



## HIGH TWELVE MONTHLY UPDATE December 2013 Issue



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Congratulations to our members and ladies, celebrating their Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event in December. Don't forget to make a contribution to the Wolcott Foundation, celebrating your happy event or occasion!

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to One and All!**  
**Let's Make 2014 the Year We Start Growing Again**  
**and Double Our Contributions to the Wolcott Foundation**

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

**Invocation:** Great Architect of the Universe, we thank you for the fellowship of Freemasonry. How grateful we are for the fraternal union we experience when we gather together as Masons. Guide us this day as we seek to conduct our affairs in ways which will benefit the spread of Masonic knowledge and light. For we pray for Your Name's sake, Amen.

**Benediction:** Gracious God, teach us the benefits of living so as to cause our lives to be as pure and spotless as was the first Masonic apron presented to us. Make us careful about our reputation as individual Masons and as a fraternity. Remind us of the blessings which flow from purity of heart and blamelessness of conduct in a world where scandal seems to be the rule rather than the exception. Guide us on our way as we journey from this place and strengthen us to make purity of life and rectitude of conduct our aim. Amen.

**Flag Presentation:** Permission to use the Patriotic Poems has been granted by Roger W. Hancock, who's Website can be found at <http://poetpatriot.com/poemsflag/htm>. His Website is copyrighted and permission is required to publish anything from the Website. I have found that his Website is the most complete for many types of poems and other material. He has several Websites, which can be used to find a large assortment of poems. They are [www.FlagPoems.PoetPatriot.com](http://www.FlagPoems.PoetPatriot.com); [www.FlagRules.PoetPatriot.com](http://www.FlagRules.PoetPatriot.com); or [www.Veterans.PoetPatriot.com](http://www.Veterans.PoetPatriot.com). We want to thank him for the use of the poems in the Monthly Update on a continuing basis.

## **I Wave My Flag**

on Flag Day, I wave my flag,  
flag of American liberty.  
Independence day, of course, I'll wave,  
birthday of our liberty.  
Memorial day my flag will wave,  
lives now gone for liberty.  
Veteran's day I'll wave it too,  
for all who serve for liberty.  
Other days my flag conveys,  
pride, appreciation of liberty.  
I need no reason to wave my flag,  
I wave my flag in liberty.

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**International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Winton E.Hewitt (PA):** Hope everyone is enjoying the Holiday Season although it is colder than usual.

The plans for our Mid-Year Meeting in Las Vegas have been completed and information will be in the High Twelvian Magazine. It would be nice to have a large number of club members join us this year. We will be meeting downtown in the older section of Las Vegas this year. There will be lots of new things to see that are within walking distance. The room rates are a bargain once again thanks to PIP Sid LeLuan.

Your International Officers are working to get all of our publications updated. We hope that the Clubs will utilize the newly updated Membership Development Programs. If you haven't been on the International Website for a while you need to see the information that is available for down loading.

Our Membership is slowly going down and the only way we are going to grow is for the High Twelve membership to visit the Local Masonic Organizations and let them know that High Twelve is available and you don't have to learn any ritual to belong. Most of the clubs invite the Ladies to join them for lunch for an enjoyable meal and speaker Program.

We still have some issues with outstanding International per capita dues that need to be cleared up. Several have been hanging around much too long now. Those State Secretaries and Officers with Clubs that are in arrears need to get these finalized.

I can't express enough the importance of visiting other clubs that are nearby. These visits expand the number of other High Twelvians that you are able to meet with but it helps to spread the friendship of High Twelve around. You may see what is working for another club that may give your own club something to spark your members into a better attendance. This also goes for visiting Clubs in adjoining States. I have been trying to get over to New Jersey and visit different Clubs.

