

Summer has arrived! 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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MEMORIAL DAY - For nearly 150 years, Americans have gathered in late spring to honor the sacrifice of those who have given their lives in service to their country. What began with dozens of informal commemorations of those killed in the Civil War has grown to become one of the Nation's most solemn and hallowed holidays. From its earliest incarnation as Decoration Day to its modern-day observances.

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 with that Special Person!

International President: Dr. Ronald W. Woods, PSP (IN)

My brothers, by the time you read this I will be the Junior Past International President with all the rights and privileges due, whatever that may be.

This has been an interesting year met with honors and wows. With the new administration at the helm of the Wolcott Foundation I feel assured that the harmony that occurred many years ago will now continue.

Indiana State Association had a very successful display at the Indiana Grand Master's Annual Convention with almost all of our Brochures and display items gone at the end of two days. We also had a very good response from officers of Prince Hall and officers from Wisconsin and Connecticut, which we will follow up on.

During the High Twelve Annual Convention I made to the Executive officers and to the Convention as a whole, that we must become very proactive in gaining more clubs and that we should set a goal of forming not less than 20 new clubs a year over the next 5 years. Also each State Association should make an effort to work with all Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge in their jurisdiction.

I also proposed that The Chairman of Wolcott be an observer on High Twelve International monthly phone meetings and other meetings. Also that the same privilege be given by Wolcott to High Twelve International.

I also recommended that a traveling committee of some five or more High Twelve members, who firmly believe in the expansion of High Twelve should work together to form new clubs. Their purpose is to encourage State Association to become Proactive and work in States where there are independent Clubs and in States where there are no Clubs.

At the end of my office as International President I will again begin to work to develop new Clubs in Indiana and also in Kentucky. I thank you for allowing me to serve you this past year and look to the future of High Twelve.

International 2nd Vice President: Joseph Santisteban, PSP (IL)

Greetings fellow High Twelvians. It feels like time has really flown by, especially when you keep busy and are not counting days. Some of you remember the old GI days when many of us kept a short-timers calendar. That doesn't seem to work nowadays when so many of us are involved in multiple organizations. Imagine how many calendars we would have on our fridge door now!

I forgot to mention a very interesting and unexpected thing that happened to me on my way to the Michigan Convention. I stopped at a McDonald's to get some lunch. I was wearing one of my favorite baseball caps, the one that has Brothers Forever... on it. A gentleman was ahead of me as I approached the door and held it open for me. I returned the favor by holding the inner door open for him. We smiled and nodded at each other.

As we waited our turn, he turned to me, saw my cap, and asked if I was a veteran. I responded that I was. When he was called forward to place his order, he told the lady that he was buying my lunch. He turned to me and said, my way of thanking you. I was speechless (which is rare for me) and all I said was thank you. We sat together and talked about stuff. It was a rather nice way to take a break from driving.

During our brief conversation, the subject of the military and Masonry came up. Although he had never served, some of his relatives had. And although he was not a Mason, his father and uncle had been. I asked him why he wasn't and he said he didn't know much about it because his relatives didn't

talk about it. That was my opening. By the time we parted, he had the Michigan Grand Lodge Website and a couple of contacts. Might have recruited a new member.

You never know when you might run into someone in search of additional light, even though he doesn't know he's searching. It's always a good idea to know the contact information of your Grand Lodge. It also doesn't hurt to carry a Petition or Application with you. I always have a High Twelve Application with me, as well as for other appendant bodies. They're small and don't take up a lot of space.

Chances are that, by the time you read this month's newsletter, our Annual Convention will be a thing of the past. I'm looking forward to the Convention and to spending some fun and quality time with my fellow High Twelvians and their ladies. It's always nice to see familiar faces and making new friends. I hope that those of you who attended had a great time and that this Convention met your expectations!

Masonic trivia: Northern General Thomas Benton, also Grand Master of Iowa, ordered Federal Troops to protect Albert Pike's home and prevent the library from being burned when his troops took Little Rock, Arkansas.

Well, time for me to get moving. As always, stay safe, have fun, and take care of each other. Fraternally and Respectfully, Joe Santisteban, International 2nd Vice President.

