



High Twelve International June Up-Date

June 10, 2023

Summer Time!



Mark D. Nokes, President High Twelve International, Inc.

Greetings,

Last the few months Lisa and I have been busy traveling to several State Associations, Grand Lodge Annual Meetings and presenting charters to new clubs. Thank you to everyone for your gracious hospitality and wonder fellowship.

We began our latest travels in Algona, Iowa for the North Central Association for Twelve for their 76th Annual Convention. The meeting was very productive and with a lot of enthusiasm from the newly elected and appointed officers.



We found our way to Lapeer, Michigan for the Michigan High Twelve State Association Meeting. It was my pleasure to meet Deputy Grand Master Larry Hudson of Michigan. RWB Hudson is a great supporter of High Twelve: his motto is "we are builders and need to build clubs rather than close them". Thank you for the privilege of installing the State Officers for Michigan. A few weeks later we would had the honor to meet RWB Hudson at the Michigan Grand Lodge Annual meeting: he was elected **Most Worshipful Brother Grand Master of Michigan F.&A.M.** Thank you for recognizing High Twelve at your convention, it was a wonderful honor and privilege. My thanks again for the wonderful fellowship at both events.



**Most Worshipful Brother Grand Master Larry Hudson
Grand Lodge of Michigan F.&A.M.**

We traveled to Omaha to Charter (recharter) Club #68. We traveled to Omaha where they are known for steak: what happened, we ate at a Spaghetti House, just saying. Regardless, the food and service were exceptional. Thank you to State President of Kansas Phil Gicalone and PIP Mike Haxton for joining us for dinner. Also, John Robbins Past President Kansas made the trip to Omaha.

It was my honor to have as a guest RWB David Greenberg (recently moved from Highland Park, IL.) Please welcome Brother Greenberg as one of our newest members.



Omaha High Twelve Club #68

We stayed in west to visit Kansas for their State Association meeting. Special thanks to Becky & Mike Haxton, PIP for their making arrangements for my travel to and from the airport. I had the pleasure of attending Wyandotte Lodge No. 3. A bit of history: Wyandotte Lodge No. 3, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, a fraternal organization, dedicated to community charity and to promoting Brotherly Love, was first organized in Wyandotte County, Kansas in 1854 and chartered by the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Wyandotte was proudly the first Masonic Lodge in the Kansas territory and was then known as Grove Lodge. When the Grand Lodge of Kansas was organized in 1856, Grove Lodge became the third Lodge chartered by them and was renamed Wyandotte Lodge No. 3.

The following day we gathered at a local restaurant as the Kansas State High Twelve Association. The Officers where elected and duly installed.



Wyandotte Lodge No. 3, WM Phil Gicalone



Kansas High Twelve Officers

We headed southeast to Florida for their Grand Lodge Annual Meeting. Like all the places we were privileged to visit, the hospitality and fellowship was wonderful. Thank you to the Florida State Association for the wonderful display for your Association. Special thank you to RW Grand Senior Warden Taleb T. Atala for your gracious welcome and hospitality from many of the DDGM's I had the pleasure to meet. Most Worshipful Glen W. Bishop congratulations being on elected Grand Master of Florida. We wish you all the best.





Springfield Masonic Community High Twelve Club #483 - OH

On April 25th at their regular meeting the SMC Club #483 was pleased to host cane maker Brother Woody Combs, a 65 year Mason of the 32 degree, and member of the Antioch Shrine car club. Making his first formal presentation on the subject of his hobby, he regaled the audience with tales of the origins of the 14 beautiful canes and walking sticks he has made. As an inveterate craftsman he had polished each cane before the meeting and passed them around for the audience to heft and examine.

The intricate designs capitalized on the beautiful original materials, such as pool cues, in some cases. But just as many were original designs from the bottom up, some in large sizes and some smaller for female users.

Everyone got a chuckle when he mentioned that he had used some 50mm shell casings to provide brass details and added strength on a few canes.