Once again, here's hoping that everyone has a great Holiday season and things are fine with all of you.  
Fraternally, Winton

**International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jerry Saville (CA):** Greetings from California, As we follow up with our contacts in Washington State, we are excited about the prospects of opening new High Twelve Clubs in that State. Brother Don Whistler, PIP, received another email today, from a different Mason, regarding opening a club in Washington. We have the support of Washington's Deputy Grand Master and will do everything possible to add

new Clubs from Washington State to our list. I will recommend to the Governing Board at Mid-Year in Las Vegas that we prepare a letter to the Grand Master/Grand Secretary in all States without High Twelve Clubs, asking for their permission to work in their State. The answer is always "NO" if you don't ask!

I attended the California High Twelve Convention last month. While successful the attendance was low compared to previous years. A great number of California High Twelvians were dealing with medical issues (sound familiar) last month and we certainly wish them a speedy recovery. I'm positive they will back next year. The California Mid-Year Conference will be held next April at the Masonic Home in Union City (Northern California). God willing I will attend. We certainly thank our International President, Jim Parker, and Brother Merv Harris (PIP) – and Pat - for attending the California Convention last month. The members certainly appreciate International's support. For the record California has a great line of Officers for 2014 and we look forward to a very productive High Twelve year.

In closing, remember to invite your Widows to your club meetings. They are special Ladies and it's wonderful to break bread with them and talk about Masonry. Yep Masonry.....you will be surprised how much they know about Masonry, and life! Fraternally, Jerry Saville

**International Secretary Kevin Hokerk (AZ):** Questions have been asked recently about how to close a club when it has been determined it cannot be saved. **The easy answer is all property/assets of the club shall be transmitted to the International Office.** Generally this is accomplished through the Association Secretary (if applicable). This is covered in the International Bylaws and Uniform Club Bylaws. As a side note any funds turned over to International go to the Wally Fund which can only be used for new club expansion and not general expenses.

Ideally the State Association should have been contacted prior to dissolution to help/assist with taking steps to keep the club functioning. No one wants to see any club close its doors. If a consolidation/merger with an adjacently located club is a possibility that would be the best solution for all and is detailed in the International Bylaws.

In any case the International Office or any International Officer can be contacted for guidance. Kevin Hokerk, High Twelve International Secretary, Phone [623.239.6170](tel:623.239.6170).

**Wolcott Foundation Senior Fellow Elena Mikalis:** Dear Mr. Harris, It was a pleasure attending the Wolcott reception and meeting so many fellow Wolcott alumni. I was honored to be among this distinguished group of government and private sector leaders.

I came to Washington D.C. for the first time in March 1987 to interview for the Wolcott Fellowship, and to take a look at George Washington University. In that first meeting with the Trustees, I was very excited to learn about the Wolcott Foundation and about its emphasis on public service and leadership.

Prior to coming to Washington, I had been no stranger to public service. After college, I spent the summer in Greece counseling Greek youth and then went straight into the Peace Corps, where I worked for two years in the Philippines under the Ministry of Health and National Nutrition Council. Upon returning, I became involved in the Children's International Summer Village, and I took a small group of American teenagers back to the Philippines for a cross-cultural exchange program with representatives from dozens of countries.

After those experiences, I knew that I wanted to further my studies in international relations and economic development. I decided to pursue a Master's Degree in International Affairs and ultimately find work in international economic development with the government. It seemed that the nation's capital was the place to be for international studies; George Washington University had a wonderful international affairs program, where I could focus on economic development and East Asian Area Studies. The Wolcott Foundation provided me the opportunity to pursue my dream.

While I was in school, I interned at the Department of Commerce in the Office of the Pacific Basin, and eventually got into the co-op program run by George Washington University and the Commerce Department.

When I graduated from George Washington in 1989, I was immediately hired by the Commerce Department (International Trade Administration) to work in the Office of Western Europe, where I learned about international trade, business development, multilateral trade issues in dealing with the European Union, and bilateral, country-specific trade issues. I eventually returned to the Office of the Pacific Basin, working on Indonesia, Singapore and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Although my work responsibilities were similar to my European portfolio, I was able to become more involved in economic development with the emerging markets of Southeast Asia.