International 3rd Vice President: Jonathan P. Dilley, PSP (CA)

A NIGHT AT THE RACES! For this month's report, I will share a wonderful idea that turned out to be a great success. We recently had our Mid-Year-Meeting for the California Association and following, we went to the Los Alamitos Race Track, where we had a private dining experience with our Brothers and Sisters from the Eastern Star, the Scottish Rite as well as the Shrine, Senior Living Community and multiple other bodies supported by our Brethren and their wives. It was a great success and we had 38 total people in attendance at what we have called our Quarterly High Twelve Joint Masonic and Masonic Family activity.

The idea for this event came when the question arose, What ever happened to date nights? This question came from a wife to her husband as they pondered all the Masonic Activities that they are encouraged to attend and be an active part of while at the same time sacrificing the time that they used to enjoy one with another to be with friends and family. It seems that in many cases, Masonic Activity has become a chore or a full-time job with very few benefits other than the promotion of Masonry.

While it is important to avoid the what's in it for me attitude, sometimes it is extremely important to remember to take time for oneself and our families.

With this thought in mind, at our last Annual Convention in Ontario, CA, I presented the idea to hold a quarterly activity for the entire Masonic Family hosted by High Twelve. The idea was to invite all the bodies and not just focus on a High Twelve Club or a specific body of Masonry but to include everyone and their friends and family. As a result, we agreed upon a night at the races where we could have a nice dinner in the Vessels Club at the race track and enjoy the horse races at the same time. It was a true success and we have already scheduled our next activity in September.

In short, we have had a wonderful month and I have seen Brothers and their wives (who are in many cases our Sisters) coming together as they should in this wonderful and magical Masonic family. Fraternaly, Jonathan Dilley, International 3rd VP.

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

High Twelve International 96th Annual Convention - June 9-10, 2017
Credential Forms have been added to the bottom of the **EVENT** notice.

As a **member** it is ***your responsibility*** to ensure that ***your*** CLUB and ASSOCIATION are represented in person or by proxy with instructions on how to vote!

The Club Masonic Representative *must attend the convention in person* - the **MARCH 31st** (or last received) **F-200b Online Officer Report** determines who this person is so check with your club secretary or call/email the international office.

All 13 Association Presidents are a members of the High Twelve International Governing Board by virtue of the office held (*it can be assigned by proxy to someone else who is attending with instructions on how to vote! if needed.*)

All this information and more can be found on the **EVENT PAGE** of the High Twelve International Website; Home Page.

California High Twelve Association, Oakland High Twelve Club #2:

President Fred Kao, Personal Representative. Oakland High Twelve No. 2 had their regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 22, 2017. The members and guests present enjoyed a timely and most interesting program presented by Dr. Kirsten Howe, J.D. who spoke on **Financial Frauds and Scams**. She was admitted to the California Bar in 1987. Dr. Howe earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Michigan and the J.D. cum laude at the University of California Hasting College of Law, where she was a member of the Thurston Society and Managing Editor of the Hasting Law Journal.

She spoke about the Frauds and Scams being perpetrated against Seniors

and the many ways they seek to line their pockets at the expense of the unknowing and unprepared. Not only Seniors but big and small companies, even government agencies, can fall victim to their tactics. In all a most informative presentation.

Oakland High Twelve meets for lunch and fellowship on the fourth Monday of the month. When? At high twelve noon. Where? At the beautiful Scottish Rite Center in Oakland, California. All Master Masons and their accompanied guests are always welcome. Fraternally, Secretary, Spencer Sargent, PSP.

Pictured below: Club President Fred Kao, Speaker Dr. Kristen Howe receiving a Certificate of Appreciation and Past State President Cleveland Valrey (USA Ret.)





Florida High Twelve Association, The Masonic High Twelve Club of Lake Worth No. 316:

Our 58th Year, The Masonic *Social* Club of the Palm Beaches.

The meeting was opened by Sydney King, President, lighting the Ritual Lights and opening the Bible; he then led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the opening Prayer. The President extended a Happy Birthday to Mayra Perez, and Happy Anniversary greetings to Lawrence and Bonnie Choman.

The President welcomed the President of the Florida State Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs, Inc., DeWayne Wiesenmiller and his Lady Jean, Ellen Shiffman (widow of Martin Shiffman, a former Master of a Lodge in Cleveland, Ohio), June and Art Citron, and Ron McGraw's Aunt, Ruth Lyon).

