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GREETINGS!

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Congratulations to our members and ladies, celebrating their Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event in June. Don't forget to make a contribution to the Wolcott Foundation, celebrating your happy event or occasion! Some members donate \$1.00 or more for every year they have been married. Seems like a very nice gesture on their part and a great tribute to a Happy Marriage to that Special Person!

**Hotel reservation deadline for the 94th Convention
has been extended to June 12, 2015**

International High Twelve President Winton Hewitt, PSP (PA):

Greetings Brethren:

This will be my last monthly update. As everyone makes plans for their term of office I had my plans on what my goals were. Some of them were met but others were not. Maybe Jerry will be able to see that what we had planned will be completed during his year. I would like to thank Kevin Hokerk for all his hard work in keeping the daily task of the High Twelve International Office going during my year. He was hard at work each day seeing that the many functions of the office were taken care of. Some of these took many long hours to do. We spoke almost every day on requests or things that needed attention. Kevin was always thinking of ways to make life easier for the club secretaries. It was frustrating at times, when the State Association Secretaries or clubs secretaries failed to send in their monthly reports. Some of the clubs feel that it too much bother to file a monthly report. It really hits home when a wife or relative calls to have their husband or father's name removed from a mailing that had been generated from the High Twelve International Office. We can only work with the information that we have

received from the State Associations or clubs.

I would like to thank my Officers for their support as well. We had our monthly conference call meetings so that everyone was kept informed on all issues.

I did not make all of my visits to the PA clubs as I had planned. Some clubs met on the same day as others or they changed their meeting times.

I had hopes that we would be able to have all the 2014-2015 per capita dues paid before the 2015-2016 year billing was issued but that was not realized.

I believe that our midyear meeting in Las Vegas was very successful and we were able to accomplish a lot and those that were in attendance for the first time learned how High Twelve Internal functioned and how what we were trying to do as support for the State Associations and individual clubs.

It takes a team effort if we are going to grow our ranks. We cannot keep going if the State Associations and individual clubs are not willing to do their part in keeping a two way flow of information going between the International Office. I am pleased to see the new clubs in California, Louisiana and Michigan start up. We still had a negative number for membership because of Club closings. Pennsylvania had a hard hit when it lost the club that we had at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, PA. This club failed because they could not get anyone to take the President or Secretary Offices. We still have the possibility of formation of other clubs coming on line so that is good news. It will take everyone working together to turn around this membership loss.

The committee for the Annual Convention in June has been working hard to make your stay in Philadelphia a pleasant one.

If you have not sent in your reservations I urge you to do so now. You will enjoy your stay with us in Philadelphia.

International 1st Vice President Jerry Saville, PSP, and (CA): Brethren, as we roll into June it must be Convention time again and back to the great city of Philadelphia. What a great location to tour, and reflect, on the history of our great Nation – the greatest country in the world. Join us the last weekend this month!

One of the Amendments up for vote this month is a change to High 12 Membership Eligibility. I presented this amendment at the Mid-Year-Meeting last January in Las Vegas. The Governing Board voted to pass this Amendment to the June Convention for a vote.

The current Bylaws only allow Master Masons to join Hi-12 clubs. This amendment, if approved, will change the Hi-12 membership eligibility to All Masons in good standing. The basis for my Amendment is that on 25 September 2012, California Grand Lodge implemented Resolution 11-06 and 07 requiring all Entered Apprentices and Fellow Craft to pay Lodge dues effective 1 October 2012; and mandated that all California Lodges open their stated meetings on the First Degree of Masonry. I look forward to an open discussion on this Amendment.

We need to continue thinking of positive initiatives and strategies for the future of Hi-12. Unfortunately Hi-12 Clubs, and members, are still declining. Let's find way to reverse this trend! And speaking of (positive) initiatives and trends 3 new Hi-12 clubs have opened in California, Michigan and Louisiana since the last newsletter. Let's open a new club in your State!

If you have thoughts of running for an International Hi-12 position and did not submit your intent letter to the International Secretary-no problem! You can be nominated from the floor at the Convention. As I write my last article as your First VP we do not have a 3rd VP candidate. That said you can run for any Hi-12 Officer position – competition is always good and organizationally healthy.

In closing, the International Secretary maintains a Website second to none... Check it out at www.high12.org !

My space is up Brethren. See you in Philadelphia!!!! Fraternaly, Jerry.