Today, after 25 years, I am still working at the Department of Commerce, and I have had a number of leadership positions and international experiences. I have traveled all over Western Europe and Southeast Asia, have sat at negotiating tables with world economic and trade leaders, have been a team leader, and mentored several interns and new employees. I currently work in the Office of Transportation and Machinery, helping U.S. companies export motor vehicles and parts all over the world, including Southeast Asia. I have definitely come full circle.

These opportunities were afforded me because of my excellent schooling at George Washington University and the training it provided through the co-op program. However, my schooling may not have happened without the Wolcott Fellowship. I have gone from grass roots development in the Philippines to economic and trade development on a global scale.

I feel very fortunate for the gift given to me in 1987 when I was awarded a Wolcott Fellowship. I have worked hard over the past 25 years to earn this gift and to provide strong leadership in the government and dedicated public service. I am very proud to be a Wolcott Fellow and will always try to be a good example for others. Thanks again to all that made this possible. Yours truly, Elena Mikalis, Class of '89

**California High Twelve Association, Article borrowed from the Fresno High Twelve Chime Newsletter:**

**Simon-Sez:** An etymologist studies the history of words. Back to Dr. Mackey. The Masonic tradition is that the floor of the Temple of Solomon was decorated with a mosaic pavement of black and white stones. There is no historical evidence to substantiate this statement. Samuel Lee, however, in his diagram of the Temple, represents not only the floors of the building, but of all the outer courts, as covered with such a pavement. The Masonic idea was perhaps first suggested by this passage in the Gospel of Saint John xix, 13, "When Pilate, therefore, heard that saying; he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment-seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, *Gabbatha*." The word here translated Pavement is in the original *Lithostroton*, the very word used by Pliny to denote a mosaic pavement.

The Greek word, as well as its Latin equivalent is used to denote a pavement formed of ornamental stones of various colors, precisely what is meant by a Mosaic Pavement. There was, therefore, a part of the Temple which was decorated with a mosaic pavement. The Talmud informs us that there was such a pavement in the Conclave where the Grand Sanhedrin held its sessions.

By a little torsion of historical accuracy, the Freemasons have asserted that the ground floor of the Temple was a Mosaic pavement, and hence as the Lodge is a representation of the Temple, that the floor of the Lodge should also be of the same pattern. The mosaic pavement is an old symbol of the Order. It is met with in the earliest Rituals of the eighteenth century. It is classed among the ornaments of the Lodge in combination with the indented tassel and the blazing star. Its parti-colored stones of black and white have been readily and appropriately interpreted as symbols of the evil and good of human life.

**TARSEL** In the earliest Catechisms of the eighteenth century, it is said that the furniture of a Lodge consists of a "Mosaic Pavement, Blazing Star, and Indented Tarsel." In more modern catechisms, the expression is "*indented tassel*," which is incorrectly defined to mean a tessellated border. Indented Tarsel is evidently a corruption of indented tassel, for a definition of which see Tessellated Border. Copyright 2007-2013 © - Masonic Lodge of Education. All rights reserved.

**Florida State High Twelve Association: Article by Merv Harris, PIP, and Wolcott Trustee Zone 8:**



I had the pleasure of attending the 2013 Florida State High Twelve Convention in New Port Richey. The meeting moved along quickly and then moved to the Dining Room for Dinner, Awards, and presentation of the Wolcott Foundation Patches, which are placed on the club Banners for all to see they have supported the Wolcott Program.

Several clubs received the Purple Badge showing that each club member had donated over \$25.00. Tri County Masonic High Twelve Club #674 contributed \$500 and Pam Ramieh, Florida's Jewelry Lady, contributed \$200 from the sale of jewelry at different High Twelve functions.

Photo shows Robert Wilson; club Wolcott Representative presenting a check for \$500 to Merv Harris, Wolcott Trustee Zone 8.

Greetings from Florida State Masonic High Twelve Association  
A Very Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah is wished for all as we enter this joyful time of year

The 2013 Florida State Masonic High Twelve 51<sup>st</sup> convention at Spartan Manor in New Port Ritchie on [December 1<sup>st</sup>](#) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Chaired by Lee Frazier and Registrar Roscoe Farmer is now history.

