiana and Pennsylvania-New Jersey as conditions improved there. Florida's growth was due to the sojourners; as was California's to a lesser extent. The plains in the early days of High Twelve contained many of the western pioneer spirits who were willing to try the High Twelve idea (which didn't take hold on the east coast or the deep south so much). So - where lies the future growth of High Twelve Clubs and members? Are these clues?

Installing Officer for the California State Convention, San Francisco, was HTI President Leslie C. Whitney. Mark E. Schrock was elected President, with Norman A. Passur moving up to 1st Executive Vice President (North) and Edward C. Purnell, 2nd Executive Vice President (South).

1975 DeMolay Leadership Conference High Twelve Clubs support: Conference: Iowa-Hi-12 = 13; Georgia = 37; LaHonda, Ca. = 45; New York = 21; Missouri = 25; Arkansas = 6; Rhode Island = 4; Ohio = 19; Colorado = 9; Washington = 2; Running Springs (Sou. Cal.) = 20. Total High Twelve supported 182 out of 1813.

TULSA HTC celebrated its 50th Anniversary 11/24/75. Ted Kuykendall, Pres. Sol Goldwyn 33° MC.. Among the distinguished guests were M.W.J.C. Warner, Immediate Past Grand Master, Oklahoma; M.W. Billy Dee Sullivan Grand Master, Oklahoma; and Pres. of International, Les Whitney. Most Worshipful Sullivan was the speaker. Bro. Less Whitney "Blazed a Trail for High Twelve" in his talk. (NOTE: Wouldn't it be a great thing if this great old club were able in the near future to organize some High Twelve clubs in Oklahoma? There used to be quite a few, as you have noted from this history, as well as an active State Association. DLP)

CENTERVILLE (Ohio) HTC's charter was presented by Int. Pres. Les Whitney to Pres. Richard S. Funk 9/29/75 in the Dayton Masonic Temple Ballroom. State President Nelson F. Muntz served as M.C.

BELLEVILLE (Ill.) HTC on Oct. 15, 1975 in Glenview Lodge had a framed Honorary membership certificate presented to the new Grand Master M.W. Brother Glyden by Past Grand Master M.W. Brother Clarence P. Schwartz, on behalf of Wib Mager, PIP. The certificate was for membership in the State Association.

President Whitney in the Jan-Feb., 1976 issue of the High Twelvian reminded his readers that shortly after the death of Founder Wolcott, a letter was sent to all Club Presidents and Secretaries urging that all clubs make a contribution to our International Project in "Wallie's" name. He said there was still plenty of time for EVERY CLUB TO BUILD A CLUB, and EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER. He reminded Twelvians that in the '45-46 year there were 73 groups of Twelvians working to build new High Twelve Clubs. During '45-46 they chartered High Twelve Clubs. Pres. Whitney felt that now was the time for every club to get busy and organize a new club near them, "...The following year they added 37 more..." '47-51-52 they added another 107 new clubs... You all want to contribute as much as California, Florida and Ohio... Built that membership, Charter at least one new Club, and BLAZE A TRAIL FOR HIGH TWELVE."

At the Annual Meeting of the Colorado State Association in November, Charles W. Urmy was installed as State President by Int. Pres. Leslie C. Whitney. KEYSTONE (Wichita, Kan) HTC Masonic Representative Tom Francis was elected Grand Sentinel of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour at their 40th Annual Meeting of the Convent General, Spokane, Washington. In six years he would be scheduled to be Grand Master Gen'l. The 4 top officers of the Grand Chapter, R.&M. of Kansas were members of High Twelve. Vinton C. Fishel, Lawrence Club, Grand High Priest; Thomas L. Francis, Wichita Keyston Deputy Grand High Priest; Erle Francis, Topeka Grand King; and Dr. K. Maynard Curtis, Kansas City, Grand Scribe... also Grand Lecturer of Grand Council R.&S.M.

The Mid-Year meeting of the Governing Board of H.T.I. was held Saturday, Dec. 13, 1975 in Kansas City at the Marriott International Airport Hotel. The High Twelvian Editor Max Reed aptly put it when he captioned the report in the Jan-Feb. issue, "The average High Twelve member probably has no idea how much time and effort all of the International Officers, Wolcott Trustees, Committee Chairmen, State and local officers, and many others, put into High Twelve." This goes for attendance at Mid-Year meetings. There are intensive meetings until wee hours Friday and

Saturday, until late Friday evening with several committees, and even into Saturday evening, in spite of the entertainment led by the local club(s)..