International 2nd Vice President Richard Kessler (PSP, AZ): There really isn't much to report that hasn't already printed. The Hi-12 Clubs in Arizona are all doing pretty good. My primary Club, Acacia-Santa Rita Club #

505 is doing well. We have about 20 + Club Members out to our meetings, many times we have more Ladies present than Club Members. I will be late getting on the Conference Call at 1:00 P.M. because of that. I live about 20 miles from where we meet. I'll check in about 2:00 P.M. Hope I don't miss anything important. Arizona will not be hosting a Mid-Year Conference this year. Lindy and Kevin have agreed that we don't have much to discuss. I am sending letters to all the Presidents and Secretaries in my zone to ascertain when and where their State Conventions are being held. I will try to attend as many of them as I possibly can. I have already decided to attend the Colorado State Convention in October if at all possible. I don't have all the info at this time but the State President said he would keep me advised. Jerry and I have already decided to make plans to attend the Grand Master's Conference in Madison, Wisconsin in February or March of 2016. What a place to have it in the middle of Winter! To all High Twelvians out there in this big wide World, best wishes to you and yours. Keep plugging away to get more new members. Remember - EHTOALONHTHCEY!!! Don't know what it means, figure it out and then do it!!! Thank you all for the pleasure to represent High Twelve on the International Line of Officers. Kindest personal regards to all!! Yours in Good Fellowship!!! RICH

International 3rd Vice President William Haynes (PSP, PA): Replace yourself yet? How is your campaign to replace yourself going? Our organization will fade away if you do not replace yourself. It's not hard. Just ask one of your Masonic Brothers to join you for a meeting and that should generate interest in him as I know of no one that has not enjoyed our meetings. Thinking about asking a brother to join us is not something the Mason next to you will do. It's up to you. You need to ask and invite. Only you can replace yourself. Thinking and wishing about it does not replace actually doing it. I wish you success.

International Past President Don Whistler (PSP, PA): The 94th Annual Convention of High Twelve International will be here before we realize it. The Convention is being held on Thursday, June 25th (Tour Day), Friday, June 26th and Saturday, June 27th at the Renaissance Philadelphia Airport Hotel, 500 Stevens Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19113.

The schedule of events is listed in the High Twelvian Magazine (pages 25 and 26), which was recently mailed to you. Unfortunately, the information for Registration at the hotel did not make it into the Magazine. The room rate is \$119.00 per night, plus applicable state and local taxes. The rate is also good for two days before and after the Convention. The telephone number for the hotel is 610-521-5900 and the contract is under the name of Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs. Please do not call the hotel's 800 number! If you do, you will go into central booking and they do not have the details of the contract.

The deadline for Registration has been extended from June 5th to June 12. If you have any problem making a room Registration, please call me at 77-854-0161 or email me at dmwhistler@aol.com and I will contact the hotel and see what I can do for you.

Please join us for the 94th Annual International High Twelve Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania! You will be happy you did and it will make our Convention much more exciting for our members and ladies.

Past International President Sid LeLuan III (AZ):



Well, it's Official! During the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of California, PIP Sid was installed into the position of Right Puissant General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; and received the collar and apron of the office.

NOW the fun and travel starts! Off to Tampa, FL; Louisville, KY; Buffalo, NY in the next couple of months. Thanks to everyone who witnessed; and to my family who supports this major decision. Let's have some fun!

International Secretary Kevin Hokerk (PSP AZ):

The 94th Convention is upon us! Here are some reminders:

- International Website [www.high12.org] has the following, click on the event to see them:
 - Online Registration - fastest and easiest way to go!
 - PDF Paper Registration Form
 - General Convention Schedule
 - PA Association Fundraiser [to help defray convention costs]
 - Convention ad book form
 - Credential Forms
 - i. Club Delegate
 - ii. Delegate at Large
 - iii. Masonic Representative
 - Planned tour of Downtown Philadelphia and the Charms of Fairmount Park
 - Also the Tall Ships of America will be in port at the same time as the convention

- The **High Twelvian** went into the mail on 5/13 which you should have by now and contains:
 - The above mentioned Convention Forms
 - Proposed Uniform Association Constitution and Bylaws - to be voted upon
 - International Bylaws Jurisdiction addition - Pantograph Book List of Lodges
 - The usual association and club articles
 - **PLEASE** check your mailing label - if it is incorrect in any way contact the International Office now!

- Welcome to the following new clubs!
 - #774 A Kings Highway - Mount Pleasant, MI - Chartered 3/26/15
 - #775 Yorba Linda - Yorba Linda, CA - Chartering on 6/6/15
 - #776 Little River - Columbia, LA - Chartered 5/25/15

It has been a pleasure serving you, the members of High Twelve International, this past year. A lot has been accomplished and we have more to do next year.

