

#### HIGH TWELVE MONTHLY UPDATE May 2014 Issue



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

<u>Invocation Prayer submitted by Gordon Berry, Secretary, Morningside Lodge #615, A.F.&A.M., P.O. Box</u> <u>2718, Sioux City, IA</u> 51106-0718, (home) 3115 Seger Ave, S.C. IA 51106-3239, (home, preferred) 712-276-6834 (cell) 712-251-3891.

<u>Invocation:</u> Dear Lord, we come to you today considering the world as we see it – perhaps too hot for our comfort, but understanding that your divine plan calls for the variety of season in most of the world, and as the lecture says, "by Geometry we account for the return of the seasons, and view with delight the scenes each season presents to the discerning eye". Soon enough winter will come, and we pray that you will allow us to see more seasons, and generally view them with delight. Amen

# Benediction Prayer provided by R.W. Reverend Mark Megee, PDDGM & Past President of the Union County High Twelve Club (NJ).

**Benediction:** Gracious and great maker and ruler of the universe, keep us ever conscious during the coming twelve months of the preciousness of time, how it flows rapidly like the sands in an hour glass. Enable us to use the upcoming year to do fruitful Masonic research which will benefit our fraternity and its wholesome impact upon the world. Go with us and guide us as we depart. For Your Name's sake, we pray, Amen!

<u>Flag Presentation</u>: Permission to use the Patriotic Poems has been granted by Roger W. Hancock, who's Website can be found at <a href="http://poetpatriot.com/poemsflag/htm">http://poetpatriot.com/poemsflag/htm</a>. 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 <a href="https://www.FlagPoems.PoetPatriot.com">www.FlagPoems.PoetPatriot.com</a>; www.FlagRules.PoetPatriot.com; or <a href="https://www.Veterans.PoetPatriot.com">www.Veterans.PoetPatriot.com</a>. We want to thank him for the use of the poems in the Monthly Update on a continuing basis. (View next page)

#### Red White and Blue

Stars and Stripes, clear blue skies, reminding glorious blessings, wind whipped, waving free.
Grand flag silhouette, sunset red, reminding Scarlet price paid.
Wind whipped, waving free.
Banner, white puffed clouds, highlighting Nation's glory.
Wind whipped, waving free.
Stars and Stripes, clear free skies.

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International 1st Vice President Winton Hewitt (PA): Brethren, I am sorry that I did not inform you about the Zones (see page 11 for list) that President Parker set up. I have asked the International Secretary if he will ensure that information is available on our Webb site so that you may review how things were divided. President Parker's idea was to give the clubs a contact person that they could talk to if they had any concerns or problems. It also helps the Vice Presidents to get better acquainted with the Associations and Clubs. So go to <a href="https://www.high12.org">www.high12.org</a> and check things out! While you are there, see what changes have been made. We have been trying to make it as easy as possible for the membership to move about when they are looking for information.

I visited Michigan for their Annual Election and Installation of their Officers for 2014 – 2015. The new President, Craig Maison, and his Officers reviewed their plans for the Michigan Association's coming year and from what I heard, they will be busy and it will be a rewarding year for Michigan.

I will be attending Pennsylvania's Annual Meeting and Installation this week and our incoming State Association President, George Hixon, has plans to see that Pennsylvania grows and he hopes to see that we get a few new Clubs in Pennsylvania. George is a member of the Valley of Allentown Consistory and he is well known for getting things moving.

The day after the Pennsylvania Convention, I plan to visit the New Jersey State Association's Annual Meeting and Installation. We expect to see New Jersey's Vice Presidents in attendance at Pennsylvania Convention. It is great when the different State Associations visit with each other so they can share ideas.

The next big event will be the Annual Meeting of High Twelve International to be held in Springfield, Ohio, June 28 – 29, 2014. My, how the time flies when you are having fun! I hope to see a good attendance for this meeting.

I will be covering what I expect to accomplish in my year as the President of High Twelve International. We have made progress in the passing of information between International, State Associations and the individual Clubs. We still have a lot to do to get where I feel we should be.