Woody answered questions from the audience and received a hearty round of applause from the enthusiastic crowd.

Dan Shirk, President and Joe Stewart, Sec./Treas.
SMC Club #483, Springfield, OH









Oakland High Twelve Club #2 - CA

Shazam! Comic Books Make Big Impact

by Bruce A. Rick

The speaker at a recent meeting of High Twelve Club #2 of Oakland California let the attendees touch and read some of his most sought after comic books that he didn't include in his just-completed comic book auction.

High Twelve Scottish Rite Valley of Oakland member James "Jim" Strehlow shared how the comic books he enjoyed as a kid stayed with him throughout his adult life.

From the time Jim was six years old, when his mother asked him to, "...please store the comic books you have been buying, in this one area of your closet." Whether this was foresight on collectibles or simply neatness was never explained but ensured that his future collection would be well

cared for. He even made shelving for his growing collection in his 8th grade Woodshop Class.

Early on in his comic book purchasing decisions, Jim decided to focus on Marvel Comics as his primary source. Jim said, "I was most impressed by the stories by writer Stan Lee and the color quality in the Marvel publications." In addition, he knew that he could easily purchase No. 1 editions at a fair price. This was supported by his regular use of comic book catalogs. In the attached picture, Jim holds his most cherished comic, *Marvel Tales* Issue #1 published in 1964. Jim said, "Why was I so interested in that particular comic book? That issue included the "origins" of *The Amazing Spider-Man*, *The Incredible Hulk*, *Giant-Man* and *the Wonderful Wasp*, *The Mighty Thor*, *Sgt. Fury and his Howling Commandos*, and *The Power of Iron Man*."

Having decided it was time to reduce his full collection, he selected his most valuable comic books and sent them off to be independently rated before deciding on an auction site. Each comic book received a quality rating and bid value. He then contacted a brick and mortar auction house and set a date. After the bidding war was held, his collection went for over \$40,000.00!

As the wrap up to his talk, Jim let the audience pass around three of his less valuable comic books with an apology of, "only \$300.00-400.00 apiece" and said the next auction "won't be for another year or two". We look forward to his hearing about his next auction results!

Speaker Jim Strehlow holding *Marvel Tales* # 1 (1964)



CHI-ILL High Twelve Club #791 - IL

Greetings Brothers, Fellow Twelvians and Twelvettes!

CHI-ILL High Twelve Club #791 has a long standing passion of working with community groups and special causes. So for the second time CHI-ILL High 12 Club is working with Special Olympics to help fund raise with The Chicago Ducky Derby! The Chicago Ducky Derby takes place on Thu Aug 10th, 2023 and sees countless Rubber Ducks dumped into The

Chicago River for a one of a kind attraction!. CHI-ILL High Twelve Club will be selling Ducks to enter the race! While there will only be some winners, everyone that participates is a winner for having helped the amazing cause that is the Special Olympics!

If you want to find out more please visit The CHI-ILL High Twelve Ducky Derby team page at <https://www.duckrace.com/Chicago/teams/12137>

Marty Kwilosz, Secretary



**Special
Olympics**



Omaha High Twelve Club #68 - NE

Omaha Club #68 was pleased to be welcomed to the High Twelve International family and to receive its charter from the hand of the International President on May 16th at its first meeting. The Immediate Past International President was also present and took part in the welcome.





Liberty High Twelve Club #780 - PA

Greetings Fellow High Twelve Brethren

Just wanted to update you on how the club is making a comeback after 2 years on hiatus. With that said, we had our first meeting on May 28, 2023 at 1:00 PM we met at King George Inn, 102 Radcliff street, Bristol, PA. It was a Great Day of Fellowship. We had four new members join. Our next meeting will be June 25, 2023. At this meeting, we will have two new members join. Also, our program for that day will be Philadelphia Rainbow Assembly, Presented by Mrs. Taralyn Shinn. The Pa State Officers installed the new-elected officers of the Club. Brother Daniel A. O'Rourke, President, Brother Norman Branyan Representative to Blue Lodge, Brother Kenneth Shinn 1st VP and Brother Daniel O'Rourke installed the 3 new members afterwards. The presence of our State Officers was very much welcomed and appreciated. Our immediate Past State President Jared Kichline attended and gave his support and remarks as well!