Fraternally,

Kevin Hokerk-Robinson

Pennsylvania High Twelve Association, Ralph Clemmer:

On Friday, May 8, 2015 the PA State Association sponsored the 10th annual planting the statute of George Washington. The statute is located on the premises of th Foundations in Valley Forge, PA.

For further information you can contact International President Winton Hewitt.

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FAX - [610-323-0612](tel:610-323-0612).

They call it a family tree because if you look long enough you'll always find some sap in i



Pennsylvania High Twelve Members spending the day beautifying the George Washington Statue located on the premises of the Freedoms Foundations in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, May 2015. This is an Annual Event for the Association.

Pennsylvania High Twelve Association, First State High Twelve Club: The May Meeting will be the Annual Meeting. In addition to the Election of New Officers; the High Twelvians of the Year will be announced. President Lonny will provide a brief update on the state of the club; and Past International President Don Whistler will Install the New Officers.

30 members plus 1 guest attended the April Meeting to hear the interesting program presented by Larry Richardson about the YMCA. The meeting in May will be the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. The Speaker for June will be Detective Andrew Shaffer of the York City Police Drug Unit.

Please consider a donation to the Wolcott Foundation, the charitable objective of High Twelve. You're contribution helps fund scholarships to George Washington University for students who are willing to serve in various Governmental positions.

Brethren, Sadly we were informed of the passing of Brother Joe De Rosa. Joe served as VP of the Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs until a couple months ago when he resigned due to Health reasons. Joe was very active in many Masonic bodies and will be missed. He served as a First Lieutenant in the US Army.

California High Twelve Association of High Twelve Clubs: President Ercil Eschbach:

The big news, so far this year, is the forming of a new club in Yorba Linda (Orange County). This club was given the number 775 and meets on the 2nd Friday at noon at the Yorba Linda Masonic Center, 4847 Main Street in down town Yorba Linda. At the recent Mid-Year Conference we all were privileged to meet with the new Yorba Linda officers. The official Charter date and ceremony will be on June 6th.



(R-L Front row: Jim Barden, Steve Forell, Richard, Bridges. Back row: George Roberts & Ercil Eschbach). The Mid-year Conference was a very successful meeting with some 22 high Twelvians in attendance, including three from our newest club. Reports were made by our State Officers. I would like to highlight the work being done by 1st VP Roberts who has worked long and hard to help develop new clubs, including Yorba Linda, and 3rd VP Dilley who has taken on the task of better communication with the

clubs by use of the Conference Call. Also, Bro. Dilley has agreed to take on the duties of State Secretary from Bro. Spencer Sargent, PSP.

It is not too soon to remind you that our State Convention will be in October in Bakersfield. We have a lot going on and we need your input. Bring your Club's banner and plan to attend. More details will be in the next HOUR.

Congratulations to our newest Hi-12 club, Yorba Linda #775. We worked with these brothers for several months and 24 Masons wanted to be Charter Members of their new club. Congratulations to all.

The International Convention will be this June, in Philadelphia, PA. and will have a lot going on, including Legislation and Bylaw changes, as well as the election of new International Officers and the appointment of International Committees. We expect that our own Jerry Saville, PSP, and International 1st VP, will be elected International President. It is not every day that California is honored by having one of our own elected as International President. To this end our State Officers plan to make the trip, to represent California and support Bro. Jerry. Although some funds are included in the Budget to cover traveling expenses for the State Officers a motion was duly made and passed that additional funds amounting to not more than \$2,000 be set aside to help defray traveling costs for the line officers. PSP, Malcolm White advised that Bakersfield Hi-12 would contribute an additional \$1,000 to this end insuring that California would have a good turnout. *Good Luck, Jerry!*

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I'm now working with 3 other Masonic Lodges and feel we will have some more good news soon.

Brothers, I have started a Certificate Program where any Lodge in our great state can contact me with the name of their most recent and newest Master Mason, I will send them a very nice Certificate with the brothers name and brief explanation about who we are and what we are about.

President Ercil Eschbach requests that we must work toward retention and expansion and we are all committed to work toward that end. George Roberts, P.M., 1st Executive Vice President.

California High Twelve Association: We at the Masonic Home Hi-12 club #606 recently visited Oakland Hi-12 Club #2 for lunch on [April 27, 2015](#). Please see photos below.



Masonic Home President **Larry Sadler**



Oakland
President
**Howard
Roberts**

Members
having lunch
and club flags

The Villages High Twelve Club #442: The Villages Hi-12 Club #442 is planning for our Annual Pancake Breakfast on June 6, 2015. We will serve about 1,100 breakfasts consisting of pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee. The CA Villages Hi-12 meets on the 4th Tuesday, 12:00 Noon, at the Villages Country Club/Golf Club dining facility, in San Jose, CA. If you plan to visit call ahead, this Club is in a Gated Community.