The President reported on the Government Bee, which was held on April 6, 2017, and which was a great success, and he gave the results to the meeting.

Secretary Bernhard Kainer then read the following message received from Christine Campbell-Gabor, Chair of Civics Education of the League of Women Voters: ... **It was a pleasure to work with you and all of your fellow Masons. I think that the Bee was a great success and look forward to next year's event.**

With our Ladies, there were eleven members of High Twelve, but for Mrs. Gabor we were all considered Masons. So, when we carry out an event like the Government Bee, we are like our motto says, Masonry in Action.

President DeWayne Wiesenmiller then spoke about his visits to various Clubs, bringing with him his Motto for this Year, which is asking the Clubs to

provide a modicum of fun at their meetings.

Our President Sydney King then presented Brother Wiesenmiller and his Lady with souvenirs of their visit with us.

The Little Red Schoolhouse collected \$14.00. The meeting was ended by the President closing the Bible and Ritual Lights, and reciting the closing Prayer.

The meeting was followed by a session of a Horse Racing Game, overseen by Brother Donald Bates and his Lady Mal. We had two exciting races with the winner of the Men's Division being President DeWayne Wiesenmiller, and the Women's Division winner was Ruth Lyons. A fun time was had by all. Best regards, Bernhard Kainer, Past President & Club Secretary.

Florida State News, Highland Lakes High Twelve Club #566:

Was visited and we always have a great time, food, entertainment and programs (not to be forgotten is the good-natured abuse by G. Gordon Goodman to PSP Ray) it is expected and enjoyed – Gordon's history is amazing and most entertaining a lifelong involvement with all of Masonry and appendant bodies – a well-respected leader for all age 90 plus Masons.

Each month a birthday cake is given by the members, who have a birthday, which is a nice touch – A new member was inducted - Brother Roy Nettgem - this club has been a recipient of the Raymond Turner Membership Trophy awarded yearly.

Lake Worth High Twelve Club #316:

The Second Annual Government Bee originated by The Masonic High Twelve Club of Lake Worth No. 316 was conducted by the School District of Palm Beach County at the Santaluces High School of Lantana.

The academic style competition among the seven participating high schools (Boynton Beach High School, Lake Worth Community High School, Royal Palm Beach High School, Santaluces Community High school, Seminole Ridge Community High School, Spanish River High School, and Suncoast High School) was double the number of teams that competed in the first annual competition held last year. This competition encourages teams of students to become engaged in the United States Government curriculum by going head-to-head with questions of varying complexity with lock-out buzzer systems.

The audience was at the edge of their seats watching as Seminole Ridge Community High School and Suncoast High School were in contention. Ultimately, Seminole Ridge Community High School won the overall competition, earning the prestigious Government Bee Champion Trophy. The winning team from Seminole Ridge Community High School consisted of

Rebecca Moccia, Kylie Shivers, John Etienne, and Nathan Frank, who's Coach, was Rose Carbone.

Second Place was won by Suncoast High School and Third Place was won by the team from Royal Palm Beach High School.

Awards were provided to the three winning teams by The Masonic High Twelve Club of Lake Worth No. 316, the Florida Government Finance Officers Association, the League of Women Voters, and the National Council of Jewish Women.

The event was a great success and we look forward to a successful third year in 2018. Thank You Bernhard Kainer another who serves our purpose daily.

Florida State officers continue to visit and attend Florida State High Twelve Club Meetings and Events - the State Executive Meeting was held May 18th - and the Grand Court of the Amaranth Florida State Association opening ceremony on May 18th, 2017, at the Hilton Orlando of Altamonte Springs.

Also, attending The High Twelve International Convention, Indianapolis in June – which promises to be exciting – high on the agenda is a subject of interest to the Florida State High Twelve Clubs and members – Wolcott, trustees, elections – last report from International Mid-Year-Meeting and new Bylaws presented to Wolcott.

State President Dewayne Wiesenmiller:

A recap of activities so far, and future plans for 2017. 2017 began with a trip to the Highland Lakes Club, during which time State Officers installed the newly elected Highland Lakes Officers.