The steak bake on the eve of convention by VP's Dave Neal and Gordon Yahr a highlight did test the ability of chef Dave with the darkness and weather challenges to grill by.

Well received was the Hawthorne HI 12 Club #547 Hospitality Room that registrar Roscoe and his lady MJ provided with appetizers and libation to accompany the [Christmas](#) themed evening of hats, noses and other articles of clothing that provided much humor, fellowship and enjoyment – not forgetting the charitable purposes of HI 12, Dan and Mary played during the evenings enjoyment music from a realistic old replica radio / CD and record player that was raffled off at the end of the evening and won by Liz Wilson from Tri-County HI 12 Club raising over a hundred dollars – many thanks – traveling the farthest distance to attend was Bernard Kainer and Lady Nancy Past President and Sydney King and His Lady President of the Lake Worth HI 12 Club.

The convention day began led by President Staple at 9:00 AM with Florida States High Twelve Governing board meeting – discussed was the recent correspondence, treasurers report, the secretary's minutes, the closure of Tavares High Twelve Club #557 a club who celebrated its 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year a club of distinguished service and members that have given generously over the years to our fraternity, community, youth and Wolcott, followed by the 2014 proposed Budget, nominations and election of 2014 officers and other usual business.

The 2013 High Twelvian of the year was presented to PSP, PIO Frank Peregrin with his Lady Pat – Frank is well known throughout our state for his always good humor, availability, and support of our State officers, clubs and members – Well done Frank Peregrin!

Other recognition was given to a well-deserved Dan Hodson and Lady Mary – having served as our States Secretary for several years Dan has decided to focus on other well deserved interests – it was Dan's organized planning and much creativity that allowed KUDDOS from International and our clubs and members to ease us into new waters for which we are so very thankful.

We are so fortunate that our Treasurer Stu Davis and Lady Audrey will continue on this year – for many years until his presence we lacked the knowledge and understanding of our finances – Stu brought understanding and organization to our table – May he stay the course longer to provide the stability we need – A HUGE HOOORAA HERE - It should be noted / thanked / and very much appreciated that Stu Davis with his Lady Audrey alone provided this year's Highlight event - the Fund Raiser thru their efforts in planning the Bahamas Cruise for the Florida State Association of HI 12 - Their efforts alone resulted in over \$1200 profits to our much needed State Treasury.

The Jewelry Emporium By Lady Pam and PSP,PIS Bob Ramieh continue to provide at Convention and also on HI 12 day the tables of interesting items that many look forward to – at the end of the day their efforts raised over a \$100.00 for Wolcott – the behind the scenes work to accomplish this is significant – Thank You.

Our yearly Necrology service was led by our State Chaplain Terry Shook with our Ladies that do beautify the day dressed in their white gowns with candles and roses for each month to remember those that have passed during the year.

John Merryman with his Lady Carolyn on his arm Emceed the day's activities keeping it lively, entertaining and informative – you must ask about his John Wayne story – BWAHAHAHAHA.

Installation of our 2014 State officers was conducted by PSP PIP Bob Smith as installing officer assisted by PSS Dan Hodson and PSP Ray Trudeau. It should be noted that Bob Smith also was elected as our 2014 Florida State Secretary thus allowing a smooth transition as a PIP and PSP and current club secretary.

**Illinois High Twelve Association, Northwest Masonic High Twelve Club No. 769:** Our next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, January 28th, 2014 at Noon, Red Apple Restaurant, 2121 S. Plum Grove Road, Palatine. Our December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (noon) gathering will be at the Libertyville Masonic Lodge. Midwest, Cornerstone and North West High Twelve Clubs will join in fellowship, a good meal and entertainment. Brother Ed Rund, State Secretary (847-729-7570) is taking reservation until December 5<sup>th</sup>. Meal selection consists of your choice of beef, ham or turkey sandwiches with added meal samples.