Missouri High Twelve Association: Masonic High Twelve Club 49 Saint Joseph, Missouri

In April, Carl Keith Club President, Elbert Turner Past Club President, and Richard Slater 2nd Vice-President attended the 88th Annual Saint Joseph, MO JROTC Military Review held at Saint Joseph Lafayette High School. All three Saint Joseph High School JROTCs from Benton, Central, and Lafayette were in attendance. Freshman Drill Squad Trophies which are provided by High Twelve Club #49 of Saint Joseph were presented by Bro. Elbert Turner. Club members spent a delightful evening watching the three schools performing their various squad drills. They were outstanding! Some of these cadets are sure to become our future military leaders.

Heroes are ordinary people with hearts of steel. Their courage, determination, and power make them rise as sentinels of peace and liberty. On this Memorial Day, salute those brave-hearts who lay down their lives defending the nation! By Simran Khurana. Please see photos below.



Illinois High Twelve Association: Brethren All!

Spring has sprung and the flowers are starting to show, at least down south they are! As we start to come out of our homes and greet the nice weather, thoughts go to High Twelve. At least my thoughts do, my travels to the clubs left on my list and a revisit to the ones that I have already visited. Since my installation as President of Illinois Association of High Twelve Clubs, I have had the honor of visiting Abe Lincoln Club #38, Mattoon Club #89, Belleville Club #35, Illini Club #768, Moline Club #88, Quincy Club #40, Jerseyville Club #762, and DuPage Club #754. I attended the Grand Lodge Communication in October, The Ohio State Convention in September, and the reception of Sister Karen Morton of the Order of the Eastern Star. While I was in DuPage on March 18th, I invited all the state officers to join me and we had an officers meeting to iron out some details before the Mid-Year-Meeting, which will be held in Urbana, Illinois, this year. I am looking forward to it! Abe Lincoln Club has hosted it in the past and they have done a great job!

In case you have not heard, our annual fundraiser has started and is in full swing. This year we are selling a key fob with the High Twelve logo laser printed on it, for the price of \$5.00. All proceeds will be presented to the Grand Master to be used in his Masonic Charities Fund, to help any Master Mason in need. A package of key fobs was sent to each club Secretary to offer to all club members.

The mid-year convention this year will be hosted by the Illini Club #768 in Urbana II, on April 11, 2015. It will be held at the Western Star Lodge #240, starting at 11:30 am for lunch and the meeting immediately after. We should be done about 3:00 pm. I hope you can attend, and at the least have ALL clubs represented at the meeting. Club officers; don't forget your club banner. During the business portion, we will be taking nominations for Third Vice President, who will be installed in August for the 2015-2016 term. If you know anyone who you would like to help represent the organization in the future, submit his name, or better yet, bring him to the

Convention.

We will soon issue the Forms for the Association to honor the members in the state who have supported High Twelve above and beyond the ordinary. Second Vice President Charles Coffey is in charge of the awards and will soon send out to all the clubs the Rules of the Awards.

In closing, it was apparent that we were home bound due to the weather, and our membership activities were reduced. But now that good weather is coming, we need to visit our members who cannot get out and see if we can help in any way. Also, look for the new guy to see if he would be interested in joining us in our activities. Membership is the key to our survival. Fraternally, James R. Morris, Illinois State President

Moline Area Masonic High Twelve Club #88: Another month is upon us and so is a new bulletin. Hope you find this month's bulletin entertaining and educational. Our forefathers or Rip Van Winkle would surely think they have arrived on a different planet. Kind of like the Tower of Babel.

Have you asked a fellow Master Mason to visit our High Twelve Club? This method is the best way to keep our club going. We'll have 4 meetings in MAY. Meeting dates for MAY are the 1st, 18th and 29th. No meeting on the 22nd as that falls on Memorial Day weekend. All meetings are at DENNY'S RESTAURANT, 2601 52nd Avenue, Moline. Try to come about 11:00 am and have time to eat and enjoy the fellowship before the program at noon (High Twelve). Ladies and guests are always welcome.

Program chair for MAY is Melvin Parker. He has put together a speaker's list that will broaden our understanding of local history and Freemasonry.

MAY 1 - Ben Griffith, Administrator Planning and Redevelopment of the city of Rock Island; MAY 8 - TBD;

MAY 15 - Ed Walker, Editor Illinois Freemasonry Magazine; MAY 24 - Trooper Jason Wilson of the Illinois State Police.

