

Hello Spring?! Now is the time to bring a friend to the High Twelve meeting, so they can see why you belong! **Think membership!**



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Congratulations to our members and ladies, celebrating their Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event in **February**. 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 with that Special Person!



President's Day – February 21st: Back in my school days, February was an important month — not just because it included the eagerly-anticipated Valentine's Day, but because even though it was the shortest month of the year, it encompassed two holidays for which public schools were closed: Lincoln's Birthday (February 12) and Washington's Birthday (February 22). Two school-free days for the kids, two days off for working parents, and terrific bargains on bedding, linen, and towels at department store white sales. What wasn't to like about February?

Nowadays, though, many of us — whether we be employees or students — don't get any weekdays off at all in February, or we're offered a single holiday that falls on the third Monday in February and is neither Lincoln's nor Washington's Birthday but some hybrid known as Presidents' Day. What happened to our traditional February holidays? And just what the heck are we commemorating on Presidents' Day?

Some of us think we're observing George Washington's Birthday (perpetually moved to more convenient Monday dates since 1971), some of us think we're celebrating the combined birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln (two formerly separate holidays smushed into one), and some of us think we're honoring the memory of all U.S. presidents past and present. Which is it?

Throughout the 19th century, George Washington was the towering figure of U.S. history to the American public. In honor of the man who commanded the Continental Army and led the American colonies to victory in the Revolutionary

War, served as first President of the United States of America, and earned the sobriquet The Father of Our Country, Washington's Birthday, February 22, was celebrated with more patriotic fervor than any holiday save the Fourth of July. Accordingly, the observance of Washington's Birthday was made official in 1885 when President Chester Alan Arthur signed a bill establishing it as a federal holiday. (Washington was actually born on February 11, 1732, under the Julian calendar in effect at the time he was born, but his birth date is reckoned as February 22 under the Gregorian calendar which was adopted in 1752.)

However, the seeds of confusion were sown in 1968 with the passage of a piece of legislation known as Uniform Holidays Bill, intended to create more three-day weekends for federal employees by moving the observance of three existing federal holidays (Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day) from fixed calendar dates to designated Mondays, and by establishing Columbus Day, also to be observed on a Monday, as a new federal holiday. (Subsequent legislation enacted several years later eventually restored the observance of Veterans Day to November 11.) Under this act, from 1971 onwards the observance date of Washington's Birthday would be relocated from February 22 to the third Monday in February. (Oddly enough, this change guaranteed that Washington's Birthday would never again be celebrated on his actual birthday of February 22, as the third Monday in February cannot fall any later than February 21.)

So far...so good! The date of observance of Washington's Birthday might have been tinkered with a bit, but the holiday was still undeniably Washington's Birthday. So what happened to Lincoln's Birthday? And whence came Presidents' Day? The concept of combining Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays into one holiday called President's Day was floated as far back as the early 1950s, as the *New York Times* noted in 1968:

The first uniform Monday holiday plan was promulgated by NATO [the National Association of Travel Organizations] in the early 1950's. It called for combining Washington's and Lincoln's Birthdays into a single President's Day, to be celebrated the third Monday in February, and shifting Memorial Day to the fourth Monday in May, Independence Day to the first Monday in July and Veterans Day to the second Monday in November.

This initial effort met with sporadic success in a few states. But after several years of attempting to get the individual states to adopt uniform Monday holidays, it became apparent that a Federal bill was needed to serve as an example for state action.

Although early efforts to implement a Uniform Holidays Bill in 1968 also proposed moving the observance of Washington's Birthday to the third Monday in February and renaming the holiday President's Day, the passed version of the bill provided only for the former. The official [designation](#) of the federal holiday observed on the third Monday of February is, and always has been, Washington's Birthday.

Although the Fall Edition did not get published last year, there WILL be the Spring Edition. I will use

articles submitted if they are still timely. Your input deadline for the Spring Edition is MARCH 15, 2019 to the international office or email secretary@high12.org

International President: Joseph Santisteban, PSP (IL):



Greetings High Twelvians, Brethren, and Ladies, I hope everyone is enjoying the New Year and you are working on your resolutions. I certainly enjoyed my time 'away from home' with my family in Arizona. While on vacation, I attended the National Sojourners Mid-Winter-Meeting in Tucson. I got another job this time, and I was also able to recruit two new High Twelvians...from Nebraska. They may just be the impetus needed to start a High Twelve Club in the Corn husker State. Later, I found out that a Brother from Montana also joined through our website. I love it!

