

# THE HIGH TWELVIAN



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**International President Mervyn J. Harris and his lady Patricia invite you to attend the High Twelve 90th International Convention, June 17 - 19, 2011 to be held at the beautiful river front Crowne Plaza Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida.**

We have planned a enjoyable time for you from the Dinner River Cruise on Thursday, June 16th to the other events being held during the convention. Details and registration form are inside this edition. Come and have an enjoyable time with your fellow High Twelvians at this river front hotel. Looking foreword to seeing you in June!

Fraternally,

*Mervyn J. Harris*



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# President's Message



**International President Merv Harris:** Brethren, I don't know what the weather is like in your area but in Florida it is turning into a sunny and warm time of the year. This morning the weather was 72 degrees and will climb to the high 70's later today. We will be leaving for Pennsylvania's Mid-Year Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February and then to the Wolcott Selection Meeting in Washington, DC and finally attend the Washington, DC High Club Meeting. We will also be visiting our son, who is taking his degrees at the Fayetteville Masonic Lodge and is stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He and two other Sergeants from the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne are taking their degrees together.

Upon return we will be putting full time into making the High Twelve International 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention the best Convention you have attended in years. As you are probably aware, the Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida, on the banks of the St. Johns River. We will have plenty of things for everyone to do and the ladies will like what we have set-up to keep them busy while the men attend the meetings.

On Thursday night, June 16<sup>th</sup>, we will start by having a Dinner Cruise. The ship's crew will pick us up in front of the hotel and then return us after the cruise. The Captain has planned it so we will have most of the ride in daylight and then return after darkness, so we can see all the lights and sights of the city. A copy of the Registration Form is attached to the February and now the March Update, so you can submit then as soon as possible. **Cut-off for hotel reservations is June 1, 2011.**

On Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, Registration will be in the morning and we will start the Convention at 9:00 AM. After introductions and opening the Convention, we will have the Necrology Service and other meetings. After lunch and attending to our business, we will have the Grand Master's Banquet. At the completion of the Banquet, the Hospitality Room will be open until 10:00 PM. You are welcome to bring your own liquid refreshments or have a soda, water and snacks, as you please.

Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> will be a full day and we will enjoy the Wolcott Foundation Luncheon and meeting our guest speaker Dale Didion and GWU Graduate, who was a Wolcott Fellow. After the function, you can talk to him and ask questions, which he will be happy to answer. The Wolcott Trustees usually have the opportunity to see Dale each year in Washington, when they convene at GWU and conduct the Wolcott Selection Meeting. Dale is a great example of the Wolcott Fellows we select for their advanced education and earning their Master's Degree at GWU.

We will then enjoy our Florida Patio Party Saturday evening around the pool and enjoy a real Southern Meal and listen to some great music by a favorite entertainer in Florida, Jim Nelson, who has played at many Masonic and High Twelve functions, as well as other gala events. Don't be surprised if you hear some of your favorite tunes and he has you joining in with some fun events throughout the evening. We will also make a few awards during the Party. Remember to dress casual and the pool is there if you wish to swim. Sunday is a big day for those being Installed as Officers or Appointed to any of the many Committees. Please stay for the happy event and wish all the new officers well as leaders of our great organization.

We hope to have representatives from all the Associations and Independent Clubs, as well as many club representatives. Your Lady and friends are cordially invited and we will keep them busy while they are here. There is plenty of shopping close by and also a day cruise available and the water taxi can take them to a large shopping complex just across the river. We hope you will join us and perhaps the Convention can be the starting point of a fun-filled vacation in Florida. If you have a little bit of Red Neck Blood in you, we are just a stone's throw from Georgia. We have everything to offer and we guarantee you will have a good time.

**\$100,000 Endowment Fund:** As promised in last month's Monthly Update, we have officially started the \$100,000 Endowment Fund Program again. Our High Twelvie Editor and Forms Manager Kevin Hokerk, has revised the Forms and Certificates and we are ready to go. You will find a copy of Program Review and Sign-Up Sheet included with this Update. It will also be included with the High Twelvie each time published. Remember! This Fund is not restricted to just High Twelvians. You can invite your friends, business associates, Lady, Lodge, High Twelve Club or Organization to make a CONTRIBUTION! Building this Fund can assure **High Twelve** is here to stay. Please discuss at your club and Board Meetings and encourage all to be a part of this Program.