State Officers attended the memorial for PSP Ray Turner. Brother Turner began the Award for most new members in a year.

State President and his Lady Jean represented the Florida State Association at the Installation of Knights Templar in Leesburg.

On January 17th, a post-convention Executive Board meeting was held to finalize expense payments for the December 10, 2016 Convention.

The last day of January was a visit to Capitol City to present the Ray Turner Award to our newest Florida HI12 Club.

Our State High Twelve Day was held February 18th at the LCSC, we raffled off baskets, each with a different theme, that were donated by Clubs and Individuals.

After a fine Meal, we were entertained by Rick Moore, a well-known and talented local singer. All had a great time.

A visit to Cortez Club in Bradenton during which Bob Cunningham, the New State 2nd VP was Installed.

The next visit was to Port St. Lucie with State Secretary Michael Hemphill, and the State President and his lady, at the luncheon meeting.

With sincere sadness State Officers attended the Memorial for Bob Rodd our State Chaplain. He was a PSP and a devoted member of High Twelve.

As a deceased PSP, a donation was made to his charity of his choice, the Shriners Hospital. A check, and a Certificate in his memory, was presented to his widow Kathy.

State Officers, many from their home club Hawthorne 547, made an official visit to Hawthorne High Twelve club, which is always a friendly and sociable gathering of members.

Highland Lakes was next on the visitation list and many State Officers were there.

The State President and his Lady Jean visited Lake Worth where they were welcomed and had an enjoyable evening.

State President represented High Twelve at the final Eustis Lodge meeting in the Eustis facility. They are merging with Tavares, and will be called **Peninsular Masonic Lodge**.

A large number of members traveled to Homosassa for the River Cruise. It was sponsored by Hawthorne Club #547 and well-coordinated by Ray Trudeau. See photo below:



The Villages High Twelve Club #674:

Most of our officers and members know that you need to go to the Lodges, Shrine Meetings, Scottish and York Rite Meetings or other Masonic Bodies to find new members. Occasionally, you may find someone, somewhere, who does not know what High Twelve is about and you may interest him into attending a meeting.

Have you ever thought about a resource that is just loaded with Masons and you can probably talk to them and they will be interested in joining your club. Can you guess who I am talking about? I hope you know the answer and will join in their functions and talk about High Twelve.

If you guessed Veterans Organizations, you are completely correct. Masonry and Military are very much alike. We are brothers, who you can depend upon and we have so much in common. Each of us are proud of what we belong to and will go out of our way to support each other.

As an example, in our High Twelve Club the President is former Navy. The Vice President is retired Air Force. I am now the Secretary and retired Army. The Treasurer is a Marine (Once a Marine, Always a Marine.) One of the Directors is a former Air Force member and the other Director is a retired New Jersey State Patrol Officer. If you went through the members, you would find a very high percentage of former retired and service members also. When presenting a Salute to Armed Forces members at the International Conventions, when the roll-call of former service members was taken, the percentage of prior service members was always higher than 65%.

So, do you think we do have something in common? I would recommend that you start attending the meetings of the many Military Organizations such as the Air Force Association, Air Force Sergeants Association, American Ex-Prisoners of War, American Legion, American Veterans (AMVETS), American Veterans for Equal Rights, Army and Navy Union of the United States of America, Association of the United States Army (AUSA), Blinded Veterans Association, Catholic War Veterans, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Fleet Reserve Association, Grand Army of the Republic, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Iraq War Veterans Organization, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, Marine Corps League, Military Officers Association of America, Military Order of the Carabao, Military Order of the Cootie, Military Order of Foreign Wars, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Navy League of the United States, National Guard Association of the United States, Navy Musicians Association, Navy Mutual Aid Association, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Retired Enlisted Association, Society of American Military Engineers, Society of the Cincinnati, Student Veterans of America, United States, Submarine Veterans, Inc., United States Submarine Veterans of World War II, Veterans' Alliance for Security and Democracy, Veterans for Common Sense (VCS), Veterans for Peace, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, (VFW), Vietnamese American Armed Forces Association, Vietnam Veterans of America, Wounded Warrior Project, Women Veterans of America (WVA) and many other organizations, which can be found on the Internet.