While in Tucson, I attended the Sahuaro Club #523 meeting on January 17th. I was welcomed like a long-lost Brother and treated to a good breakfast. The President opened the Club on time, the Chaplain gave the opening prayer, and all gave the Pledge. I watched as a new member was initiated and another new member presented with his Certificate. All this took place on cue, without any direction. The Club members know the routine and just do it (as Nike says). At the end of the meeting, I was welcomed as a new member, making Kevin laugh later that day. I was really impressed with the members and the Club.

Our Mid-Year-Meeting in San Antonio went off on schedule, starting with a tour of the Alamo on Friday. The rest of the day went well, ending with a Reception at the Petroleum Club. The food there was excellent, and everyone enjoyed themselves. The next day, the meeting went well. It went off as planned, with a lot of information and resolutions presented and discussed. It was planned that way. I wanted this mid-year to be worth attending, and according to the feedback, it was. A Special Thank You goes to the Texas State President, Dan Coburn, and his 'team' for putting on an excellent meeting!

A special thing happened during the meeting on Saturday. I showed off my new 100k Endowment Fund Pin and spoke about the fund in general. Our Treasurer, Mark Nokes, got up and presented a check to our Secretary to join the Fund. He was followed by our 2nd VP, Jerry Hamilton, and a number of other attendees. There were a total of 11 new members added to our Endowment Fund as a result. I was speechless, well, almost. That's one way of supporting our organization. The other is by participating in its activities.



Photo above: Sahuaro Club #523 - New Initiate



Photo above: Sahuaro Club #523 members chowing down

I'm looking forward to the rest of our High Twelve year. I will be attending the Conference of Grand Masters in February and have been invited to at least two more State Conventions. A personal note - I'm not sure if this falls under fact or humor or fantasy but the current temperature in Illinois was **13 degrees**. According to the weather person, it feels like its minus **35 degrees**. Another good reason to relocate to Arizona! Guess I'll go crank up the heater and make some cocoa. Until

next time, stay safe, have fun, and watch out for each other. Fraternally, Joe.

How about a little humor at this point from the President! He answered the telephone. Hello, Senor Rod? This is Ernesto, the caretaker at your country house. Ah yes, Ernesto. What can I do for you? Is there a problem? Um, I am just calling to advise you, Senor Rod, that your parrot, he is dead. My parrot, Dewey? Dead? The one that won the International competition? Si, Senor, that's the one. Damn! That's awful! I spent a small fortune on that bird. What did he die from? From eating the rotten meat, Senor Rod. Rotten meat? Who the hell fed him rotten meat? Nobody, Senor. He ate the meat of the dead horse. Dead horse? What dead horse? The thoroughbred, Senor Rod. My prize thoroughbred is dead? Yes, Senor Rod, he died from all that work pulling the water cart. Are you insane? What water cart? The one we used to put out the fire, Senor. Good Lord! What fire are you talking about, man? The one at your house, Senor! A candle fell and the curtains caught on fire. What the hell? Are you saying that my mansion is destroyed because of a candle?! Si, Senor Rod. But there's electricity at the house! What was the candle for? For the funeral, Senor Rod. WHAT BLOODY FUNERAL??!! Your wife's, Senor Rod. She showed up very late one night and I thought she was a thief, so I hit her with your new Ping G15 204g titanium head golf club with the TFC 149D graphite shaft. SILENCE..... LONG SILENCE.....VERY LONG SILENCE. Ernesto, if you broke that driver, you're in deep caca.

His follow up! A cop is sitting in his patrol car at 2:30 a.m., watching the entrance to a bar. A man lurches through the door of the bar, falls down, gets up, staggers to the nearest car, collapses against it, takes a ring of keys out of his pocket, drops them, crawls around until he finds them, gets up, tries each key in the car door. None fits. He staggers around to the next car – and the next – drops and recovers his keys at each car, tries each key at each car. None fits. Eventually, he finds his car,

Opens the door, gets in, starts the car, and with jerks and erratic steering gets it over the curb and onto the street, where he lays rubber on the pavement and disappears zigzagging down the street. The cop takes off after him, and after a bit of a chase finally gets him to pull over and get out of the car. What's the problem, officer? I'm going to have to take you in. You're drunk. Oh, not me! I haven't had a drink since last week. Got that breath-a-thing? I'll show you. Sure enough, not a trace of alcohol. The cop's puzzled. I don't understand this. Why were you driving like you were drunk? Oh, that! Tonight, I'm the designated decoy.