When this Program started under Past International President James Satterthwaite, we had 119 contributors give a total of \$18,300. Let's even do better and make Jim and all High Twelvians proud and ensure we keep High Twelve financially sound. Thank you for your assistance and support. All contributions are mailed to the International Secretary who will inform Brother Kevin to send you your completed Certificate and Lapel Pin.

Also, *please* submit articles for the Monthly Update prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to the Editor Merv Harris at [harrishi1205@comcast.net](mailto:harrishi1205@comcast.net). We publish the Update and High Twelvie all twelve months; the Update ten months and the High Twelvie twice a year. **We need your Help! Help! Help!**

## International Secretary - Bob “Doc” Holliday



June 17-19, 2011, is the Annual Convention in Jacksonville; we hope to see you there. If for some reason you can't be there, your voice can be through your properly completed Official Delegate/Proxy and Masonic Representative Credential Forms; these should be in the club's hands shortly. I know everyone has access to the International Bylaws, and each State Association Secretary and Club Secretary should already have their own copy, so please refer to Article IV, Sections 4 and 5, with regard to delegates and proxies.

As you know, keeping information current is vital. Membership changes of any nature; additions, deletions, deceased brethren, changes of address, etc. should be reported through the standard *Monthly Report* process used for your Association. Please insure updates are reported properly and in a timely manner. What I really would appreciate is getting everyone's E-Mail address! Information sent via E-Mail can reach you much faster.

At this time, I am following up on those clubs who have either not paid or have paid a portion of their 17-month per capita billing. The next per capita billing, which will be sent out very shortly, and will be based on the December 2010 Monthly Report membership figure. I have received the numbers for many clubs and will pursue those clubs who have yet to respond. I want to re-emphasize the importance of breaking down the membership total provided to me so that I know who does and who does not reside in a Masonic home. Without this breakdown, the figure I receive will be based on non-residential brethren. It is much easier to do it correctly the first time.

The International Web Site is there for your information. There is currently outdated information on the web site. I believe it is extremely important to keep information current and to remove any outdated information in a timely manner. One example would be, on the right hand side of the web site where it shows "States & Countries," by clicking on a state association I have found that association officers shown on there, in many cases, are not the current officers. This, I believe, should be the responsibility of the current State Association Secretary to make sure that everything is current. You can sign up for monthly newsletters, access and print off minutes of meetings from past Mid-Year's and Annual Conventions, locate the contact information for International Officers and Committeemen, order forms & certificates and quite a bunch more. I encourage you to visit this site regularly and pass the word to others so that they too can do the same.

The High Twelvan of the Year and Elected Nomination requests have been disseminated, with the deadline for responses stated. It is important to pay close attention to the submission deadline and requirements. Also, I would like to mention how very important it is for the annual election process to go as smoothly and professionally as possible. All the way from the proper completion of the delegate/proxy forms, to the identification of who votes, how many, and having the properly printed ballot available, and for the proper and timely collection of the ballots, the counting and the result. I will be in contact with the Credential Committee to make sure they have whatever they need from me, at their location, as brethren initially check in with them at the convention. One of these items I want to make sure they have available to them is a listing of those clubs who are still shown as delinquent in the payment of their 17-month per capita dues. It was reported that the clubs in this status will not be able to cast a vote.

Two very important closing remarks: (1) Please always remember to donate to the Wolcott Foundation at each meeting and (2) Keep foremost in your minds that our Youth Organizations (DeMolay, Jobs Daughters and Rainbow) are looking to us for our support.