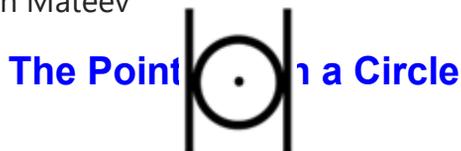
Great day for High Twelve International, High Twelve Pennsylvania, and for Freemasonry overall!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Daniel A. O'Rourke, President
Liberty Club #780



President's Club High Twelve Club #1002 - Bulgaria

Submitted by: Plamen Mateev



As an ancient symbol:

The Point Within a Circle symbol, along with many other “Masonic” symbols predates the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England and also the stonemasons of the Middle Ages, from whom we have documentation of their Old Charges, Old Constitutions, and Old Charters. The circumpunct is an age-old symbol that signifies God, the origin of creation, and everlasting existence. To astrologers and astronomers, it embodies the sun, while alchemists perceive it as symbolic of alchemical gold, and Kabbalists refer to it as Keter. The dot at the center of the circle is representative of the universe's divine essence, with the circle encompassing it symbolizing the world or cosmos that we inhabit. Some masonic scholars like Albert Mackey see this symbol also as the modification of the sun-worship into the worship of the Phallus, but more precisely in the union of the male (point) and female (circle), that represent the prolific powers of nature.

Masonic interpretation:

For Freemasonry this symbol represents Saint John the Baptist with his feast on 24th of June (which is also known as “Eniyovden” in Bulgaria) and Saint John the Evangelist with his feast on 27th of December. Both of them are Patron Saints of the Craft. Even though most of our Brethren

celebrate these feasts, few of them know the exact reason behind this. During ancient times, celebrations took place on these two specific days because they were considered to be symbolic of the Summer and Winter Solstices. These solstices were significant as they represented the recurring cycles of life. Today, our Summer Solstice is June 21st and our Winter Solstice is December 21st (celebrated by the old Bulgarian tradition as "Egnazhden"). The two festivals were observed to honor the initial fruits of Spring and the Autumn harvests. These festivals also marked the zenith and nadir points that the sun reached in its movement. They were symbolic of a period of rejoicing in the abundance of the harvest that grew from the Earth's seeds. In our speculative Craft, the two festivals signify the joy of receiving the rewards of one's hard work.

Although there is no historical proof of the affiliation of either of the Saints John with the stonemason craft, they have been chosen as the two patron saints of Masonry due to their virtuous lives and strong personalities.

The meaning behind the point within a circle symbol can be interpreted as follows: the point represents the individual Brother, and the circle represents the limits of his responsibilities to God and his fellow man. It is vital that a person does not permit their biases, desires, or vested interests to lead them beyond these boundaries.

Gnostic interpretation:

Manly P. Hall, a respected Masonic scholar, believes that the circumpunct symbolizes the gateway to all knowledge, which is encompassed within the dot, line, and circle. The concept behind the symbol is that the dot represents universal consciousness, the line represents universal intelligence, and the circle represents universal force. By visualizing one's soul as the dot within the world, the symbol helps to realize this truth. The supreme and primary symbols are the dot, line, and circle, with the dot representing the spirit, the line representing the means, and the circle representing the end. As light rays travel farther from their source, they weaken, and similarly, motion away from self, results in a decrease in consciousness and power, while motion toward self leads to a corresponding increase in consciousness and power. To find order, one must first look within and find true order by silencing the chaotic world outside by meditating and finding the center of space within each individual. 33rd degree of Freemasonry has the motto ORDO AB CHAO, which means "Order out of Chaos" in Latin and if we want to find order in our lives, we need to first look within ourselves. We can't find true order by looking outside, even in books. The ultimate goal of introspection is to connect with our true self and our soul, which requires us to "KNOW THYSELF." To achieve this, we must turn inward and explore our inner selves.