For this month's bulletin, I have some English phrases that you may have used: You should be so lucky if you are too young to remember these phrases. OLD WORDS AND PHRASES REMIND US OF THE WAY WE WORD.

Richard Lederer illuminated old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included don't touch that dial, carbon copy, you sound like a broken record and hung out to dry. A bevy of readers have asked me to shine light on more faded words and expressions, and I am happy to oblige:

Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie. We'd put on our best bib and tucker and straighten up and fly right. Hubba-hubba! We'd cut a rug in some juke joint and then go necking and petting and smooching and spooning and billing and cooing and pitching woo in hot rods and jalopies in some passion pit or lovers' lane. Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumpin' Jehoshaphat! Holy moley! We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley, and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes and pedal pushers. Oh, my aching back. Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore.

Like Washington Irving's Rip Van Winkle and Kurt Vonnegut's Billy Pilgrim, we have become unstuck in time. We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, I'll be a monkey's uncle or This is a fine kettle of fish! we discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.

Poof, poof, poof go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink, and they're gone, evanescent from the landscape and word-scape of our perception, like Mickey Mouse wristwatches, hula hoops, skate keys, candy cigarettes, little wax bottles of colored sugar water and an organ grinder's monkey.

Where have all those phrases gone? Long time passing. Where have all those phrases gone? Long time ago: Pshaw. The milkman did it. Think about the starving Armenians. Bigger than a bread box. Banned in Boston. The

very idea! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain. Knee high to a grasshopper. Turn-of-the-century. Iron curtain. Domino theory. Fail safe. Civil defense. Fiddlesticks! You look like the wreck of the Hesperus. Cooties. Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels. Heavens to Murgatroyd! And awa-a-ay we go! Oh, my stars and garters! It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter had liver pills.

This can be disturbing stuff, this winking out of the words of our youth, these words that lodge in our heart's deep core. But just as one never steps into the same river twice, one cannot step into the same language twice. Even as one enters, words are swept downstream into the past, forever making a different river.

We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeful times. For a child each new word is like a shiny toy, a toy that has no age. We at the other end of the chronological arc have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist and there were words that once strutted their hour upon the earthly stage and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory. It's one of the greatest advantages of aging. We can have archaic and eat it, too.

Kentucky Downtown Masonic High Twelve club #105: On Friday April 10th, 2015 we were privileged to have Leta Cruickshank Rudy as our guest. Her father Eugene Cruickshank was a High Twelvian and he recently passed away. In his possessions she found this High Twelve bell. Brother Eugene was not a member of the Downtown Club but we think he was a member of the St. Matthews Club. We are indebted to Mrs. Rudy for donating the Bell to the only remaining High Twelve Club in Kentucky. Bruce Pelham PP, Secretary

Louisiana and Ohio High Twelve Associations: It is great to have someone send you a note saying they enjoy what you are doing and we received a couple recently that we want to share with everyone. Sunday Night 04-05-15. Dear Bro. Merv Harris or Bro. Kevin Hokerk. Not sure who to thank for the Update Article from Hi-12. It was good to hear about all the good reports and all the happenings with our many different clubs.

I want to THANK YOU also for the comedy lines and jokes printed after your regular new articles. I loved them. I am the Editor for our Church Weekly News Letter, and I'm always gathering new articles, jokes or funny one-liners for my weekly publications and our Sunday Church Bulletin. I am borrowing lots of your comedy sayings and funny stories. Keep them coming. BE BLESSED! Bob Galloway, Secretary for High Twelve Club #693 - POST Des RAPIDE - HIGH TWELVE. Alexandria, Pineville, LA. e-mail: bobg@suddenlink.net

Here is another short note from one of our members and we thank him also. I surely like your newsletter!!!!!!

Dick Snow (Columbus Downtown High Twelve Club No.453)

Thanks Bob and Dick for your comments and we will keep on trying! Fraternally, Merv and Kevin.

Ohio High Twelve Association, Temple on the Hill Club #720:

Our meeting was held on April 10th, 2015, opening with a business meeting, and then we were honored with a special guest speaker. He is a native of Youngstown, and All American Quarterback, former Cleveland Browns Quarterback, and Super Bowl XXV111 Champion.



Our President Jack S. Ranck introduced Mr. Bernie Kosar, Bernie is well known and well received speaker. The program was enjoyed by everyone. The past International President Jim Parker 1V was in attendance. Bernie was our guest for the Hi-12 luncheon served by Bill Weems and his crew. Submitted by Winnie Hill. Photos by August Angel, Club Secretary.