This year was no exception, but I am taking the opportunity this one year to show a little bit of the lighter side. Friday morning members of the Executive Committee and Planning Committee and their wives toured the DeMolay International Headquarters, inspecting the facilities and learning of the 1976 Leadership Conferences. Lunch was at Pitko's, auspices Kansas City (Kan.) HTC, Pres. Donald Schultz presiding. Speaker was Richard V. Hope, Field Representative of International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, on Freedom of America, free enterprise and a warning on Communism.

Then, while the Long Range Planning and Executive Committees were in session, State Presidents and their ladies were to visit the DeMolay Headquarters. Some didn't make it, as the bus broke down enroute. Later the State Presidents met with Int. 1st V.P. Roger Halman for several hours. The Executive Committee worked till late.

The Mid-Year meeting was called to order at 8AM Saturday morning by Pres. Leslie C. Whitney, with nearly all of the members of the Board present. Int. Sec. Black read an outline of the work and recommendations of the Long Range Planning and Executive Committee Meetings. Discussion and action on the various proposals ran until late afternoon.

Chairman W. Warren Bolton on the International Convention, Philadelphia starting June 20 (some meetings as early as 18th) and Post Convention Trip to historic Williamsburg June 24-28, was greeted with enthusiasm. It is unfortunate that this history will not contain the story of this, which promises to be one of the greatest of all conventions; but if this writer is to have the history, HIGH TWELVE FROM THE BEGINNING ready for distribution at that Convention, there has to be a cut off.

The Board was advised of President Whitney's appointment of 3rd Vice President Darven L. Paddock to write this book; and \$500.00 to cover expense of printing 100 copies (offset) was authorized. (NOTE: The writer had no idea the book would entail so much or be so large. Thus the cost, DLP)

Chairman Robert L. Boring was an efficient and gracious host. Entertainment was provided Saturday evening after refreshments and banquet. A bus load of members and wives took a tour of Kansas City, Mo. to see the spectacular Christmas lighting effects. The weather was well behaved during the Conference.

In the March-April, 1976 High Twelvian, President Whitney gave as examples quotes from Woody Valentine, keynote speaker at the Illinois Spring Conference on "Paying the Price." He gave as examples athletes to have been willing to pay the price for success. Examples of what Bro. Les felt we could do, if "You will only 'Try the Impossible and Dare to Fail' . . .

a - Build a new club before June 15; b - Increase your club membership by extending the right hand of fellowship more often c-Make sure that 'Friendliness abounds' at club meetings, and every guest is made welcome; d - Support the Masonic Youth of your community, and send at least one DeMolay to Leadership Conference; e - Make sure your club supports the Century Club Program; f - Be a 'Bicentennial Club' this year with a contribution of \$3.65 per member to the Wolcott Foundation....76 in '76, a penny a day for 'An Investment in the Future of America.'

Bro. Les and Lois attended the Illinois Quarterly Board Meeting in Springfield; the Annual Wolcott Meeting in Washington, D.C. and represented us at the Grand Masters

Conference in Philadelphia. We will represent you again at the ISC of DeMolay Conference, Indianapolis, Ind. March 14-17...."

The March-April, 1976 High Twelvian contained pictures and prices of available jewelry.

GARDEN GROVE (Calif.) Charter issued 1/30/76.. 41 members. Founder and President Earl R. Vaughan. 3rd Int. V.P. Darven L. Paddock presented the charter. State President Mark Schrock was Installing Officer. Edward C. Purnell, 2nd Executive V.P. of the California Association was Master of Ceremonies.. The organizer, Bro. Earl Vaughan began right away to start several other clubs in Orange County, one of the best fields for High Twelve Clubs in the United States. Within several years it was vowed it would be a separate area (like San Diego County) within the California Assn..

BAYONET POINT (Florida) HTC really started when P.P. Langlois of the New Port Richey Club arranged for a meeting with a group of Masons at Bayonet Point 11/21/75. Earlier Bro. Langlois had formed the New Port Richey HTC with 114 on the charter. Results... 101 on Charter application; shortly after Charter closed there were seven more.

One Feb. 21, 1976 there were 217 at the Charter party, members, ladies and guests. Howard Smith, PIP, presented the charter and installed the officers. Pres. Polkinghorn of the New Port Richey Club, sponsors, led a large delegation, and presented the gong and gavel. State President Carl Peterson, 1st V.P. Larry Bartley of the State Assn., and other Masonic and High Twelve dignitaries were present.

Form L-114, HIGH TWELVE IN SERVICE TO FREEMASONRY, a vital and timely message to all Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers, Inspectors, Masters and Lodge Officers was now available to the clubs. This brochure was yet another selling tool for High Twelve created by Darven L. Paddock, his theory being that a scatter gun approach is not always the best way in selling. Sometimes the salesman should have a high powered rifle of a selling piece to "zero" in on the target.. This brochure was not meant for general distribution, but to go only to those listed above in order to help break down the resistance at the Blue Lodge and Grand Lodge levels.