Fraternally,  
Bob 'Doc' Holliday

## HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL INC., 90TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Friday, June 17, 2011 – Sunday, June 19, 2011

### OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

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Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1201 Riverplace Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32207 - On the St. Johns River  
Reservations – 904-398-8800 x4027, Toll Free: 800-227-6963 – Mention your Reservation is for High Twelve  
International Convention – Reservations must be made with the hotel prior to Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Crowne Plaza Rates for this Convention: Standard Room: \$84.00 plus 13% Tax = \$94.92

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Cut off Date for Reservations is June 1, 2011**

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lady's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Will your lady accompany you to the convention? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Office Held \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name and # \_\_\_\_\_ City & State \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, June 16, 2011 - 6:30 PM - Dinner Cruise

Casual attire, may want sweater or light jacket

Crew will pick up and return us to the boardwalk in front of the hotel. Boat is handicapped accessible.

Friday, June 17, 2011- 6:00 PM - Grand Master's Banquet

Officers: Dinner jackets. Others: appropriate attire.

Banquet will be held in the dining Room on the main floor.

Saturday, June 18, 2011 - 11:30 AM - Wolcott Luncheon

Men: Suits or jackets with tie. Ladies: Church attire.

Wolcott Luncheon will be held in the Dining room on the main floor

Saturday, June 18, 2011 - 6:00 PM - President's Patio Party

Casual attire, entertainment and meal to be held around the patio

If weather is inclement, event will be held in the Dining Room

Sunday, June 19, 2011 - 11:30 AM - Installation of 2011-2012 Officers

Officers: Dinner jackets. Others: appropriate attire.

Installation and meal will be held on the Dining Room

The Hospitality Room will be open Friday & Saturday from 8:00 AM until 10:00 PM and on Sunday from 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM but room will be closed during meal times. Games and entertainment will be available, while the room is open. Crafts will be available for sale in the Hospitality Room. If you can donate Craft items, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support and assistance.

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# HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL, INC., 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

Friday, June 17, 2011 – Sunday, June 19, 2011

## OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION FEE: (members only) \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, June 16, 2011: Early Arrival Dinner Cruise on the St. Johns River \$50.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Through Jacksonville. Paddleboat Crew will pick us up at Hotel Landing.  
Handicapped accessible. Cruise includes Hors D'oeuvres, Dinner, Disk Jockey,  
Dancing and Cash Bar. Bring your camera for some great shots of wildlife and Dolphins. Casual Dress.

Friday, June 17, 2011: Breakfast and Lunch on your own. Hotel has a  
Restaurant and Grab & Go Station in the Lobby. Several restaurants within  
Walking distance. Meetings start at 9:00 AM. Lunch at 11:45 AM.

Friday, June 17, 2011: Grand Master's Banquet: Dinner served at 6:00 PM.  
Dinner served in Dining Room. Officers Formal Wear. Others Semi Formal.

Roast Pork \$35.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Roast Chicken \$35.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Meals includes Fresh Garden Salad, Chef's Choice of Potato & Vegetable,  
Warm Dinner Rolls, Fresh Strawberry Shortcake, Coffee, Iced Tea and Water

Saturday, June 18, 2011: Breakfast and Lunch on your own. Hotel has a  
Restaurant and Grab & Go Station in the Lobby. Several restaurants within  
Walking distance. Meetings start at 9:00 AM

Saturday, June 18, 2011: Wolcott Luncheon served at 11:30 AM  
Luncheon served in Dining Room. Suits or appropriate attire. Ladies Church  
Attire.

Baked Ham \$25.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Baked Turkey \$25.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Meals include Chef's Salad, Scalloped Potatoes, Chef's Choice of Vegetables,  
Chocolate Delight, Warm Rolls, Coffee, Iced Tea and Water.

Saturday, June 18, 2011: President's Patio Party. Function starts at 6:00 PM.  
Party will be held next to swimming pool (Inclement weather - Dining Room.)  
Casual attire for all. Cash bar available.

Ribs, Sausage, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Southern Green Beans, Potato Salad, \$35.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Warm Dinner Rolls, Blackberry Cobbler w/Ice Cream, Coffee, Iced Tea and Water.

Sunday, June 19, 2011: Breakfast on your own. Closing Luncheon & Installation.  
Officers Formal, others appropriate attire. Meetings start at 9:00 AM.