This is a picture of Our Secretary taking a picture of our President and our guest. This is great and I wanted to share it with everyone. Winnie

North Central High Twelve Association: I used this article (with Paul's Permission) in a High Twelve Meeting of Founder's Club No. 1 in Sioux City. It was read by Brother Aldon Noble, and that was followed by some of our members, who are also American Legion members, presenting a demonstration of the flag-folding ceremony along with a description of what each fold symbolizes. It was a spell-binding program. It was held on Tuesday evening 4/14/15 at the Papillion Stated Communication, I mentioned to Paul that I would like to forward this piece to High Twelve International for newsletter use, and he said he was fine with that, and would give permission in writing if necessary -- It is still a moving article. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

I shared a flight home last night...I shared a flight home last night with a fallen soldier. The captain told us he was on-board before we left Atlanta. Mid-flight we were told we would be asked to remain seated in Omaha, so that the escort officer could disembark. We landed and taxied and a hush fell on us all. The officer rose and shook the captain's hand and exited. We all started our disembarkation, row-by-row. I have never heard it done so quietly, nor politely. We found ourselves in the airport in rows 6 deep looking out the Windows.

The honor guard moved the flag-draped coffin to the tarmac. In the airport, two men in the crowd saluted. One was old enough to be my father. When the honor guard finished, a group that was clearly family stepped forward. I didn't want to invade their moment and left the window. I found myself at another window as the honor guard stepped forward to move to the hearse. Another crowd gathered, to watch in silence, until the task was completed.

We moved on to luggage and the street and our cars. Each one thinking of our families and of sacrifice. The small frustrations of travel now were nothing but a distant thought. Paul Kenyon May 10, 2013, at Omaha Eppley Airport. (Paul Kenyon is Past Master of Papillion Lodge #39, Nebraska. Used by permission.) Gordon Berry, Secretary, Morningside Lodge #615, A.F.&A.M., (home, preferred) [712-276-6834](tel:712-276-6834) (cell) [712-251-3891](tel:712-251-3891)

Editor's Comments: Brethren and Ladies, I want to thank those, who sent in articles for the June Issue of the Monthly Update. You will notice we have several articles from members, who have not submitted one in the past. We have an article and photo from Winnie Hill, who has not submitted an article in quite a while. This is what we need to have an interesting and information newsletter. Our news and articles come from the International Officers, Committee Chairmen and their Committee Members and most of all from our clubs and members.

Thank you again for your support! I checked with our International Secretary Kevin Hokerk this morning and he informed me he sends the Monthly Update to over **1,600** addresses each month. If only 10 % of our members would submit an article and photos, we would be preparing a book each month instead of a small magazine. Why don't you become part of the 10% and help us out.

You can send your article directly to me at mjghi12@centurylink.net or to update-editor@high12.org and it will be forwarded to me. Check out the International Website and go to E-Newsletter to check out how the service works. After checking it out, you will probably say, Why haven't I been looking at the Website more often for all the great stuff available!

There are some basic Rules we ask you to follow to make it easier to put the Monthly Update together.

1. Use Fonts Times New Roman and 11 Pitch.
2. Spell out words and don't use HTI, H12 or other abbreviations as we want everyone to know us by our proper Name, High Twelve International, Just like your English Teacher use to tell you. Proper names should be capitalized and spelled out in full. Hi-12 can be used if there is a space issue, such as making a Poster or Brochure.
3. When submitting photos always tell us who is in the photo and list the names from left to right. If you check this issue of the Update you will see photos with no information. If the photo is important enough to be included, we want to know who is involved and what they are doing.
4. Do not send emails with the photo printed on it. We cannot copy or move a photo on an email. Send as an attachment such as JPEG or other Photo Program. By doing so, when can crop, enlarge, reduce in size or make other adjustments.
5. We all want to do a good job and makes things easier for others and you will be rewarded by having your article published and people thanking you for submitting it to the Monthly Update. If you will review the latest issue of the High Twelvian, you will notice Kevin received very few articles for the Summer Issue. He needs your articles and photos also and I am sure you want other clubs to know how active your club is. Also, what you submit may help another club use what was successful for your club and try it themselves. We all

need and like suggestions to make our club better. Our club had a B-B-Q., at one of the local parks and sold tickets for the event. We sold over 225 tickets and after paying for two groups of entertainers and all the expenses for the event, we made enough profit to donate \$700 to the Wolcott Foundation and \$700 to the International General Fund. Not bad for a day's work. Another club we belong to sold a Hotdog, Soda and small bag of chips at a park and made over \$1,000 from the event. Now isn't that something your club could DO?