President, Bruno Fabris opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and then Marvin Selock, Chaplain provided the opening and closing prayers. The Secretary/Treasurer provided a recap of the previously distributed Minutes and reported on our financial report (\$465.05).

Our donation for Wolcott Foundation today was twenty-two dollars (\$22.00). Attendance today was eighteen with six guests and twelve members. Brother Frank Welter was our new fraternity guest today in addition to Mrs. Joan Rogers, Mrs. Maryann Fabris, Mrs. Sandra Chapman, Mrs. Rosemarie Pegoraro and Mrs. Ronnie Rund.

Brother George Rogers, WPM, provided a talk on our former Masonic Brother, Benedict Arnold, who was The Patriot Hero of the Battles of Saratoga, which got the French into The Revolutionary War on our side, and many think was the "Turning Point of the Revolution" and the key to our winning our Independence. He also was the Traitor who sold out our Country to the British by trying to give up **West Point**. **A very complicated person** with a complicated history, that was interesting to discuss. Image joining the army at fifteen and brother Benedict was from a dedicated family history (3 generations) of service to our country. Brother Benedict was married and they had a family of three boys.

Brother Peter Maris, Hellenic Masonic Lodge No. 1084 has invited our membership and our represented Lodges to submit an application for a \$1,000 scholarship student loan by November 30, 2013. The scholarship is sponsored by Hellenic Masonic Lodge No. 1084, AF & AM, and is open to a child of Greek descent or a member of the Masonic Fraternity. The applicant must be a college/university full-time undergraduate/graduate student

and must have completed at least one year of full-time studies. Additional information, application made be and must have completed at least one year of fulltime studies. Additional information or application may be obtained from Brother Maris, 409 English Oak Terrace, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 (847-913-8936). A check (\$1,000) will be provided in May, 2014. Don Van Cleave, Secretary/Treasurer

**Moline Masonic High Twelve Club, Moline, Illinois:** Hello, Brothers - With all of the activities going on, we want to remind you that we will have our combined Christmas Party with Davenport on **Dec. 13th**. **PAID** reservations of \$11.00 per person are required for lunch **PRIOR** to **December 6th**.

In addition to our State Officers visiting we will have a musical program. REMEMBER, we are at the Moline Viking Club, 1450-41st Street, Moline, IL, downstairs in the "Viking Room" (elevator available), come early so you have your lunch out of the way before "High Twelve"!

Masonic guests are welcome, too. Checks should be made payable to "Moline High Twelve" and can be mailed to: 2615-14th Ave., Moline, IL 61265 or our Secretary, John Bivens, 709-38th Ave., East Moline, IL 61244. ASAP is appreciated! **HAPPY THANKSGIVING and GOD BLESS AMERICA**, Dave Glanz, President

**Northwest Central Masonic High Twelve Association, Des Moines High Twelve Club No. 4:** Meets Wednesdays at 11:15 A. M. at the Downtown Holiday Inn located at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and I-235. The Club was chartered 04/18/1925. Please note - There is a change for the December meetings (from what was posted in our Roster booklet). The Ladies luncheon will be on December 18 with regular meetings on Dec. 4 and Dec. 11. This leaves 12-25-2013 and 1-1-2014, Dark for the Holidays.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON PARTY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013, SOCIAL HALF HOUR 11:00 a.m., Cheese & Crackers, Luncheon served at 11:30 A.M. Leisurely Dining Price \$17.00—Per Person (same As Last Year)

**MENU:** Fresh Fruit with Poppy Seed Dressing; Pork Loin Dijonias with Apple Sauce or Chicken Teriyaki; Garlic Mashed Potatoes with Chicken Gravy, California Medley (Vegetable); Whole Wheat Rolls (Butter), Peppermint Stick Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce; Coffee, Ice Tea and Milk. (Please Make Check Out To Holiday Inn).