International 1st Vice President: Jonathan Dilley, PSP (CA)



If you weren't at the High Twelve Mid-Year in San Antonio, TX, you really missed out! In addition to great food and a great tour, the Brethren actively participated in all of the open discussions of the business of High Twelve. I especially enjoyed spending time with those Brethren who have shown such great support as I have traveled from International 3rd Vice President to 2nd to 1st.

Additionally, I let the Brethren during my visits know how much High Twelve means to me as the years have gone by since I truly believe that High Twelve is uniquely positioned to not only provide Food, Fun and Fellowship, it has provided me with great mentors who have made this good man & Brother Master Mason and one lesson at a time, a Better Man.

I am looking forward to visiting the Brethren in Michigan during their Annual Conference as well as other Brethren in their State Associations and installation of Officers and I am looking forward to attending the Grand Conference of Grand Masters where it is hoped that we can maintain a foothold and build new bridges to new State Associations in States where there are currently none. I will also be traveling to Washington DC to meet with the parties engaged in and responsible for all of the great work that we do through the Wolcott Foundation.

As I made clear in the business portion of the meeting, not only have I felt great support as I have visited the various State Associations...I have also felt needed, wanted and appreciated. Chicago is right around the corner, so start your planning now and be sure to attend! I'm sure you won't want to miss it.

International 3rd Vice President: Mike Haxton, PSP (KS)



Hello all, I'm fighting a real bad case of writer's block tonight. I'm on pins and needles wondering if Punxatawny Phil is going to see his shadow. I don't think that I can take six more weeks of this winter.

Random thoughts about the Mid-Year-Meeting: Texans sure like big hats./San Antonio has a lot of electric stand up scooters./Our hotel food wasn't bad, but the Petroleum Club was amazing./Some people know how to project their voice./The River Walk is alive and well-and cool./Tapas./I really need my new glasses./We need a few more hackers./Shirtsleeve weather here, 0 in the North./The Groundhog saw his shadow, so an early Spring. I'm sure that will be good news to our Northern Brethren.

We saw a first draft of a Sustaining Life Membership at Mid Term. I presented it to the group to general favorable responses, but it is unfinished. And I need your help, opinions, and guidance as I work on it. The main features so far are set up to be sure that we are funded. As with most bodies that is done by taking your dues and multiplying them by enough years that a reasonable rate of return will provide funds for current operations with a little left over for growth. After some consultation, 25 years time's dues would work, given a 4.5% return on investments. Also we will only pay out 90% of the income, the other 10% will go into the Corpus as a hedge against inflation. I realize that is more than the usual 20 times, but interest rates are not what they used to be. And here is question number one – Should we in some years get a much better than average return, we want to divide up the windfall 4 ways. Corpus, International, State, and Club. **Should we include a rebate to still living Member under these circumstances?**

Never say never about a very good year on investments, and maybe some would like to get a little of their money back. Maybe not. Please tell me your thoughts on this.

What about a bad year? It will happen. It always happens.

Assuming that the fund would be in good shape, should all concerned get the usual amounts, or should they be limited to current income and proportioned as such?

We think that a painless way to get into the program would be spreading out the cost over time. 24 to 36 months has been mentioned. With electronic banking, this should be just like finding a SLM over time without a noticeable hit to our ability to raise Cain at the local bistro. Do you have an opinion on this? My email is at the top of this article.

We want a group of Fund Trustees who will be tasked with collecting the money, and to see that the fund is **professionally managed**. That means no pet banks, nobody's son in law, brother-in-law, or old buddy.

I think that a Trustee should be limited to no more than two terms, staggered, of course.

Also the majority of them should be elected by the members, and a minority appointed by the Executive Committee. If an EC appointment does an outstanding job, then the membership could elect him for one more term. What is your opinion on this?

Dues are different for every Club, so the cost of a SLM will vary. Most Clubs are in the \$20-\$30 range, but I know of at least one where the dues are \$75.00. Should a higher dues Club member be given some kind of a break?