Bro. Thomas C. Ryther, writing in the March-April, 1976 High Twelvian told of the latest Wolcott Happenings. Trustee Ryther mentioned that of the four Wolcott Club contributions to date (\$1,000 or more each), three came from estates of deceased Brethren who had thoughtfully provided for generous bequests in their wills. This list included Carman Adams, Eugene J. Marsh (still active); William Martin Reiss; and H. Halvor Barrows.

The Cherryland, Mich. High Twelvies recently contributed \$100.00 to the fund. Indiana set an all-time record which it challenged any other state to meet, when Andrew H. Albrecht was installed as State President eight brothers celebrated the occasion by becoming Century Club members en masse.

At the ISC of DeMolay, Bro Fred Doty, PSP, DeMolay Executive from Northern California was invited to Eugene, Oregon to start a club in Eugene, etc. High Twelve Clubs are to act as sponsors of DeMolay in that area..

PENNSYLVANIA State Association Convention April 3, 1976 had the biggest group ever, according to Pres. Leslie C. Whitney of HTI. About 80 for luncheon, and all clubs represented. At the Mid-Year Governing Board meeting, they voted that Illus. George Newbury 33° receive... the International Founders Award. He was the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

The High Twelvian of the Year Award was voted to be presented to Carl Menke of the Quincy, Ill HTC. Bro Carl had been one of the oldest members in years of service and a stalwart Twelvian at the Club, State and International level. You will

find. Carl Menke and his works mentioned in this history a number of times. The presentation to Bro Carl was to be made at the International Convention, Philadelphia, as was that to Bro. Newbury. Bro. Newbury, however, would be unable to attend, so Pres. Whitney presented it to him while attending the Grand Masters' Conference Philadelphia.

While 1st V.P. Roger Helman was in attendance at the Board of Trustees meeting Wolcott Foundation, Inc. along with Pres. Whitney, he was unable to attend the Grand Masters Conference in Philadelphia due to the public schools in Columbus, Ind. trying to make up for lost time due to previous heavy snows. 2nd V.P. Keith W. Seales was then scheduled to attend, but was hospitalized. Immediate Past International President Louis P. Black, Int. Sec. attended in his place. Also present was International President Whitney. Both Lois and Julie also made the trip. Some of the new forms L-114 were distributed.

President Whitney was scheduled to be in Topeka, Kansas April 23 and 24, St. Louis, Mo. May 1 and 2; Waterloo, Iowa May 7; Jackson, Mich. May 21 & 22, attending State Conventions. V.P. Roger Helman was to cover the Baton Rouge Convention, and Wib Mager, PIP to attend West Orange, N.J.

It was reported on April 14, 1976 by Pres. Whitney that both Guam and Seattle HTC's had been lost to us, and probably one in California. To offset this, Secretary Louis Black PIP advised me that there are now again 5 clubs in Colorado (Colorado Springs).

Wib Mager PIP and Presidential Aide wrote 4/26/76 that the Illinois State Convention 4/23-25, Oak Park was fine. He reported that it rained most of the day Saturday, and then got cold. It snowed as he drove home to Belleville. He suggested that when I attend the Convention in my year as President I bring along all kinds of clothes. 2nd V.P. Keith Seales and Lucille also attended the Conv., and reported he was going to go back to the hospital for a checkup.

Wolcott Foundation Board of Trustees Chairman Arthur E. Buss wrote President Leslie C. Whitney April 16, 1976, hoping that that a policy could be established by the International Board, setting up a definite sum to be sent to the Foundation on the passing of an International Officer, Past International President and other important persons.

President Leslie C. Whitney's personal check for \$100.00, sent 4/27/76 would make the Wolcott Memorial exceed \$5,000.00, taking into consideration the \$100.00 donation from the Kansas State Convention. "...I am pleased that this is the greatest year ever in support of our project. It is a thrill to think that we are almost to the \$50,000 mark in contributions. Your Executive Staff has worked like heck to help get it there." (NOTE: Buss later reported \$65,000 had been collected.)

Chairman Buss also recommended that when the supply of Heritage Bonds was exhausted, it not be replaced. "...It has posed plenty of problems for us -- particularly answering the question, 'Why is not my Heritage Bond purchase noted in the Treasurer's Report?'" Pres. Whitney in reply, felt it was by far the best tool (besides the Century Club Program). (NOTE: The feeling among many Twelvians was that the Heritage Bond was a way those who couldn't afford to become Century Club members could participate. This debate no doubt will go on for some time. DLP)

Here is Wallie's prayer, taped by Howard H. Jennings PIP at the Denver Convention: "Our Dear Heavenly Father, we've come in humility and gratitude for all that thou has given us in the wonderful fellowship of Masonry. Brotherly love dominates all of our relationships, unlimited confidence in our Brothers. And we thank thee for the leadership that came from You to to help us create and build this wonderful hour of fellowship at which Brothers could meet, not to grind out any business prob-

lems, but to talk about the fine things that could be done by Masons, prompted entirely by brotherly love and unselfishness.