Don't forget to register!
Hotel special rate ends on June 14th!!
Just go to the HTI website, login, click on the
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High Twelve International, Inc.
102nd Annual Convention
July 14-16, 2023

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Transportation:

If flying in the closest airport to the hotel is [Chicago O'Hare](#)

The number to call for the Hotel Shuttle is **773-867-0000**, ext 5

****do not call the shuttle until you have your luggage****

Convention Registration will close June 15th 2023.

7/12 Wed:

6pm - Get-Together - Hospitality Room (2nd fl) Finger Foods and Drinks

7/13 Thur:

Illinois High Twelve State Convention (day)

Evening Welcome Reception Hosted by IL High 12 State Association & High 12 International President & First Lady
Illinois High Twelve Ladies will travel to Rivers Casino

7/14 Fri:

6-9am – Breakfast at hotel restaurant.

9:00a – Necrology Service And General Session opens.

9:30a – Spouses tour departs Hotel : **Chicago River: 1.5 Hour guided Architecture Cruise. Lunch at Michigan Ave-Lou Malnati's Pizzeria and enjoy the Chicago Riverwalk & some shopping**

12:00p - Men's Lunch

1:00p – General Sessions continues

4:00p – Spouses arrive back at the Double Tree

5:30p – Grand Masters Dinner

7:30p - Nominees Caucus (*All Nominees and Delegates Must Attend*)

7/15 Sat:

6-9a – Breakfast at hotel restaurant

8:30a – Credentials Opens
9:00a – General Sessions continues

9:30a – Spouses Event: **Bottle & Bottega**. **Transportation snacks and “Mimosa’s” included *transportation leaves 9:45 a.m. Mimosas and non-alcoholic drinks along with finger foods. Lunch not included, must purchase a Wolcott Luncheon entree or lunch on your own.**

12:00p – Wolcott Foundation Luncheon and General Membership Meeting.
1:00p – General Sessions continues (Election of Officers)
6:30p – President’s Dinner and Installation of 2022-23 Officers

7/16 Sun:

6-9am – Breakfast at hotel restaurant
Departure day

You can make your travel arrangements and hotel reservation now



To make your registration easier for the Event - Tours - Meals ==> log into your account and your basic information is prefilled for you! Just enter your email address into the upper right corner and your password, then go to the event and click on register. If have never logged into your account or forgot your password click on the 'forgot password' link and follow the instructions in the email you will receive. *There MUST be an email associated with your membership record for this process to work! Contact the international office to have an email.*

Daily Breakfast - Included with those staying at the Hotel.

Friday Spouses Tour - Chicago River: 1.5 Hour guided Architecture Cruise. Lunch at Michigan Ave-Lou Malnati’s Pizzeria. We will have time to enjoy the Chicago Riverwalk & some shopping. **\$75.00**(per person).

Friday Men’s Lunch - Make-your-own sandwich buffet, Chicken Noodle Soup Vegetarian Chili, Dessert. **\$35.00** (per person)

Friday Evening Grand Masters Banquet

18 Hour BBQ Beef Brisket - **\$55.00** (per person

Three Cheese Ravioli Pomodoro - **\$50.00**(per person)

Pommery Apricot Chicken - **\$50.00**(per person)
*with, Waldorf Chop Salad/Bread Basket, Roasted Carrots, Roasted Yukon Potatoes, Lemon & Blueberry Tarts

Saturday Spouses Tour - Bottle & Bottega - Transportation snacks and “Mimosa’s” included *transportation leaves 9:45 a.m.
Mimosas and non-alcoholic drinks along with finger foods.
Lunch not included choose entrée below for lunch - **\$50.00**

Saturday Wolcott Luncheon (For Everyone)

Herb-Crusted Pork Loin - **\$35.00**(per person)
Tipo De Zucca Pasta - **\$30.00** (per person)
*Caeser or Tossed Salad/Mixed Bread Basket, Roasted Potatoes, Bake Shop Cookie Selection/Dessert Bars.