We have been going down in the number of Clubs that we have and the number of total Membership. We don't want to keep dropping off little by little until it becomes more critical than it is now. We have to visit the other Masonic bodies and let them know about High Twelve.

Our founder, Wally Wolcott had a great Idea when he started High Twelve International and the Wolcott Foundation and I don't want to see that fail at this time by not attending to details.

As I have said before, we need to work together and by working as a TEAM to keep High Twelve growing. The more hands we have pulling toward the same goals, the easier the work load becomes.

I will need everyone's support as a team builder in turning things around. You're a member of the total team effort, so don't look surprised if I come knocking your way. NO is an unacceptable answer!

See you in Springfield, Ohio, Fraternally, Winton

International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jerry Saville (CA): Greetings, seems that every time I open my e-mail another High Twelve club has closed! We lost one in California this month and just a couple of days ago we lost Davenport High Twelve Club in Iowa. I know there are many factors involved with club closures, e.g., age, Per Captia fees, busy schedules, declining membership and that ugly word "Apathy"! There is no magic solution to stop this avalanche of closures but we must continue to do everything possible to keep the clubs we have open and to start new clubs. I know I'm preaching to the choir but let's never give up on this great organization.

Your International Officers are contacting the State Associations and (in some cases) independent clubs in an effort to keep the lines of communication open. Several clubs have paid their delinquent Per Capita fees and decided to stay open for as long as possible. Unfortunately many clubs are forced to close their doors due to the factors mentioned above. That said maybe – just maybe – one phone call to a High Twelve Club or a High Twelve member might just be the spark that brings about positive results. All of the International Officers are open to phone calls and are listed on the International High Twelve Website. Feel free to call me anytime at (c) 661-203-5747 to share ideas and/or if you just want to "beat up" on someone. That's why we get the big bucks (actually High Twelve has no payroll but this is one of my favorite lines).

In closing I personally want to thank Missouri PSP Ken Koerber for his time and assistance regarding the Missouri Clubs. Brother Ken is working very hard to keep the clubs open in his home state. Thanks Ken!

That's all folks. My time and space is up! Hope to see you in Ohio. If you cannot attend please send in your proxy votes. Remember if you don't vote you (fill in the blank). Sincerely and Fraternally, Jerry Saville, International 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.

International 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Richard Kessler (AZ): As some of you are aware, I am the serving President of the Western Grotto Association, comprised of Arizona, California and Nevada, and am the Secretary/Treasurer of Altan Kol Grotto in Tucson, AZ.. My term will be up in October 2014 As Association President. My Convention will be held in Tucson with a Banquet in my honor in October. More on this later and hopefully some of you might attend the Banquet. Along with my duties as Third Vice-President of International High Twelve, all of this keeps me busy and alive and kicking. I enjoy being active within the Masonic Fraternity and wouldn't want it to be any different.

Our seven clubs in Arizona are all doing great. I recently signed up a 92 year old Brother as a High Twelvian and he and his wife are trying to attend our meetings. I recently had the honor and privilege of being the guest speaker at the Widows Dinner in the Cochise High Twelve. This was their 20th Anniversary of sponsoring this Dinner for all the Masonic Widows in the Sierra Vista, AZ. area. This was held in the Blue Lodge there and was very well attended, approximately 100 people were in attendance. We had a great dinner and our State President spoke also.

We are gearing up for our Annual High Twelve State Convention to be held in the Scottish Rite Temple in Tucson in September 2014. It would be great to see some International Officers and some old and new faces at our Convention. I am sure Walt will be sending out some invitations.

I traveled with Brother Dan Bryes, Past President of Club #523, to Eloy, AZ. to speak to the Brothers at their meeting about starting a High Twelve Club in that area, which is about 50 miles North of Tucson. They are a small Blue Lodge, with about 55 members. There were 26 Brothers at the meeting. There is another Blue Lodge about 10 miles north of their Lodge and I suggested that they might combine with them to form a High Twelve Club. Several Brothers indicated that they were interested. I will set up a meeting with the other Blue Lodge in Casa Grande to talk with them about the forming a High Twelve Club together.