If you would start a campaign and begin visiting some of these organizations, you would find 100% of the members with prior service. If you go to the Masonic Organizations, only some of the members will be prior service.

The bottom line is to start making visits and see how many new members you can find and you won't be embarrassed if you can't remember the ritual or signs to gain admission. Good luck on your search for new members!

Northwest Masonic High Twelve Club No. 769:

Our speaker was Glen W, Egeland, President of Barrington Flower Shop in Barrington, Illinois, who expressed his lifetime involvement in the florist business.

Photo above showing our speaker Glen W. Egeland. Photo below shows State President, Charlie Coffey and Club President, John Peter Curielli.



His family has been in the florist business since 1919. A reduction in small florist ownership has been dramatic as the cost of local produced flowers has increased. Large percent of the flowers are now imported and distribution is concentrated to large distributors such as grocery business and Internet. Weddings and Funerals are normally handled by your local florist for the personal touch as well personal involvement such a local participation in Memorial services. Barrington Flower Shop is providing 250 roses for VFW Memorial services at local cemetery this weekend. Fly your flag this weekend.

Our attendance consisted of nine High Twelve members and two special guests, namely Mrs. Rosemarie Pegoraro, and Mrs. Jan Van Cleave. Our special dignitaries were Brother Charlie Coffey, State High Twelve President and High Twelve International Second President, Joe Santisteban; Brother Coffey highlighted our State Clubs involvement in a cash donation to IMOS fund that High Twelve donates at the Grand Lodge convention in October.

High Twelve International is presently seeking nominations for the 3rd Vice President position and he explained the duties involved. Brother Willie Meir, Secretary and Zone 4 Trustee for the Wolcott Foundation has decided to retire and his elected position is open. The thirteen Clubs will be involved in selection for Brother Meir's vacant position.

Our collections today yielded eighteen dollars for the Wolcott Fund and six dollars for our other charity.

Clarification with Brother Prakash Naik on the tour to BAPS Shri

Swaminarayan Mandir Temple, 1851 Illinois Route 59, Bartlett, Illinois will be on July 22nd, 2017 at 10 a.m. This field tour will be on Saturday. Medinah Leadership Training will be on June 10th (9:30 AM -1:30 PM) at the Medinah Temple, with an all free event for new officer's position at your Lodges. Contact President, John Peter Curielli for more details. Fraternally, Don Van Cleave, Secretary Treasurer.

We hope you had the opportunity to read the latest International newsletter as it contained some excellent article on the Wolcott Foundation. Brother George Rogers gave a Wolcott report at the Rainbow Girls meeting this month as did Brother Joe Pegorago reported on the Scottish Organization.

Keep our High Twelve Club members in your prayers as they attend the 96th Annual convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on June 8th to the 10th. Don Van Cleave, Secretary

Pennsylvania High Twelve Association:

Fellow High Twelvians, here are two photos from our Pennsylvania State Association Project. We planted flowers around the statute of George Washington in prayer at the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. This was held on Friday, May 12, 2017, in the AM followed by a luncheon. A presentation was given by Reverend William Hartman on the Freedoms in America. Also the Executive Officers of the Grand Commandery laid a wreath in memory of the departed brethren. Fraternally, Ralph Clemmer, PIP.





Pictures of our annual flower planting at Freedom's Foundation George Washington at Prayer near Valley Forge. This Bronze Statue was installed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania 50 Years ago this year. Pennsylvania State Association does this every year since John Law was the State President 2005 - 2006. Fraternally, Winton Hewitt, PIP & Pennsylvania State Secretary.

First Capital High Twelve Club # 668:

The newsletter this month is sponsored by Luther Sowers. The May meeting was held on May 22, 2017 at the Masonic Center of York. The May meeting will be the Annual Meeting. In addition to the election of new officers, the High Twelvians of the Year was announced. President Roger will provide a brief update on the State of the Club, and Past International President Don Whistler installed the new officers.

East Orange High Twelve Club #137:

At twelve noon, Proxy Donald Daume opened the meeting at our new location at Miranda's Café & Restaurant in Wayne, New Jersey. An invocation as given and the Salute and Pledge was given to our Flag and Republic. Welcome greetings were given to C. Secallus, Past President, Jeff Chan, Past President, members Gilbert Chernack (Secretary/Treasurer) and Alexander MacDonald and Ladies Anna Chan and Marion De Remer.