4 <sup>th</sup> – Jennifer Kingland	State Lobbyist for Iowa System
11 <sup>th</sup> - Charles Black	Retired State Trooper
18 <sup>th</sup> – To Be Announced	Polk County Conservation
25 <sup>th</sup> – DARK! MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!	
January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2014 – DARK! HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!	
January 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 – Installation of Officers	

**Ohio High Twelve Association:** The Ohio High Twelve Association recently held their 64th Annual Convention and elected the following officers. President - J. Thomas Foor; 1st VP - Victor Russo; 2nd VP - George Brainerd; Secretary - Gary LaRoche; Treasurer - Robert Barnhart; Wolcott Representative - Rollin Furnas, and Sergeant-at-Arms, David DeMoss.

**Pennsylvania High Twelve Association, North Penn Masonic High Twelve Club:** Can you believe – Chanukah and Thanksgiving are already history, and this is probably your last correspondence before the New Year? It seems that every time I turn around, it is time to send out a new meeting notice. On behalf of the officers of your club, I would like to extend a very Merry Holiday season and a great New Year filled with good health, and happiness. In the holiday spirit, we again present an excellent program featuring the North Penn High School Chorus.

**Our meeting will be held on December 19, 2013** and generally, this is the best attended event of the year. Please plan to be there early, so we can allow plenty of time of our entertainment.

**Please call Bob Morton or email him to reserve your space at the lunch table. He can be reached at [Rjmorton4@comcast.net](mailto:Rjmorton4@comcast.net), or 215-285-7266. Do it today, and if you have not yet paid your dues, we urge you to write a check for them at the same time you inform him about your attendance.**

As always, our meals are outstanding. We are serving the following: I assure you that by “we”, I do not mean me. I had nothing to do with the preparation of the meal, so I am confident you will enjoy it. Lunch will begin with wedges of Iceberg Lettuce with Russian Dressing, followed by Braised Short Ribs Gorgonzola, Roasted Mash Potatoes, and a Stir-Fried Vegetable Medley, with Rolls aplenty, Whipped Butter, and Beverages – Coffee and Tea. Dessert will be a Pumpkin Cheesecake and good fellowship.. As an additional inducement to attend, we have prepared a special holiday gift for all.

That was the good news – the bad news is this reminder to bring a check for your dues. It is but a further demonstration of the quick passage of time. Please pay your dues at this meeting. In the light of advancing costs and fees, we try to keep our dues at a minimum. **For 2014, dues are only \$ 20.50.** The best deal in town. It is important to pay these as soon as possible. Dues help to pay for our activities, and programs. They also help to support High 12 International. See you at the meeting.

**Humor: Joke provided by** Rupert W. Venzke, Past President of Pottsgrove Masonic High Twelve Club #321

#### SON & FATHER -- DRIVING PERMIT

A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his Father, Who was a Minister, if they could discuss the use of the family car? His Father took him to his study, and said to him “I’ll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study the BIBLE a little more, get your hair cut and we’ll talk about it further.”

About a month later, the boy came back and asked his Father if they could discuss the use of the car. They went into the Father’s study where his Father said; “Son, I’ve been real proud of you. You brought your grades up, you have studied the Bible diligently; however, you didn’t get a Haircut.”

The young man waited a moment and replied, “You know Dad, I’ve been thinking about that. Samson had long hair, Moses and Noah had long hair and even JESUS had long hair”.

His Father replied with no hesitation, “Yes, you are right son; and they also WALKED everywhere they went!”

A guy is reading his paper when his wife walks up behind him and smacks him on the back of the head with a frying pan. He asks, "What was that for?" She says, "I found a piece of paper in your pocket with 'Betty Sue' written on it." He says, "Jeez, honey, remember last week when I went to the track? 'Betty Sue' was the name of the horse I went there to bet on." She shrugs and walks away.

Three days later he's reading his paper when she walks up behind him and smacks him on the back of the head again with the frying pan. He asks, "What was that for?" She answers, "Your horse called."

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A woman is a complicated creature. Before marriage, she expects a man, after marriage she suspects him, and after death she respects him.