To all you High Twelvians out there, you have to get out among the Blue Lodges and tell them about High Twelve and what we do to make things better for our Great America. Well I guess I better shut up for now. Kindest personal regards to all! Yours in Good fellowship!! RICH

<u>International Secretary Kevin Hokerk, PSP (AZ):</u> Fellow High Twelvians: By the time you receive this article, the 93<sup>rd</sup> International Convention will be less than two months away at the Springfield Masonic Home in Springfield, Ohio on June 28-29. Information can be found on the International Website and in the spring *High Twelvian*. Registration deadline is June 16, 2014.

Credential Forms have been sent via email to the Association Secretaries and are available on the International Website – it is not too soon to get your clubs Credentials filled out and submitted to your Association Secretary!

The spring edition of the *High Twelvian* went into the mail on 4/7. All members should receive one (1) copy, if you are receiving more than one copy, please contact the International Office.

Club Secretaries: 2014-15 Per-Capita statements are going into the mail on 5/1 to your Association Secretary. Statements are due upon receipt with payment being sent directly to the International office.

The International office is happy to provide the new pre-printed Dues Cards and other Forms – all you have to do is ask by email, phone or snail mail.

"It has come to the attention of the International office that some of the address labels that were produced had an alignment problem. If this happened to your labels, please contact the International office @ 623-239-6170 or secretary@high12.org for a reprint. All requests for reprints must be received by 5/9/14."

Kevin Hokerk, High Twelve International Secretary, Phone 623.239.6170, www.high12.org

#### Arizona High Twelve Association, Northwest Masonic High Twelve Club #769:



Our April 22, 2014 the meeting was called to order by President Bruno Fabris with the Pledge of Alliance and opening prayer by Chaplin Marvin Selock. Minutes of our March 25th meeting was approved and emailed to members and a complete financial status was offered.

Attendance was **fifteen** members and seven guests. Brother Bud Nylen and Jan Hanson from Palatine Lodge attended as guests as new potential members with Brother Ed Rund and his wife, Illinois State Secretary, who was in

attendance. Mrs. Maryann Fabris, Mrs. Rosemarie Pegoraro, Mrs. Joan Rogers and Mrs. Sandra Chapman added as our special guests. Brother Jay Reed gave an excellent discussion on Masonic Service Association participation in North Chicago Veteran and Navy Hospital activities. Brother Reed replaced Brother Alfred Green as the organizers of this Veteran Service. Fresh fruit is denoted by Masonic members, Lodges, etc. and each Thursday, our Masonic brothers visit and distributed fresh fruit and conversation to our injured service men. Some servicemen have been there since the Korean War.

Brother Phil Robbins provided a discussion on his activities in hypnosis with thirty plus years' service and over five hundred hours of schooling. To be certified, an individual must have over 100 hours of schooling and yearly schooling of twenty-five hours. Emphasis was placed on a participant role.

The Wolcott Foundation donations were thirty-nine (\$39) dollars and sixty-six dollars will be mailed to the Wolcott Foundation before April 30<sup>th</sup>. Our checking balance is \$522.05 and with today's collection and payment to the Wolcott Foundation.

Several worthy announcements we made as follows:

- 1. Jay Reed and Sunrise Lodge are offering a handgun Conceal Carry school in May.
- 2. A mini circus is available on May 24<sup>th</sup> at Garland Retirement Facility in Barrington with food, games, etc. that is open to all. Contact John Peter Curielli for additional information.
- 3. Peter Maris, Hellenic Lodge announced a \$1,000 scholarship to Miss Sarah Nielsen, grand daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Chapman. Several members are planning to attend the dinner in May. Contact Peter Maris for more information.
- 4. Joe Santisteban reported on the April 12<sup>th</sup> State Meeting and the new awards that we may participate in. As our Wolcott Representative, Joe stated the money may be donated to Wolcott foundation in memory of an individual or organization and it is tax deductible.