If you are a dual member, and want a SLM in both Clubs, should you get any kind of break?

These are all valid questions, and I would like to see your thoughts. I thank you in advance.

The only purpose of a Life Membership is to support the Body after we pass. So it is an act of Charity, but for ourselves. I think that we can get that accomplished and still robustly support our Wolcott responsibilities. We are all Master Masons. We can do stuff.

Moving on, Lady Becky, Lifetime Friend Linda and I had a great time in San Antonio. I worked, and the Ladies shopped. I guess that was fair. Did you like it? If you liked it tell your fellow Twelvians, if you didn't tell Joe.

Next month I would like to report on your responses, so please, make your voices heard. Fraternaly, Mike

P.S. Phil saw his shadow, and you can order custom shirts for High 12 for 20, 30, and 40 dollars from The Patchwork Pup.

Add \$2 for each X over XL, and \$2 for a pocket. Talk to Glenda, tell her that it is a High Twelve order. The three levels of quality go from good - to really good - to Teflon coated REALLY, REALLY GOOD. My white shirt had red wine spilled on it, and you can't tell after one wash. Pretty much all colors are available, so maybe your club could decide on a uniform color. Price includes High Twelve Logo and your name.

We are working on a link to our website. Meanwhile, just click on the link below. International gets 10% of the proceeds to help operate the office.

[The PATCHWORK PUP](http://www.patchworkpup.com) if that doesn't work, here is their URL <http://www.patchworkpup.com>.; Fraternally, Mike.

International Secretary: Kevin Hokerk-Robinson, PSP (AZ)



The 2019 Mid-Year Conference held January 26th was very informative, fun and wonderful to see old friends and associate some names with faces!

The Mission tour we did on Friday was very enjoyable, weather cooperated very nicely. I use to commute to San Antonio for work and spent a lot of time in the River Walk/Alamo area. Had been to the Alamo many times to show my co-workers around - Amazing how much you forget over time! The biggest one was the 'line drawn in the sand' marker at the Alamo. The tour guide was excellent

and informative. For those who did not go you missed a good one.

I will be posting pictures of the tour, lunch and meals we had at the Petroleum Club in San Antonio on the High Twelve International website.

Club Secretaries: this is the time of year to get your memberships in order and file the ONLINE MONTHLY REPORTS (F-200 a & b) as the 2019-20 Per-Capita billing is just around the corner. Bills will be based on the March Monthly Report or last received. Would you believe that there are some 40 clubs that have not filed a report in the past 1-8 years! There really isn't an excuse except laziness. The online filing is EASY and only takes a few minutes to do. And if you don't have changes there is a box for that too! You may know there hasn't been any changes, maybe in months, but I don't get that thought through the ether. Don't forget Dues Cards for you members too.

As directed by our Bylaws and the governing board the following clubs were closed for non-payment of per-capita for the year 2017-18:

#050 Chestnut Hill, PA
 #576 District of Columbia, MD
 #775 Yorba Linda

There were 2 Bylaws Amendments that were presented and approved to move forward to the 98th Convention in June for a vote:

1. Changing Charter Revocation from 18 months to 24 months
2. Removing an officer from office (clubs, association & international)

These amendments will be published in the Spring edition, so all members are notified as per the Bylaws.

Association Secretaries: If you haven't gotten the EIN Validation Sheets returned to the International Office do so today as I have a deadline to have updated information to the IRS by February 28th!

Lastly, I announced that I will be retiring at the end of my term in June. I have had a good run these past 10 years. PIP Monty McMinn appointed me takeover Forms in 2009, PIP Merv Harris had me take over publishing the High Twelvan and PIP Donald Whistler appointed me International Secretary in 2012. But the time has come for me to pass the baton on to someone else. Rest assured that I will still be around to help/assist/guide my replacement so things will run smoothly during the transition period. It truly has been a pleasure to serve you, the members of this organization, that I have been a member of for 40 years.

2019 Mid-Year: At the Saturday evening dinner all present received a 'challenge coin' from Frank Galindo. This is quite a hobby that Frank has he designs the coins and then has them struck. This is something that he has a passion for over many years. The following picture is a sample.



THE WOLCOTT FOUNDATION INC.