Notes for our last meeting (February) were reviewed by Secretary/Treasurer

Chernack. He noted our International Assessment of \$196.00 had been paid and that our checking account has \$2,538.75, with \$255 of that set-aside for Wolcott. Our seven month CD rolled over, paying a whopping \$0.01 percent yield.

A Get Well Card was sent to Ray Lehmann and an Anniversary card was sent to Fred & Lynn Berenbroick.

Under Old Business, we discussed Miranda's and possible other places to meet. Note that at the end of this meeting, all felt Miranda's ambiance, food, and service was very good. One couple did mention the \$27.00 per person price (was \$20.00 at Paris Inn.) Paris Inn has closed and is For Sale. We will come to Miranda's for June. Some would like to try a diner for lower cost. As in past years, we will meet through the summer.

Under New Business, we reviewed the Wolcott Data in the latest High Twelvian Magazine. Gilbert Cherrnack will order Dues Cards form the International Secretary. Don Daume will request names, addresses, phone numbers from him also as he would like to write to the other New Jersey High Twelve Clubs.

Other discussion included topics such as: MacDonald's activity in Special Olympics; the latest edits from our new Grand Master; Landmark #3; RW Brothers Holt and Quintana; Cursive Writing; some jokes, courtesy of Merv Harris in his Monthly Update.

The Benediction was given by J. Chan. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

The School House garnered \$10.00 and the lunch garnered \$7.00. Note that Miranda's required a minimum of 10 people but they only charged the eight in attendance. Respectfully submitted, Donald Daume.

Paul Weathers, PM and member of Old Pueblo High Twelve Club #773 in Tucson, AZ.

THE HOLY BIBLE

By Paul Weathers, PM

Freemasons revere these Holy Writings as our rule and guide for how we should live a life of morality. To us it is one of the Three Great Lights along with the Square and Compasses. No lodge meeting is to be opened until the Three Great Lights are properly and respectfully arranged on the Masonic Altar, slowly and with at least as much reverence as is given to the Flag of our Nation. This reverence varies by the individual Brother in the ways he has been taught or by means of his sincere devotions. Some place their right hand over the heart, others with the right and left arms crossed across the vital life

organs, the chest. The Lodge Master should remove his head covering, if one is worn.

By some understanding of the Bible's history we can better understand why it is so revered. And we're not only free to read and study its contents, we're strongly encouraged to learn and practice the lessons that are to be found in those great book of 66 books between the old and new testaments. It is by their lessons and those we obligated ourselves to as we swore to as we proceeded through the symbolic and age old Masonic foundation degrees.

The history of the Holy Bible appears to have had its start with the first of God's word being delivered to Moses in the form of the Ten Commandments, circa 1400 BC. We have no information of others until about 500 BC, when the Hebrew Manuscript of the 39 books of the Old Testament was completed. Then in about 200 BC, the Septuagint Greek Manuscript was completed. It contained the 39 books of the Old Testament and the 14 books (of uncertain and questionable authority).

Then we move into the AD dating. In about 315 AD, the 27 books of the New Testament were identified by Anthenasius, Bishop of Alexandria, which is recognized in modern times by most Christians as the accepted Authority of Scripture. By 500 AD, the Bible had been translated into more than 500 languages around the globe. But in about 600 AD the Catholic Church allowed only the Latin Language Bible, and the common man was forbidden to learn to read it, only the Church Authority was allowed to read and translate its meanings for teaching the people (mind control?)

It wasn't until about 995 AD that the Bible was translated into the early forms of the English language. Wycliffe hand wrote a manuscript copy of all 80 books. Then in 1455 AD, Gutenberg invented the printing press and the Bible could be printed in mass production. The first ones had to be printed in Latin for The Church. Then Myles Coverdale Bible was printed in the English Language. This Bible contained the 80 books, consisting of the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the 14 dubious Apocrypha books. In 1539, the Great Bible of 80 books was published for the general public.

I now submit that we should appreciate and revere those 66 great books, now that we know the history of its struggles, allowing us the liberties and encouragements to do so.