Chaplin Marvin Selock closed the meeting with a prayer. Our next meeting is scheduled on **May 27, 2014** at Noon, Red Apple Restaurant, 2121 S. Plum Grove Road, Palatine, IL Bring a friend. Submitted by Don Van Cleave, Secretary-Treasurer, April 22, 2014

California High Twelve Association, Fresno High Twelve Brethren: We had a very good meeting in April. President Byron Pretzer was present but due to his recent surgery he asked Ike Hollomon to conduct the meeting. Byron welcomed the members and guest present and spoke to us briefly about his surgery. Art Carlson was still in the hospital but is now home and recovering from surgery. Stacey Nolan from the Fresno County Fire Department Prevention Office gave us a very nice talk about fire safety for senior citizens and passed out pamphlets on Homeowners Fire Safety Checklist and the various things we can do to help prevent fires in our homes. Ike Hollomon has arranged for Kyle Marney to speak to us about River Park Travel. Please plan to attend this meeting and welcome our speaker. Ike has done a great job in obtaining speakers for our Club luncheons. Well Done Ike. Jack Farson, Secretary/Editor Club #10.

### Florida High Twelve Association Tri County Masonic High Twelve Club "25th Anniversary Celebration!"

FELLOW HIGH TWELVIANS; Do you know that you are members of the BEST HIGH TWELVE CLUB IN FLORIDA!!! I did not know that until I did the research for my presentation on the Club's 25 year history on May 7, 2014.

I am by training and experience a historian. What I found in my delving into our Club's documents and those of State and International High Twelve gave me a real rush of pride.

Wow!!! When you look at the evidence as I have done these past two months, it is beyond dispute: YES, WE ARE NO. 1!! In virtually every category Clubs are normally rated for.

I am so excited about presenting my findings and I hope you will join me and your fellow Tri County High Twelve members, Wednesday, May 7, 2014, at La Hacienda Recreation Center.

We will learn more about the fascinating things that have been done through this Club.

Many of you have been members much longer than Carolyn and I, so you are the ones who did these fabulous things.

Come and help us give the much deserved recognitions to your fellow High Twelvians and their Ladies.

I could not be more proud of any membership which I have held over my lifetime, as I am of being a member of Tri-County High Twelve Masonic High Twelve Club # 674.

Oh, by the way, the food is going to be terrific and the ANNIVERSARY CAKE BROTHER JOHN ERB HAS PREPARED WILL BE SCRUMPTIOUS.

And First Vice President Don Menard has a great singer for your entertainment. Call Lady Rita Kreider at 750-5561 to reserve your seat at our Club's 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. It's all about you and what you have done.

Fraternally, John E. Merryman, Ya' all come, hear!

<u>Illinois High Twelve Association:</u> On April 5<sup>th</sup>, the Jerseyville Masonic High Twelve Club #762, sponsored an "All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast" with the net proceeds of the breakfast to benefit the DeMolay-Alton Chapter. We had a great morning of fellowship, served up some good pancakes, sausage and biscuits and gravy. We received numerous compliments on these fine young men from the DeMolay as they assisted in setting up, greeting our guests, serving and cleaning up. We were able to give them a nice donation for their DeMolay Chapter.



Pictured from left to right are: Brayden Lockhart, Preceptor; Ron Thomason, Illinois Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs State President; Jacob Ing, Junior Councilor; Andrew Kallal, Junior Deacon, Nathan Rohmann, Sentinel(Back), Luke Ehlers, Master Councilor and Floyd Alexander, Jerseyville Club President.

Thank you.

Fraternally, Ron Thomason Illinois Association President and Jerseyville Club Secretary



On April 8<sup>th</sup> the Middle Chamber Club moved to its sixth restaurant in 14 years. There is an interesting story behind each move. Our new restaurant, *Just Like Home*, has a sizable

Private room, good food and a very competent wait staff. With this being the third relocation since early 2013, we were concerned about our attendance and whether or not we had moved too far, or once too often. As it turned out (as the photo shows), we had 26 in attendance which is one of our largest turnouts ever. Who would guess.