Monthly News

The Philanthropic Educational Foundation of High Twelve International

*Providing Graduate Level Fellowships at
George Washington University, Washington, DC*



Brothers of High Twelve International:

Arizona Wolcott Foundation Member Awarded Top Honor - The Wolcott Foundation has many ways of showing appreciation to Wolcott Foundation members for generously contributing to the Foundation. The highest award for contributing is the **Wolcott Club Award**. This award is given to a member who contributes a minimum of \$1,000.00 over any twelve month period. The contribution may be made in a lump sum, or periodic payments over any twelvemonth period. Your Wolcott Foundation Trustee or Deputy Trustee for your state will be happy to work with you to help you achieve this goal.



Brother Art Montgomery, Past Club President of Cochise High Twelve Club No. 703 of Sierra Vista, AZ recently completed his year long quest to achieve membership in the Wolcott Club. Wolcott Arizona Deputy Trustee, Harry Brown presented Brother Art with his framed Certificate on January 11, 2019 at a club meeting. The award was accompanied by a letter from Wolcott Chairman Michael Clark thanking Brother Art for his contributions to the Foundation.

The Wolcott Foundation has several award level Certificates for individuals giving single or accumulated contributions from \$100.00 to over \$1,000.00 during a twelve month period. Remember that all High Twelve Members are also members of the Wolcott Foundation. Please contact your club's Wolcott Representative or your States Wolcott Trustee or Deputy Trustee for more information.

Wolcott Trustees Prepare for Selection Meetings: The five Wolcott Foundation Trustees have completed their individual selection process from the Applications received from students desirous of receiving a Wolcott Foundation Fellowship for fall of 2019.

On February 28, 2019 the five trustees will meet at George Washington University in Washington, DC and spend several days in discussion concerning each trustee's top picks and will decide which applicants will receive a coveted Wolcott Foundation Fellowship at George Washington University for the fall of 2019.

As is tradition, the Foundation Trustees will be joined by the High Twelve International First Vice President. This year we welcome Brother Jonathon Dilley of California to our annual meetings.

The Foundation trustees will also hear a Financial Report from the Foundation's Financial Advisor and will decide the number of Fellowships the Foundation will award based upon the performance of the Foundation's investments and total contributions made by High Twelve International/Wolcott Foundation members over the past year.

The trustees will also meet with Senior Wolcott Fellows and current Foundation Student/Fellows at a reception sponsored by George Washington University. This opportunity to visit with former and current Fellows is one of the highlights of the three-day Wolcott Trustees meeting in Washington. The Trustees will also meet with Faculty and Administrators during the session to receive information on any new University policies affecting our students.

An announcement of the students receiving Wolcott Foundation Fellowships will be made as soon as all Fellowship offers have been acknowledged and accepted by the recipients.

All Wolcott Foundation members are invited to access the Wolcott Foundation website to review information about the Foundation, Fellowships offered by the Foundation, and review the requirements and the Application for a Wolcott Fellowship. The address is www.wolcottfoundation.com.

**To all listed HTI members in the following states:
Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Louisiana and Texas.
Notification of Wolcott Zone Trustee Election:**

The Wolcott Foundation Bylaws stipulate that Zone Trustees serve for a term of five (5) years. At the end of that five year period, an election must be held in the Zone.

The Bylaws stipulate that Zone 3, consisting of the States of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Louisiana and Texas will hold an election for Zone Trustee in 2019.

High Twelve Members wishing their names to be placed in nomination for election must send a letter of intent to the Secretary of the Wolcott Foundation by March 1, 2019. The nomination letter must include a written endorsement from the nominee's Constituent Club or State Association within the Zone for which the nominee is a candidate.

The letter from the nominee must include an agreement to serve in

accordance with the Wolcott Bylaws if elected.

If there is more than one qualified candidate, an election for Zone Trustee will be held in Zone 3 between March 15 and May 15, 2019 in accordance with the Wolcott Bylaws.

If you are interested in placing your name in nomination for the position of Wolcott Trustee for Zone 3, please complete all applicable requirements listed above and send to:

Randy Spaulding, Secretary, 9415 South 300 East, Markleville, IN 46056. All mail must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2019.