Saturday Night Presidents Banquet

Hibachi Salmon - **\$50.00**(per person)
Black Angus Roasted Sirloin of Beef - **\$55.00**(per person)
Herb Roasted Chicken - **\$50.00**(per person)
*Strawberry Spinach Salad/Bread Basket, Vegetable Medley/Classic Mashed Potatoes, Caramel Apple Granny Bars



All Meetings and Meals (unless noted) will be at the Hotel

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For **ALL** Association President's, International Officer's & Committee Chairmen

Greater Lafayette High Twelve #99 - IN

I am proud to be President this year. We meet every Friday at a local restaurant. We have an average of 14 every meeting. We met every Friday through Covid. During that time we had our Faithful 4 .

We have supported several worthy projects and supply food to local Food Pantries.

We have taken in 5 new members so far this year. Some of the wives join us also.

Fraternally,
Don Henderson
President 2023-24

Sutton Acacia High Twelve Club #794 - UK

IASYC UK

On Saturday May 6th, Brethren of High Twelve in the UK were proud to witness the Coronation of King Charles III at Westminster Abbey in London, as our new sovereign, together with Queen Camilla. Our new King follows the remarkable reign of his Mother, the late Queen Elizabeth II, who gave 70 wonderful years of service to the United Kingdom, and to the Commonwealth of Nations across the globe.

Westminster Abbey has been the venue for the Coronation of English and British monarchs since 1066. Beneath the Coronation Throne, lay the Stone of Scone, or the Stone of Destiny. This ancient stone now resides in Edinburgh Castle. It is the traditional stone on which the Kings of Scotland sat during their Crowning, at Scone Palace near Perth, the ancient capital of Scotland before Edinburgh. It is now sent to London on the occasion of the Coronation of British monarchs. In legend, the stone is said to be that on which Jacob rested his head when he experienced his vision of the 'Masonic' ladder, with its 72 rungs reaching from earth to heaven.

Besides all the pomp and ceremony at the Abbey, which many of our members across the world will have seen on television, this was very much a family and community occasion, with street parties and events of all shapes and sizes taking place across the country. In these days of war, financial difficulty, and bad news across the world, it was wonderful to

have something positive to lift our spirits, and to share in a truly historic event.

High Twelve Brethren wish His Majesty a long and happy reign. By the Grace of God, may he lead us with wisdom and sound judgement in the years ahead.

GOD SAVE THE KING

Miami High Twelve #796 - FL

The Brothers of Miami High Twelve Club #796 attended the 194th Grand Lodge of Florida Official Communication in Orlando on the weekend of Memorial Day. The Club is comprised of elected, appointed, and members of four lodges in the 27th Masonic District. Members were approached by numerous Brothers inquiring about the significance of their pink flamingo shirts which led to them seeking more information about the High Twelve and how to establish their own clubs.

Fraternally,
Bro. Vaughan C Mason III
1st Vice President



Freeport High Twelve Club #43 - IL

Freeport High 12 #43 continues to meet every Thursday for lunch. The first Thursday of the month is our business meeting.

At our last meeting we decided to help the Salvation Army once again. This time we decided to do something different. We will purchase items that they need. It was voted to spend \$100. An inquiry was made what their needs are right now and the items needed are combs and brushes, non-perishable food and summer clothing. We will spend \$30 on combs and brushes, \$70 on food items, and members can bring clothing items.

Attached are pictures of the initiation and the presentation of the dues card and certificate of our newest member, Ken Howard. Pictured with Ken is President Gene Olmstead and Treasurer Calvin Barklow.