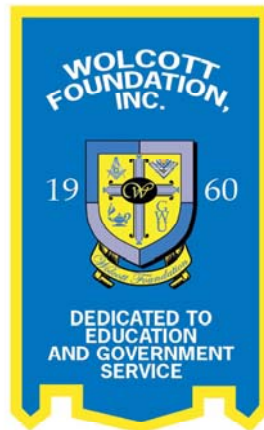
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The Philanthropic Educational Foundation of High Twelve International

Providing Graduate Level Fellowships at

George Washington University, Washington, DC



The Real Purpose of the Wolcott Foundation Michael Clark, Chairman

Each time you put money into the Little Red School House or make a contribution to the Wolcott Foundation, what is it that you are accomplishing?

The Wolcott Foundation has gained wide respect in the field of education for its work in providing Fellowship Grants at George Washington University (GWU). These prestigious Awards are greatly sought after by the incoming graduate students in International Business, Public Management and International Affairs at the University. Fellowships are restricted to only those students who exhibit outstanding scholastic achievement, social awareness and service, and high individual moral standards. All qualities we as Masons admire and respect.

So what is it that sets the Wolcott Foundation apart from any other Fellowship or Scholarship granting organization at George Washington University or any other university?

We are the oldest Fellowship granting organization providing funds for graduate level students at GWU. Each Award carries a responsibility for the recipient. Each person chosen as a Wolcott Fellow is required to enter into a legal contract with The Foundation agreeing that he or she shall serve in a non-political governmental department or agency, or in a position clearly benefitting our nation in international business for a period of four years. Otherwise the individual must repay The Foundation for the educational cost from which he or she has benefited.

The thrust of the Wolcott Fellowship Program is to bring to the brightest of young people with an interest in government service and international business, an opportunity to become our leaders of tomorrow. For this we proudly say,

The Wolcott Foundation is An Investment in the Future of Our Country.

So what is the real purpose of The Wolcott Foundation? It is not to promote Masonry, High Twelve or even the Foundation. However, the Wolcott Fellows are well aware that the money for their tuition comes from the Masonic Fraternity.

They learn from our conversations and publications, that High Twelve International and The Wolcott Foundation work together to raise the money required for each of them to obtain the opportunity to achieve their goals and dreams of public service to our country.

No, the real purpose is shown below in the faces of some of the recipients of Wolcott Foundation Fellowships. These are the future leaders of our country in the many organizations within our federal, state, and local governments. These are our future Ambassadors, Government Department Heads, and Government Representatives traveling throughout the world showing American leadership and managing programs that promote the good of the American people.

What is the real purpose of the Wolcott Foundation?

It is the education of those future leaders.

What better purpose could we as Masons support and promote!

Please contribute as much and as often as possible.



Gerald A. Edgar, Dubuque, IA Club #119:

My first exposure to High-Twelve was when my Dad's boss 'borrowed me as his guest at a 'bring your son to High-Twelve' Meeting back in the early 1960's. (Brother Cliff Ecklund, CEO of a major mfg. company only had a daughter). This is relevant due to a distinct memory of that meeting. There I was, a 13 or 14 years old sitting among 40 or so dark-suited businessmen and professionals at lunch. It was a who's who of Dubuque, Iowa. Among the distinguished Brothers present (I learned later) was an attorney, Chuck Kintzinger, who became President of the Iowa Bar Association and Mayor of Dubuque, Richard Loetscher, CEO of Farley & Loetscher, at one time the largest wood-working plant in America and Brother Edwin Lyons, owner of five business colleges in Iowa and a major philanthropist.

The special memory was when they passed around a school house for the Wolcott and one apparent new member asked, who & what is this Wolcott foundation, why don't we give money to a 'real' charity?. I wondered that too as I certainly knew of the Red Cross, American Cancer Society et al but nothing called 'the Wolcott'. The response to the query came from a very earnest man who proceeded to give an impassioned explanation as to what the Wolcott was about, its uniqueness, etc. I did not see this respondent again until I was being Raised in Mosaic #125 @ Dubuque at age 24 - he was my Lodge Secretary. Two years later, he left his long time 'job' as Secretary to become the Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, by then I knew him very well. Of all my experiences with this 'home town' Grand Master, Brother Harry Muellich, the one that stuck was his explanation of the Wolcott.