If you have any questions, please call me or email me at the information below:

Michael E. Clark-Chairman, the Wolcott Foundation Inc., 616-818-5820 or at email mikecofgr@comcast.net

Michigan High Twelve Club Supports Job's Daughters: Members of Furniture City High Twelve Club No. 236 recently attended the Annual Installation of Bethel No. 10 Job's Daughters of Michigan at the Grand Rapids, Michigan Masonic Center.

Furniture City High Twelve No. 236 has annually presented a new member(s) of the Bethel with a charm bracelet for displaying charms received during their years in Job's Daughters.

Bruce Hayden, Past President of Furniture City High Twelve Club #236 and long-time chairman of the committee, presented the charm bracelet. Also in attendance were Furniture City High Twelve Club members Brother Tom Black, 1st Vice President, Brother Michael Coburn, 3rd Vice President, Past Club and State President, and current Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation Brother Michael Clark and club members Brother Omar Flores, Worshipful Brother Edgar Davies, Worshipful Master of Grand Rapids Lodge No. 34 and Brother Jacques Green. Brother Jacques daughter was installed as Honored Queen of Bethel No. 10.

Brother Tom Black presented a check to the Bethel of \$400.00 from the members of Furniture City High Twelve. Furniture City High Twelve has long been a supporter of Bethel No. 10 of Grand Rapids and we are very proud and honored to be able to provide each girl with a bracelet to hold the memories of her years as a Job's Daughter.

February Humor provided by Dennis Dugan, a member of the Village High Twelve Club, Lady Lake, Florida:

After I retired, my wife insisted that I accompany her on her trips to Target.

Unfortunately, like most men, I founds hopping boring and preferred to get in and get out. Equally unfortunate, my wife is like most women - she loves to browse, so I have to amuse myself until she is through.

Yesterday my dear wife received the following letter from the local Target store:

Dear Mrs. Dugan,

Over the past six months, your husband has caused quite a commotion in our store. We cannot tolerate this behavior and have been forced to ban both of you from the store. Our complaints against your husband, Mr. Dugan are listed below and are documented by our video surveillance cameras:

1. June 15: He took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking.
2. July 2: Set all the alarm clocks in House wares to go off at 5-minute intervals.
3. July 19: Walked up to an employee and told her in an official voice, 'Code 3 in House wares. Get on it right away'. This caused the employee to leave her assigned station and receive a reprimand from her Supervisor, who in turn resulted with a union grievance, causing management to lose time and costing the company money. We don't have a Code 3.
4. August 4: Went to the Service Desk and tried to put a bag of M&Ms on layaway.
5. August 14: Moved a 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.
6. August 15: Set up a tent in the camping department and told the children shoppers he'd invite them in if they would bring pillows and blankets from the bedding department to which twenty children obliged.
7. August 23: When a clerk asked if they could help him he began crying and screamed, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?' EMT's were called.
8. September 4: Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.
9. September 10: While handling guns in the hunting department, he asked the clerk where the antidepressants were.
10. October 3: Darted around the store suspiciously while loudly humming the 'Mission Impossible' theme.
11. October 6: In the auto department, he practiced his 'Madonna look' using different sizes of funnels.
12. October 18: Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed through, yelled 'PICK ME! PICK ME!'
13. October 22: When an announcement came over the loud speaker, he assumed a fetal position and screamed 'OH NO! IT'S THOSE VOICES AGAIN!'
14. Took a box of condoms to the checkout clerk and asked where the fitting room is?

And last, but not least:

15. October 23: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited awhile, and then

yelled very loudly, 'Hey! There's no toilet paper in here.' One of the clerks passed out.

Get a second opinion: Ever since I was a child, I've always had a fear of someone under my bed at night. So I went to a shrink and told him: I've got problems. Every time I go to bed I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy.

Just put yourself in my hands for one year, said the shrink. Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears. How much do you charge? Eighty dollars per visit, replied the doctor. I'll sleep on it, I said. Six months later the doctor met me on the street. Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having? He asked.

Well, Eighty bucks a visit, three times a week for a year, is \$12,480.00. A bartender cured me for \$10.00. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought me a new pickup truck.

Is that so? With a bit of an attitude he said and how, may I ask did a bartender cure you? He told me to cut the legs off the bed! Ain't anybody under there now! It's always better to get a second opinion.