Michigan High Twelve Association by: Michael E. Clark PSP



Past International President and Michigan Past President and longtime Secretary Armand Cote and his lady Jeanine celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in March. A celebration of their years together was held recently at the Almont-Dryden Masonic Temple and was attended by many family and friends.

Anyone who knows Brother Armand, knows that where Armand is, Jeanine cannot be far behind.

Unfortunately, Jeanine has fought health issues recently that have curtailed her faithful travel days with Armand.

Even though Armand has also cut back his travels to take care of his partner of over a half century, he continues to serve the

Craft with enthusiasm and the kind of dedication that has made him such a prominent Mason.

Family came from as far as Georgia, and friends came from the four corners of Michigan and beyond to celebrate with these two wonderful High Twelvians.

Congratulations Armand and Jeanine and Best Wishes for many more years together

EDITORS NOTE: Jeanine Cote passed away on March 21, 2015 shortly after this celebration.

THE WOLCOTT FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN " Malcolm White, (PSP-CA)

THE WOLCOTT FOUNDATION - AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY

The Wolcott Foundation, as we know it today, came into existence in 1951 as a result of a suggestion by Dr. J. Wallace Forbes at the High Twelve International Convention in Chicago, to establish an annual scholarship in diplomacy and statesmanship in one of the colleges or universities that offered such subjects. The George Washington University entered the picture when Dr. Forbes and his associates were discussing the work being carried out at the George Washington University in the subject areas of Government and Foreign Affairs. The sum of \$1,800.00 was appropriated for the tuition for a student at the University to fund one year of graduate studies. This year, 2015-2016, the cost is over \$66,000.00 for 40 semester hours, which is what is now offered by the Wolcott Foundation. The Foundation provides the funds to finance the tuition leading to a Master's Degree in the area of Government Service. These graduate programs are offered in one of the following: School of Business for International Business Administration, the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration, or the Elliott School of International affairs.

The qualifications for an appointment are that the applicant must be a U.S. Citizen, less than thirty years of age at the time that the Fall Semester of the year of application begins, be a graduate of an accredited college or university and has a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, and be enrolled, or enrolling into the appropriate school at the George Washington University. The applicant is expected to exhibit outstanding academic, civic and social credentials and demonstrate a commitment to the Masonic ideals of high ethical and moral standards but is not required to have Masonic affiliations. Each selectee is also required to enter into a Contract with the Wolcott Foundation to enter into public service with a federal, state or municipal body. There are no restrictions in regard to race, religion or gender. The description, requirements and application procedure are contained within the Wolcott Foundation Web Page: www.wolcottfoundation.com. The applicant need not set pen or pencil to paper.

The application must be completed and submitted via computer.

The Wolcott Program has a history of over sixty years and has encourage well over 400 students to go forward to establish an outstanding and productive record of leadership and success in government service. All of this has been possible only through years of support from the members of High Twelve, High Twelve Clubs and other interested individuals. The Wolcott Board of Trustees is composed of eight Trustees, each elected from within the Zone which they represent, and serve for a term of five years and may be elected to succeed themselves.

Each and every member of High Twelve is a member of the Wolcott Foundation. Malcolm S. White, Chairman & Zone #1 Trustee - The Wolcott Foundation - *GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!*

Humor: I received a list of short jokes sent to me by an old friend, High Twelvian, Shriner, and member of many other organizations. They may be a bit risque but are funny. Sorry if they offend anyone but I enjoyed them.

SENIOR ROMANCE: An older couple was lying in bed one night. The husband was falling asleep but the wife was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk.

She said: You used to hold my hand when we were courting.

Wearily he reached across, held her hand for a second and tried to get back to sleep.

A few moments later she said: Then you used to kiss me.

Mildly irritated, he reached across, gave her a peck on the cheek and settled down to sleep.

Thirty seconds later she said: Then you used to bite my Neck.

Angrily, he threw back the bed clothes and got out of bed.

Where are you going? she asked.

To get my teeth!

OLD FRIENDS: Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards.

One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, Now don't get mad at me... I know we've been friends for a longtime but I just can't think of your name. I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is.

Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared at her. Finally she said,

How soon do you need to know?

SENIOR DRIVING: As a senior citizen was driving down the highway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, Vernon, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on 185. Please be careful! Unbelievable, said Vernon, It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!