Thirty plus years later, married and with a son, who like me and my Dad, had been a very active DeMolay Boy, began the laborious process of applying for a Wolcott Fellowship. We had invaluable assistance from the late Brother Don Schoof, who was Iowa High Twelve's Wolcott rep for many years. Eventually, our son did receive a Wolcott scholarship, graduated with honors with an MPA and for a decade now has been a County Engineer (P.E.) with Queen Anne's County in Maryland and a consulting engineer for a U.S. Navy weapons vendor. Like his male ancestors going back to at least 1840, he is a Mason as well. He normally attends the Wolcott reception at GWU. Indeed I attended with him a few years ago and was very impressed with the quality of the Wolcott recipients AND the high regard they earned from GWU faculty & staff.

Like my Dad, who at his death three years ago was the earliest serving Past President of the Dubuque Club #119, Lee and I have a great affinity for Masonry, DeMolay and High Twelve. We also know first-hand why the 'Wolcott' is one of the crown jewels among the many Masonic charities. Thanks Brothers! Gerald A. Edgar - Dubuque, Iowa Club #119.

Wolcott Foundation Treasurer Robert Morton, Trustee Zone 6:

I am proud to announce that **The Wolcott Foundation** has Acceptances' from the 2 Graduates, who have Accepted the 2018-2019 Wolcott Foundation Fellowships!



Grant Holyoak graduated from Utah State University with a GPA of 4.00. He received a Bachelor of Arts Sociology and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. He will be attending The Trachtenberg School of Public Policy & Administration at GWU.

William Gilman graduated from The University of Tennessee with a GPA of 3.99. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science & Global Studies. He will attend The Elliott School of International Affairs at GWU.



Humor

A teacher asked her students to use the word beans in a sentence. My father grows beans, said one girl. My mother cooks beans, said a boy. A third student spoke up, We are all human beans.

Stella, 6, and her mommy were talking. Stella: I'll bet you can't wait until I'm a teenager! Mommy: Actually, I can. Stella: Why? Mommy: Because I like you being sweet. Stella: I'll still be sweet when I'm a teenager. I'll just have an awkward way of showing it.

A wife complained, You never listen to me. You only hear what you want to hear...The husband replied, Sure honey, I'll have a beer.

A grandmother overheard her 5-year-old granddaughter playing wedding. The wedding vows went like this: You have the right to remain silent, anything you say may be held against you, you have the right to have an attorney present. You may kiss the bride.

Jim decided to tie the knot with his longtime girlfriend. One evening, after the honeymoon, he was cleaning his golf shoes. His wife was standing there watching him. After a long period of silence she finally speaks. Honey, I've been thinking, now that we are married I think it's time you quit golfing. Maybe you should sell your golf clubs. Jim gets this horrified look on his face. She says, Darling, what's wrong? There for a minute you were sounding like my ex-wife. Ex-wife! she screams, I didn't know you were married before! I wasn't.

My friend's son worked at a fast-food restaurant when he was in high school. One night while he was manning the drive-thru, a customer told him that the intercom wasn't working properly. My friend's son went about filling the order while a female co-worker fiddled with the intercom. After making some fixes, she asked, Is that okay now? Well, no, the customer replied. Now you sound like a girl.

The company where I work provides four-foot-high cubicles so each employee can have some privacy. One day a co-worker had an exasperating phone conversation with one of her teenage sons. After hanging up, she heaved a sigh and said, No one ever listens to me. Immediately, several voices from surrounding cubicles called out, Yes, yes we do.

A father was buying bass lessons for his son. After the 1st week the father asked him what he had learned. The son said, on my 1st lesson we learned about the E string. The 2nd week came and after the lesson the father asked what he had learned that week. The son said, on the 2nd lesson I learned about the A string. The 3rd week came by and the father said to his son, you know these are expensive lessons, what have you learned this week? The son said, I quit the lessons, I already got a gig.

Two businessmen walk into a diner in the countryside. They have decided to stop there for lunch, so without ordering anything they sit down, take out sandwiches from their bags and begin to eat them. The waiter sees this and says to them, You can't eat your own sandwiches in here! So the

businessmen look at each other, shrug, and swap sandwiches.

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