The contributor from Arizona is Paul Weathers, who sends me articles and humor. Here is his latest: A LOVING HUSBAND...thinking back a few years, while living in Florida, I remember Hurricane Matthew. I was ready for it but my wife was not. When the wind reached a screaming pitch with the trees snapping and thrashing, the horizontal streaming rain, flying roofing, iron and destroyed fences, as well as the unnerving sound-levels, my wife was rooted to the spot. She stared and stared through the glass of the window. Immovable, with her nose pressed to the windowpane, the stark fear in her eyes will stay with me forever. Fortunately, as the eye of the storm arrived and the winds temporarily lessened, I was able to open the door and let her in.

And something serious from Paul: A reminder!!!



Here is how to understand the flag that lay upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers: Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776? Have you ever noticed that the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

- **The 1st fold** of the flag is a symbol of life.
- **The 2nd fold** is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.
- **The 3rd fold** is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.
- **The 4th fold** represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.
- **The 5th fold** is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'
- **The 6th fold** is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.
- **The 7th fold** is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic..
- **The 8th fold** is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

- **The 9th fold** is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.
- **The 10th fold** is a tribute to the father, for he too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.
- **The 11th fold** represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- **The 12th fold** represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.
- **The 13th fold**, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their Nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'

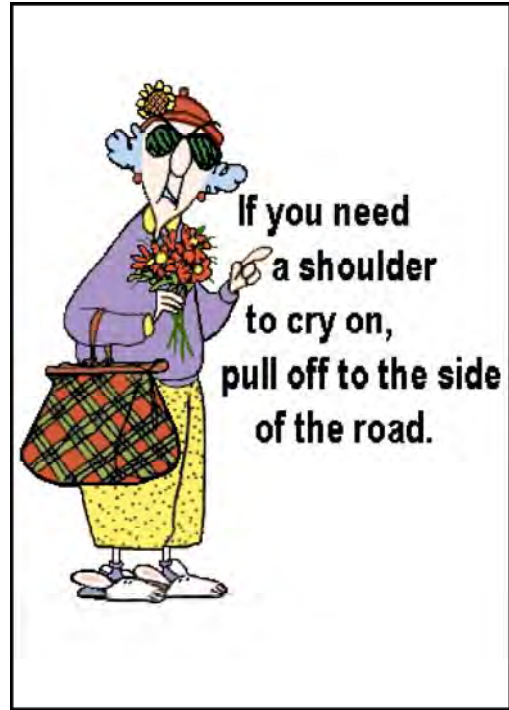
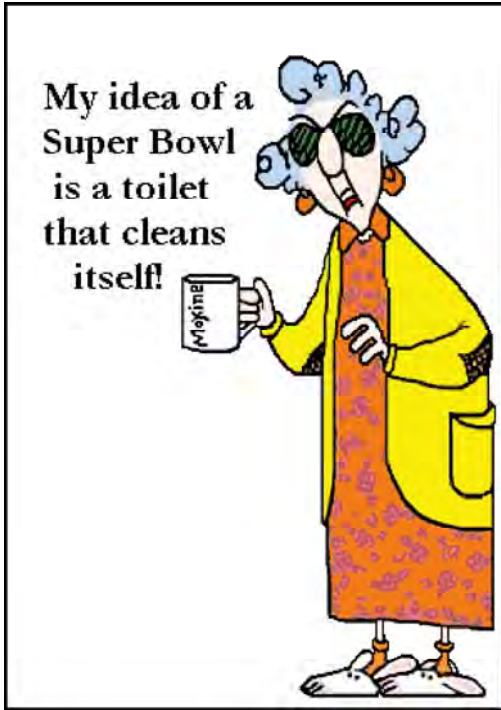
After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

Please share this with the children you love and all others who love what is referred to as the symbol of 'Liberty and Freedom.'

MAY GOD PROTECT US ALWAYS?
ONE NATION UNDER GOD WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

Light Humor by Paul:



The three following photos are to remind everyone that safety comes first.

Keep on believing! Nothing can go wrong.



This man's got his priorities straight!



I may be getting old, but I can still spot safety violations. This man has no hard hat, no safety glasses, no hearing protection and no gloves!



Plus no Brains!

Although the Fall Edition did not get published last year, there WILL be the Spring Edition. I will use articles submitted if they are still timely. Your input deadline for the Spring Edition is MARCH 15, 2019 to

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