Edward Rund, PSP/PCP

Pennsylvania High Twelve Association: First Capital Masonic High Twelve Club: DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY OCCURING ON THE LAST MONDAY IN MAY, THE MAY HIGH TWELVE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>. THE ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW HIGH TWELVE OFFICERS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MAY MEETING, THE STATE OF THE CLUB MESSAGE AND OTHER HIGH TWELVE BUSINESS WILL BE DISCUSSED INCLUDING A REPORT ABOUT THE PENNYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF HIGH TWELVE CLUBS ANNUAL MEETING.

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE OF THE MAY MEETING, IT WILL BE MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>, THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH RATHER THAN THE LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH. THANK YOU, John D Krout

#### **Franklin County High Twelve Club:**



Pennsylvania State President Paul J. Fulton (on the left) visited the Franklin County High Twelve Club for the club's April meeting. Brother Fulton is shown in the photo being welcomed by Brother Harry Oyler. Borough Manager Jeff Stonehill was guest speaker for the meeting.

<u>Cornerstone Masonic High Twelve Club No. 772</u>, President: Robert McClerren, Secretary: Jay Reed, Golden Corral, 1455 Dilleys Road, Gurnee, IL 60031, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday: Greetings Brethren. We want to wish everyone and their families a wonderful Easter Season.

At our last meeting Brother Patrick Clemens gave a very informative talk about our Presidents who were Masons and several facts about each of them. Do you know how many there where? Also, do did you know Harry S. Truman was a 330 Mason?

Many thanks to our member and State Officer Joseph Santisteban for all his support and tireless efforts to the Masonic Fraternity. As always, we want to keep of our all military members in our thoughts and prayers.



Enclosed is a picture of Cornerstones newly polished bell.

Ponder this quote: "We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light." Plato

Fraternally Yours, Mark D. Nokes, Sgt. of Arms

<u>Notes from the North Penn High Twelve Club Nooner Newsletter</u>: Winter just doesn't want to leave us – As I sit here contemplating this notice, I can't help but shiver at the chill in the air, and those nighttime dips are driving me to drink. Probably it is not a bad thing, for at one point I will not care about the weather.

As I am sure you know by now, we hold our meetings on the third Thursday of each month, as regular as clockwork. This month it will be on Thursday, at 12 noon, May 15, 2014 at "The William Penn Inn", Route 202 & Sumneytown Pike, Gwynedd, Pennsylvania. Bring a guest or a friend. We will pay for the first time guest. Let's put forth a conscientious effort into joining us for lunch in May. Make your reservations ASAP. Please call Bob Morton or email him to reserve your space at the lunch table. He can be reached at Rimorton4@comcast.net, or 215-285-7266. PLEASE do it today.

Speaking of food, one might ask what we are serving. The menu for May will be Chicken Caesar Salad, Florentine Chicken, Whipped Potatoes, Buttered Carrots, and for dessert, Key Lime Pie. We will also serve an abundance of dinner rolls, in this case lunch rolls, whipped butter, Coffee & Tea

For those members who missed our last meeting, Dr. Cherian Verghese, MD Medical Director Keystone Clinical Studies, LLC and Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Temple University discussed "Senior Moment or Early Alzheimer's Disease?" He also talked about the advances in that field, how they believe we can identify Alzheimer's disease, and the drug that Merck has developed, and contracted them to perform clinical studies. Quite interesting! He better work hard, because I am having a tough time remembering – not to trivialize his important studies with a touch of humor. One day – we may cure this horrible condition, which affects so many of our loved ones.

For May 12, 2014, we present a musical performance for your listening pleasure. Jeffry Brown, Harpist, will entertain us. Jeff will join us for lunch, and will play some music selections prior to lunch (11:45 - 12 noon). Then he will do a "Name-that-Tune" type of entertainment, post lunch. He will also give away some CD's as gifts! It promises to be a great meeting and lunch. Plan to attend.