Penne Pastability: Crowne Salad with Ranch Dressing and Balsamic Vinaigrette; \$23.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rolls w/Butter; Penne Pasta with Mushrooms, Peas Tomato, Broccoli and  
Sweet Peppers, Tossed in a Cream Sauce, Parmesan Cheese, Sliced Chicken  
(Grilled), Dessert and Hot & Cold Drinks.

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Convention Registration form page 2 of 2**

Mail **2 page** Registration Form & Check to John Erb, 1105 Paradise Drive, Lady Lake, Florida 32159. John's tele-  
phone number is: 352-750-4792. E-mail is jerbinvill@aol.com. Make check payable to **High Twelve Interna-  
tional 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**. Paid by Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

## **By-Laws Amendments Received** - Article IX, Section 2D, By-laws 8/04, page BL-12:

In compliance with the bylaws the following proposed changes to the International By-Laws have been received by the International Secretary, along with the appropriate approvals and supporting documentation:

### **Proposed Changes to the High 12 International Bylaws**

#### **ARTICLE VI**

*Article VI, Section 2, A; shall be deleted and a new section shall be approved as follows:*

**Each club shall pay to High 12 International annual per capita dues in an amount established by resolution of the delegates at the International Convention, provided that notice of any proposed increase above the then current level of per capita dues shall be published to each club at least ninety (90) days prior to the International Convention at which such resolution is considered. Per capita dues are billed in advance in March of each year based on the most recent club membership report of the current calendar year.**

*Section B; shall be amended as follows:*

On or before **March 1**, the International Office shall send to the Secretary of the State Association, if any, a statement of a constituent club's amount payable for per capita dues for the number of active members shown on the respective club's report for the immediately preceding **May**. Payment shall be made on or before **June 1**.

*The other sections of article 6 shall be renumbered accordingly*

#### **Article VII**

Article 7 shall be renamed as "Publications"

Section 1-Authorization shall be amended as follows:

The official publication of High 12 International Inc. shall be the magazine known as the High Twelvian **or the High 12 International Website .....**

*A new section a shall be inserted as follows:*

**Wherever publication or dissemination of any information relative to High 12 International is required by these bylaws or otherwise publication of such information in the High Twelvian or the High 12 International Website within the applicable time frame shall satisfy all legal requirements for publication.**

**The above proposed changes will acted upon at the 90th Convention**

## **International Officer Nominations Received** - Article II, Section D1, BL 8/04, page BL-3:

In compliance with the bylaws the following nominations have been received by the International Secretary, along with the appropriate approvals and supporting documentation:

- Don Galway - for Treasurer, currently holds Treasurer position
- Sidney Leluan, III - for President, currently holds First Vice President office
- Donald M. Whistler - for First Vice President, currently holds Second Vice President office
- James B. Parker, IV - for Second Vice President, currently holds Third Vice President office

**Don Galway, International Treasurer** - This is a reminder to ALL clubs and associations that once again it is time to file a 990N with the IRS. As in the past you can file electronically again this year at the IRS website [ [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) ]. If you have any questions feel free to call me at 517-546-9432 or email at [dgalway12000@yahoo.com](mailto:dgalway12000@yahoo.com)

# International 1st Vice President—Sid Leluan, III

## Wolcott Trustee meeting of March 2011:

Our Worthy President, his wife Pat and I have just completed the annual observance of the Wolcott Foundation selection of fellows in Washington, DC. What a remarkable event. Let me share it with you, at the risk of being redundant to our President's message.

The gentlemen who serve as "Trustees" of the Wolcott funds are men of exceptional character and esteem. Watching them in action tired even me out. This year 84 applicants vied for only 6 or 8 fellowships. It seems this is a new record and one which exhausted almost every member of the Trustees. I can almost imagine what it must be like having in my charge the responsibility of selecting who will receive a \$50,000 grant from the Wolcott Foundation.