Our attendance has been around 14-15 for our meetings, including members and guests. As always we invite visitors to join us at Logan's in Freeport, IL, on S. West Ave. Until next time - stay safe.

Roger A. Carson. Secretary





North Penn High Twelve Club #473 - PA

On May 19th, North Penn High Twelve Club #473 held its annual Nominations and Election at WM PENN INN, Gwynedd, PA.

Installing Officers (l to r) Timothy Breslin 2nd VP; Curt Keyes 1st VP, President Gordon Comrie, Sr.; Bob Morton, Treasurer, Ed Petersohn, Secretary.



Ed Petersohn Secy.
North Penn High Twelve Club
3122 Plymouth Rock Road
Plymouth Meeting PA 19462-7173

Cochise High Twelve Club #703 - AZ

Greetings from Cochise Masonic High Twelve Club #703 Sierra Vista, AZ.

This year's Memorial Day ceremonies were exceptional for many of our Members and Guest. Many are veterans of the military services. The Club had representatives at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Fort Huachuca and visited that portion of the cemetery where the Unknown Soldier grave markers are. The Cochise High Twelve Club initially donated to the unknown soldier's area when constructed.

At the May 2023 Club meeting, President Kenn presented to Lady Peggy Escapule her HTI Widows Pin. We have several Masonic Widows in attendance at our club meetings, and we make a special effort to recognize them. We hold a special drawing for one of the special ladies to win a free meal at our next club meeting.

Travel safely!

President - Kenn Barrett
1st VP, WM - Ranyna Stanley
Secretary - Andrew Anderson





WOLCOTT FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



Information on the Wolcott Foundation Fellowship Recipients, videos of Wolcott Luncheon Speakers, and Wolcott Fellowship Application information are available at: www.wolcottfoundation.com

Wolcott financial reports are on the High Twelve International website at High12.org under the Wolcott tab at the top of the page

Wolcott Foundation Mission Statement

The Wolcott Foundation Inc is a nonprofit 501C-3, supported by Masonic High Twelve International. It is established to provide Fellowship Grants to graduate students attending George Washington University's College of International Business, Public Management, and International Affairs, who exhibit an interest in government service. These students must possess outstanding scholastic achievement, social awareness, and high individual ethical standards.

Attention State Secretaries and Officers

The Wolcott Foundation would like to make a Wolcott Foundation presentation at your next State Convention. Please email the date, location and contact person to:

mikecofgr@comcast.net

Club Secretaries and Treasurers-Due to banking procedures of the Wolcott Foundation and banks in general, it may take 3-5 months for a Wolcott contribution check to be processed by your Zone Trustee, Trustee Representative, Wolcott Administrator, and/or at least two banks.

Please be patient!



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Wolcott Foundation Fellows George Washington University Class of 2022 – Graduating in June 2024



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Congratulations to the Fall 2023-2025
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Washington, DC



Abigail Martin



Ashley Alessandra



Claire Callahan



Julian Enriquez



Gabriella Rose



WOLCOTT FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



Ohio Wolcott Trustee Representative Joe Stewart Makes visits to Buckeye State Clubs

Recently two Ohio clubs made generous donations to the Wolcott Foundation through the Ohio Zone 5 Trustees Representative, Joe Stewart. In late March Hamilton Club #414 donated a check for over \$500 at their regular meeting. Shown in the photo, left to right are Club Secretary Robert Sears, Ohio Wolcott Representative Joe Stewart, and Club First Vice President Ron Harris. The Hamilton Club has been a strong supporter of the Wolcott Foundation in the past and continues to thrive in Southwest Ohio.