SUPERSEX: A little old lady who had lost her marbles was running up and down the halls in a nursing home. As she ran, she would flip up the hem of her nightgown and say Supersex. She ran up to an elderly man in a wheelchair, flipping her gown at him, she said, Supersex. He sat silently for a moment or two and finally answeredâ€¦ I'll take the soup.

DRIVING: Two elderly women were out driving in a large car - both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to major crossroad. The stoplight was red, but they just went on through.

The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light. After a few more minutes, they came to another major junction and the light was red again. Again, they went right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous. At the next junction, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. So, she turned to the other woman and said, Mildred, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!

Mildred turned to her and said, Oh! Am I driving?

THE HAIRCUT - Blessed are those that can give without remembering, and take without forgetting.

One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut, he asked about his bill, and the barber replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.' The florist was pleased and left the shop. When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.' The cop was happy and left the shop. The next morning when the barber went to open up, there were a 'thank you' card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Then a Congressman came in for a haircut, and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.' The Congressman was very happy and left the shop. The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen Congressmen lined up waiting for a free haircut.

And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the politicians who run it. **BOTH POLITICIANS AND DIAPERS NEED TO BE CHANGED OFTEN AND FOR THE SAME REASON!**

Father: Don't you think our son gets his brains from me? Mother: Probably, dear. I still have all of mine.

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged.

However, while working as a student aide, Sam found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need Sam's help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let Sam wheel him to the elevator.

On the way down Sam asked him if his wife was meeting him.

"I don't know," he said. "She is still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

**Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs
2015 High Twelve International Annual Convention**

Fundraising Drawing

In order to raise funds to assist in the payment of expenses for the 2015 High Twelve Annual Convention to be held on June, 25, 26, and 27, 2015 in Philadelphia, PA , the Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs is

sponsoring tickets for a drawing of three prizes, as follows:

First Prize

Timeshare for One Week at The Pines RCI No. 0233
Mt. Jackson, VA 22842, 2013-2014 RCI Directory Pg. 38

Second Prize

Bulova Gold Plated Blue Lodge Watch

Third Prize

Lined Jacket with Logo of your choice

The tickets are \$10.00 each or three for \$20.00. Another option is to buy one ticket for \$20.00 and have your name listed as a sponsor in the Program Booklet for the 2015 Annual Convention.

Tickets may be ordered by mailing your check payable to:

"Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs 2015 Annual Convention"

Donald M. Whistler, PIP, Convention Chairman
348 Hillside Lane
York, PA 17403-4036

and indicate your selection:

One Ticket - \$10.00
Three Tickets - \$20.00
One Ticket and Sponsorship - \$20.00

The drawing will be held at the President's Banquet on Saturday evening, June 27, 2015.

You do not need to be present to win!

**94th High Twelve International Convention
Renaissance Philadelphia Airport Hotel
500 Stevens Drive
Philadelphia, PA 19113**

Hotel rates are \$119.00 per night for a single or double occupancy, plus applicable State and Local taxes at the time of check in, currently 9%. Rates are in effect for 3 days before and 3 days after Convention dates. Please make reservations directly with the Hotel by calling 610-521-5900. Hotel cut off date for reservations is 5/12/15.

Conventions Dates and Major Events

Thursday, June 25, 2015

8:30 A.M. - Tour Begins

Returns Approximately 3:00 P.M.

The tour group will leave the Hotel at 8:30 A.M., travel to downtown Philadelphia for a tour of the historical sites, proceed to Fairmount Park for a tour of the old Mansions and then arrive by 12:00 P.M. at the Academy of Natural Sciences at Drexel University for lunch. After lunch there will be opportunity to see the different area of exhibits there.

**3:00 to 5:00 P.M.
6:00 P.M.
your own)**

**Early Registration (Third Floor Mezzanine)
Cocktail Party (Two Free Drink Tickets per Person, dinner on**

Friday, June 26, 2015

8:00 to 10:00 A.M.
9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
9:00 to 10:30 A.M.
6:00 P.M.

Registration (Third Floor Mezzanine)
Business Meeting (Break for lunch - on your own)
Program for Ladies
Grand Masters Banquet

Saturday, June 27, 2015

9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. (Break for Lunch)
9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.
12:00 P.M.
6:00 P.M.

Business Meeting
Program for Ladies
Wolcott Foundation Luncheon
President's Banquet

Hospitality Room Hours:

Thursday, June 25th	3:00 to 5:00 P.M.	8:00 to 10:00 P.M.
Friday, June 26th	1:00 to 5:00 P.M.	8:00 to 10:00 P.M.
Saturday, 27th	1:00 to 5:00 P.M.	8:00 to 10:00 P.M.

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