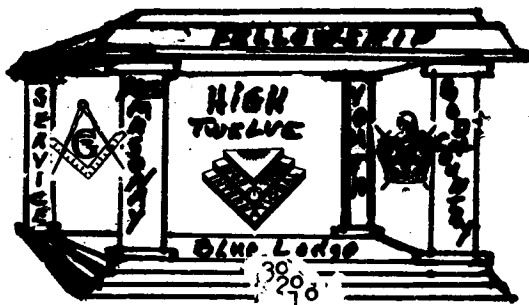
"And we are deeply grateful, in love, to You for all these 50 years of leading all of us in club building and in High Twelve club meetings, and in the education and aid given to our Masonic Youth; DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, and Rainbow Girls, to help them into leadership of life through our fellowship and our gifts.

"We thank Thee for all of this, and pray that we shall always have thy leadership and direction, in keeping us entirely, not in any selfish purposes, but in the service of Almighty God, Our Savior Jesus Christ, and our Brother Masons. All in Our Master's name..Amen." Wallie was 90 years old at the time.

Alabama 2; Arizona 6; California 82; Colorado 4 (+ 1 soon); Florida 49; Guam-1-(-1-seen); Hawaii 2; Illinois 10; Indiana 6; Iowa 16; Kansas 11; Kentucky 7; 6 Louisiana; Michigan 20; Missouri 14; New Jersey 8; New York 1; Ohio 25; Oklahoma 1; Oregon 2; Pennsylvania 11; South Dakota 3; Tennessee 2; Washington-1; Nebraska-1; England 1; Spain 1. California reports working on several, as does Florida. Clubs in several states do not seem to be in the best of health. Several will be revitalized. 21,226 members as of 4/23/76 ... 290 clubs.

I can think of all kinds of admonitions in closing this history of High Twelve, High Twelve from the Beginning. But it's all been said by our great leaders in this volume, as it happened. Wallie said it all in this foregoing prayer. It would be a shame to let him down. We won't let him down. I envision a great Crusade soon, a drive for new members, a drive to reinstate the lost clubs and members, and a great drive for new clubs like the master shepherd of High Twelve led many years ago. Wallie has left us the wherewithal, of which we will all some day learn, to accomplish this.

In the meantime, why not EVERY CLUB FORM A CLUB? WHY NOT EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER.... NOW?



"THIS GREAT STRUCTURE KNOWN AS HIGH TWELVE MAY BE LIKENED UNTO A CANOPY OF LOVING FELLOWSHIP WHICH PROTECTS US FROM THE VICISSITUDES OF LIFE, SUPPORTED BY FOUR MIGHTY PILLARS, NAMELY....

MASONRY ITSELF, AND ALL FOR WHICH IT STANDS. GOD AND COUNTRY, AND OUR SINCERE BELIEF IN AND SUPPORT OF BOTH.

YOUTH, AND ESPECIALLY MASONIC YOUTH..... THEIR EDUCATION AND WELL BEING.

SERVICE, AND ESPECIALLY TO OUR MEMBERS..... OUR SICK, DISTRESSED, ELDERLY, DYING, WIDOWS AND ORPHANS. WE DO NOT FORGET!

THESE FOUR GREAT PILLARS REST ON THAT MIGHTIEST OF FOUNDATIONS, THE BLUE LODGE, WHICH WE HAVE REACHED BY THREE STEPS, THE 1st THREE DEGREES OF FREE MASONRY"

Darven L. Paddock
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Vice President and
Historian - 5/17/76

Memorial Services for
The Rev. E. C. "Wallie" Wolcott
Born: Muscatine, Iowa—April 22, 1881
Died: St. Louis, Missouri—November 6, 1975

EULOGY

Sleep on, -O man of God;
You dared great things...
The Master saw you through.
Like David of old,
You saw the need,
You heard the clarion call
Of service great to
God and fellow man.

You were the channel
That God speaks through,
To rise and follow Him.
To fight for right.

To bring His way upon the earth.
He needs such men,
Gives strength to those who will...
And courage from within.

Sleep on, -O man of God,
Safe in His Everlasting Arms.
We are left to carry on, to
Pick up your torch and
Dare great things in trust and faith,
That right may come;
And lives like yours
Shall never have been
Lived in vain.

N. F. O'Quinn
Founder's Club No. 1