WOLCOTT FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



Youngstown, Ohio High Twelve Club Temple on the Hill #720 hosted Ohio State Association officers at their meeting on May 12th in Canfield, Ohio. The club made a generous donation of \$200 to the Wolcott Foundation and heard a Wolcott briefing from Joe Stewart. Certificates of appreciation were presented to the visiting State officers. In the photo, left to right, are club Secretary George McClelland, Ohio Treasurer and Wolcott Representative Joe Stewart, Club President Dale Hawkins (seated), and Ohio Association First Vice President H. Jeff Shaw. The Temple on the Hill club has successfully restarted after the pandemic and other facility changes. This club has a proud history of leadership in High Twelve. Members of the club in attendance have served as club president, State Association presidents and James B. Parker IV has served as International President.



WOLCOTT FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



Wolcott Foundation Luncheon to feature two Outstanding Wolcott Fellow Speakers

The Wolcott Foundation Board of Trustees has announced the speakers for the Wolcott Foundation Luncheon at the High Twelve International Convention in Rosemont, Illinois. The Wolcott Foundation Annual Luncheon will be held at noon, on Saturday, May 15, 2023, in the main dining hall at the Springhill-Chicago-O'Hare Airport Hotel.

This year's speakers will be current Wolcott Fellow Carmella Saia, and Senior Wolcott Fellow Brother Lee Edgar.

Carmella is now in her second year of study and graduating in June of 2024, from the George Washington University, Elliott School of Public Policy. Ms. Saia will be in attendance each day of the High Twelve Convention and all members are encouraged to introduce themselves to her and meet this outstanding Wolcott Fellow from George Washington University.

Brother Lee Edgar is the Professional Civil Engineer for Queen Anne's County Department of Public Works in Centreville, Maryland. Brother Lee is a 2005 Wolcott Fellowship Graduate of the George Washington University School of Business, majoring in Public Administration. He too will be in attendance each day of the convention.

Brother Lee is the son of Past Iowa State High Twelve Clubs Association President Brother Gerald Edgar.

Please join us to hear our two speakers and enjoy a fine luncheon on Saturday, May 15, 2023.



WOLCOTT FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



Wolcott Chairman Helps Michigan Grand Master Open New Owosso High 12 Club

Two days after being installed as Michigan Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Larry Judson-Grand Master of Masons in the State of Michigan, a long-time High Twelvian, and member of Furniture City High Twelve Club #236, was busy doing what he likes best.

BUILDING!!!

Michigan's newly installed Grand Master (seated in middle) along with Lady Mary, attended the election of officers for the new Owosso "Travelers" High Twelve Club. Although not yet chartered, the club is recruiting new members and has held an organizational meeting to receive petitions and money, and now an election of officers meeting as well. Plans are being made for the newly elected President to attend the High Twelve International Convention in Illinois and attend the Wolcott Luncheon. Wolcott Chairman Michael Clark has made Wolcott presentations to the club. The members have already contributed over \$150.00 to the Wolcott Foundation.



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Michigan High Twelvian Named Michigan Mason of the Year

Brother William Herlihy of Maritime High Twelve Club # 771 of St. Clair, MI has been named “Michigan Mason of the Year” by the Grand Lodge of Michigan at its Grand Lodge Communication held in Mt. Pleasant, MI in May.

Brother Bill and his wife Flo are shown with his award outside the Grand Lodge meeting room shortly after receiving his award. Brother Bill is a long-time High Twelvian having served as Masonic and Wolcott Representative and as a member of the Michigan State Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs. Congratulations Brother Bill!



WOLCOTT FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



Michigan State Association, Furniture City High 12 Club #236, and the Wolcott Foundation Team Up to Help Promote High Twelve Clubs at Michigan Grand Lodge

Michigan’s new Grand Master and High Twelvian, Most Worshipful Brother Larry Judson promotes being a “Builder”. The Michigan State Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs, in cooperation with Furniture City High Twelve Club #236 in Grand Rapids and the Wolcott Foundation manned a table for two days at the Michigan Grand Lodge meetings. Many brothers stopped by and discussed High Twelve and left contact information wanting to know how to form a High Twelve Club in their area. Members of the Michigan State Association are currently contacting them and arranging meetings with interested brothers in the various areas of the state.



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