The board, wives and observers were welcomed very graciously by the staff and faculty of George Washington University. The welcome night invited some of the fellows who are current recipients of fellowships and may be in the final year. It also included some graduates who felt grateful enough to join us knowing this meeting was taking place on campus.

As most of you are aware, the Wolcott Grant is for 40 units of post graduate studies at George Washington University and is offered to a qualified student who expresses an interest in Government, International Affairs and public service. The student has 6 years to complete this obligation and, if done so, the grant/loan (forgive my lack of knowledge on proper term) is forgiven. How do you like that? In exchange for trying to make this country better a \$50,000 debt is forgiven! Current investment for a unit is \$1230 each.

One graduate who participated is now the Director of the Central and Southeast Europe Office of European Country Affairs! WOW! And so many have gone on to work in and for US Embassies all over the world. Now tell me we don't make a difference with that little red school house! You bet we do. And it's all because of members, clubs and State associations like you and yours that make this all possible.

Needless to say that the Wolcott Foundation and the awareness of the good that it does will be one of the focal points of my tenure as International President, if elected.

## Good of the Order:

As we "spring" into the Spring season let us take a moment and look around. Yes, many of us will perform the annual rite and ritual of cleaning out our closets, attics and basements, but let's put this into a (selfish) High Twelve perspective. Instead of cleaning something out, how about we take the opportunity to share High 12 with a new and old Mason? Old Mason, being that of the man whom you have already asked countless times. If you have asked 20 times, you have found out 20 ways he has rejected you. Put a twist into your next request for his fellowship. He will soon discover how serious you are and may make the leap of faith to join you and the proud members of your club. If you are too embarrassed or shy to ask, take someone with you. It's not like you're asking someone to become a mason; you already know him to be a good man.

The fellowship enjoyed in High 12 clubs across this globe are something to be proud of and share. We have many wonderful clubs in North America, England and Japan. With serious prospects of membership from Mexico, Brazil and certainly Italy, we should experience rapid growth in the next 3-4 years. Goodness knows we need it.

The dramatic downturn of memberships in our concordant and appendant bodies is no secret. Many organizations MUCH larger than ours have suffered some very significant losses in membership. Many have spent countless thousands of dollars to study this trend. There is no simple answer and certainly no silver bullet that will reverse this trend. So what do we do you say? Continue to march forward with pride, dignity and honor. I say, when you are visible to a man who recognizes who you are, as a High Twelver, what you do and how you conduct yourself, the problem of asking someone is over. They will ask you. Simple, yet true.

A matter of relevancy. A Grand Master was recently noted as saying that "high12 fills a particular niche where Masons can perform the civic duties enjoyed by civic organizations without the rigors of ritual or formality". I regret this is a paraphrase, but you get the gist. How marvelously true! How observant. Now, take that with you to your Grand Lodge as you actively maintain a high visibility among your brethren. High 12 clubs ARE relevant to the Blue Lodges and consequentially the Grand Lodge. Show them. Actively participate as volunteers who do some of the mundane and boring tasks not preferred by others. You will quickly get noticed and the respect you, your Club and State Association deserve will follow you. Embrace the thought and find a way to make it yours.

Let me give you a couple of thoughts I have about building a weak club. Have you thought for a moment to reflect on why you

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ask someone to join your club? If you are asking an “acquaintance” brother to join your club, make sure it is strong enough to support him. What I mean by this may be controversial, but worthy of provocative thought. Think of it this way, if you have a strong friend whom you presume to be a strong asset to your club, then by all means have him join YOU and let him take part in the solution of dissecting your problems. Then, on the other hand, sometimes a geographical area may well sustain another club. Think of it this way, if there is a shadow of doubt that the person you are requesting be a member of your club may feel out of place (ie. HUGE age differentiations) then encourage and sponsor a NEW club of younger masons who will have much more in common with each other than some of the rest of us. There’s no shame in it. It’s just the way human nature is! As I previously stated, there is no “magic bullet” to our problems. But there are “Magic people” and I believe that YOU are one of them.