This will be the meeting when we choose officers to serve for the next year, beginning in June. We solicit you to aid us in our choices, and encourage you to run for a vice presidential position. It doesn't take a great deal of time or effort, but we really need someone to step up and help lead this club on the path of our past successes. Please do not interpret this as a step backwards, for it is definitely an attempt to expand and create some additional cohesiveness to the club. We are losing members and attendees, for a number of reasons, and have not been able to replace them with new people. As our membership ages, our attendance tends to drop off. Just three years ago, we were averaging 20 more attendees that we do now. My view is that with good programming, we can bring them back, and I intend to help as much as possible to preserve our club. This is your club, and we need your support. Help us to help you want to come to meetings and expand your knowledge, meet with friends and share good food. We are at a crossroads and must at least fulfill the minimum requirements for lunch service.

FYI: I will make this wild assumption; this is the only time you will see this phenomenon in your lifetime. August, in 2014, will have 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. This occurs only once every 823 years. The Chinese call it 'Silver pockets full'.

Sincerely, Perry S. Ecksel, PP, Secretary

Wolcott Foundation News Update by Merv Harris, Zone 8 Trustee: Brethren, Another Wolcott year has passed and we are now embarking on a new year. Contributions for the Wolcott Year 2013-2014 have been processed and within the next month or so, we will know by Zones, the total funds contributed by the members, clubs and Associations. The Wolcott Foundation Secretary will tabulate the amount contributed by each club in the eight Zones.

He will then have Banner Patches made and sent to each Zone Trustee for distribution to the clubs. A "Best in Zone Club" winner will be determined and the Patches will be distributed. Each Zone Trustee handles the distribution in a manner, which is best for his Zone. Some clubs will receive theirs by mail; others will have them handed out at the State Conventions, while others may receive them in another manner. Rest assured, all clubs will receive their Banner Patch, so they can add it to their club Banner.

I thought you would enjoy seeing a photo of the Wolcott Fellows and Trustees while we were in Washington, DC in early March for the Selection Board Meeting. A total of five young applicants were selected, along with ten alternates. There were a total of 84 applicants this year and all were very well qualified, making it difficult to select the best ones for the honor of attending George Washington University as Wolcott Fellows.

We ask that you continue to do your best in supporting the Wolcott Foundation Program, so we can continue to provide degrees to deserving young, intelligent individuals, who will then work for Government Agencies and use their educations to make our country the best in the world.



Humor: A High Twelvian is terribly overweight, so his doctor puts him on a diet.

"I want you to eat regularly for two days, then skip a day, and repeat this procedure for two weeks," the doctor ordered. "The next time I see you, you'll have lost at least five pounds."

When the High Twelvian returns, he's lost nearly 20 pounds. "Why, that's amazing!" the doctor said. "Did you follow my instructions?"

The High Twelvian nods, "I'll tell you, though, I thought I was going to drop dead that third day."

"From hunger, you mean?" the doc questioned.

"No, from the skipping."

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asked a young Engineer fresh out of MIT, "And what starting salary were you looking for?"

The Engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."

The interviewer enquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of 5-weeks' vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every 2 years say, a red Corvette?"

The Engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?"

And the interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

Recently on a routine police patrol parked outside a local neighborhood bar the officer noticed a man leaving the bar so intoxicated that he could barely walk. The man stumbled around the parking lot for a few minutes with the officer quietly observing.

After what seemed an eternity and trying his keys on five different vehicles, the man managed to find his own car which he fell into. He was there for a few minutes as a number of other patrons left the bar and drove off.

Finally he started the car, switched the wipers on and off (it was a dry night), flicked the hazard flasher on and off, tooted the horn, and then switched on the lights. He moved the vehicle forward a few inches, reversed a little, and then remained stationary for a few more minutes as more patrons left in their vehicles. At last he pulled out of the parking lot and started to drive slowly down the street.

The police officer, having patiently waited all this time, now started up his patrol car, put on the flashing lights, promptly pulled the man over and carried out a Breathalyzer test. To his amazement, the Breathalyzer indicated no evidence of the man having consumed alcohol at all!

Dumbfounded, the officer said, "I'll have to ask you to accompany me to the Police Station. This Breathalyzer equipment must be broken."

"I doubt it," said the man, "Tonight, I'm the designated decoy."

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