We are very fortunate to have clubs on our International Roster. We have to nurture and cultivate them so they continuously feel they are a integral part of our expanding family of High Twelve Clubs. If elected your International President, I plan on visiting at least one club in England or Japan. I will certainly exhaust the modest travel expenses allowed by the International Budget. I have not yet decided if my wife, Debbie will join me on any international trip, but I certainly hope our finances hold up to the strain of a rigorous travel and support schedule for the benefit of High Twelve International.

My travels over the last couple of years have afforded High 12 with some spectacular leads to new clubs in NEW countries. A real International flair is among us. We can expect that a club may be in the works for the Country of Mexico in Mexico City. I leave at the end of March and return first week of April. All at my personal expense! The possibilities are endless if we put enough thought and positive energy into making anything happen. International clubs take significant longer than domestic clubs to start, but the clock doesn’t start until we try, right? If you know of a legitimate Grand Lodge as recognized by the Conference of Grand Masters of North American, then let one of your International Officer’s aware of this and we will start the process of investigating and making it happen. This is quite exciting, isn’t it?

Please make your plans early to attend the Annual Convention in Jacksonville, FL June 17-19. Our President Merv, is very excited about the Florida State Association hosting this marvelous event. Don’t forget that the hotel is extending the great rates for their property by several days in each date direction for our visiting pleasure. My wife, Debbie and I will be celebrating our wedding anniversary on the 20<sup>th</sup> and we don’t plan on returning home until the 21<sup>st</sup> of June.

Here’s to looking forward to a marvelous Annual Convention and the wonderful friendships that ensue. Fraternally, Sid

## International 2nd Vice President - Donald M. Whistler



I am including in this issue of the High Twelvian the article which I wrote for the March issue of the Monthly Update which does not reach all of our members. I believe the issue is a very important one and want to give all of you an opportunity to respond to my request for comments. One of my major responsibilities during the current High Twelve International year is fund raising and the major project was the mailing of pocket planners to our membership. While this project is pretty much rapped up, there are a few dollars still trickling into our International Secretary, Bob Holiday. As of this date (February 12, 2011), we are approximately \$400.00 short of covering our expenses. We mailed approximately 7,200 pocket planners. We have received contributions of \$13,045.78. The expenses for the cost of the planners, mailing them and sending a follow-up letter total \$13,410.34. There may be a small amount of additional expense from mailing additional planners to members who requested them that is not in this last figure.

The pocket planner project had been a very successful fund raising project in past years. The question which I keep asking myself is “Why was it not successful this year.” I have come up with some possible adverse factors which may have affected the project.

1. The economy is still not good and people, in general, have cut back on making charitable contributions.
2. Does the use of electronic devices today by some members mean that the day of the pocket planner has passed us by?
3. We have a lower membership number today than we did a few years ago or certainly five or ten years ago, which means contributions from fewer people.

Having made this last point, I would like to make the observation that we mailed 7,200 Pocket planners. Assuming that they would have been received by each member and each member would have contributed \$5.00, we would have received contributions totaling \$36,000.00.

I would very much like to receive comments from our members on the project for future consideration. What do you think were the reason(s) for the project not being financially successful? You can e-mail me at [dmwhistler@aol.com](mailto:dmwhistler@aol.com), write to me at Donald M. Whistler, 348 Hillside Lane, York, PA 17403-4036 or call me at (717) 854-0161. I would like to hear from you! Donald Whistler.



# High Twelve International

## The High Twelve \$100,000 Endowment Fund Program Overview

**Purpose:** This fund is established to build a financial base of \$100,000 with earned interest being used to offset future administrative or operating costs of High Twelve International when and if needed as approved by the Executive Board. This fund is a method of ensuring financial stability for years to come.

**Membership:** Any member, club, association or friend of High Twelve can become a member by filling out an application, attaching a check for \$100.00 or more made out to *High Twelve International*, in the check's memo line place the words "**Endowment Fund**" and mail to the International Secretary as indicated on the application form.

**Recognition:** A numbered **certificate**, signed by the International President and Secretary, will be given to the person, club, association or friend of High Twelve with each donation received along with a **lapel pin** for the individual to wear, or, in the case of a club or association, placed on their banner.

**Endowment Fund:** *Donations are not tax deductible.* All funds received will placed in the designated account on a regular basis. There will be no fees or charges for the administration of the fund.

*"In Service to Freemasonry"*

*High Twelve International  
\$100,000 Endowment Fund*



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## 2011 Officers Installed - Mattoon High Twelve Club #89 IL – by Dennis J. Walk, PSP



Pictured from left to right: Charles Coffey, Dennis Walk, William Landrus, Harold Easton and Wayne Clark

## Human Organ Donations - by Earl Dawson, OH Association State President

For those of you who do not know it, I am an Ambassador for Life Connection of Ohio, with the responsibility to educate people on the needs of registering as an Organ, Eye and Tissue donor. I hope the below links will encourage you to make a commitment to help others by registering today. If you do not understand the need for this then invite me out to speak to your group. I will travel to any location to speak for your group.

Organ and tissue donation provides a "Second Chance" for thousands of people each year and is the result of people helping people - of ordinary people becoming "Heroes."

When you make a personal commitment to be an organ, eye and tissue donor, you can help save eight lives and improve the quality of nearly 50 people's lives! Many organs and tissues can be donated, including the heart, liver, kidneys, lungs, pancreas, intestine, skin, bone, tendons, ligaments, vessels, heart valves, nerves, middle ear bones and eyes.

Here you can find out about the growing need, answers to your questions, and how to find additional information resources, both locally and nationally. You can also stay informed on the latest news in Ohio or your state. Make the choice to help - be someone's Hero!

Please review the following public service announcements, then ask me how you can make a difference. By the way I am willing to speak to any group whether Masonic or non-Masonic.

[www.donatelifeoio.org/earl-mervyn-debbie.html](http://www.donatelifeoio.org/earl-mervyn-debbie.html)

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## **Bakersfield High Twelve Club #95 CA - by Malcolm S. White, PSP, President**

Our installation was held on December 10, 2010 and Malcom S. White, PSP, was installed again as President. An interesting side note is that on December 1, 2010, Malcom installed Jerry Saville, Past International Secretary and currently California State 1st Vice-President, as President of the Tehachapi High Twelve Club #698. Then Jerry returned the favor and installed Malcolm as club president the following week!



Our club is having a variety of speakers at each of its meetings—the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. One of the recent speakers was from the Bakersfield Police Department and spoke on “Identity Theft and Staying Safe In Today’s World.” Another speaker was from the California Living Museum. For our Valentine’s Day program our entertainment was Carol Mofran who sings, plays guitar and writes some of her own songs. She also is serving as Deputy Grand Matron for our Eastern Star District. Each of the ladies attending was given a long stemmed red rose. All our meetings lately have been quiet well attended. Most importantly, new members are joining - three this past month! We have started listing our meetings and the programs for each meeting in our local trestle board. This also puts our name out to all the masons in the area.

The Bakersfield Twelvettes continued with their Christmas Project for the 7th year. With donations from the members of our club and the Tehachapi club, the Twelvettes purchased new underwear for the children in the A. Miriam Jameson Center. These children are removed from their parents, or their home, by law enforcement or the child protective agency when there is a problem existing in the home, the parents are taken to jail, or etc. There are more than 200 children brought to the center each month. The children range in age from infant to 18 years of age. They come to the center with just what they are wearing at the time. Used outer clothing has been donated by other groups but the underwear has to be new—each child gets 3 pairs. This year the center told us the boys preferred boxer shorts to briefs. These are more expensive but they were able to purchase 242 pair of boy’s boxers and 1,101 pair of girl’s panties from the donated monies. They work with Wal-Mart who gives them a discount as well as many times giving them socks and extra underwear when packages have been torn, damaged, etc. This is a very worth while project which our ladies do. Our Twelvettes have also volunteered to be our “calling committee” to remind our members of our meetings. We thank them for all their efforts for our Bakersfield High Twelve Club.

## **District of Columbia High Twelve Club #576—by Gilbert B. Monck, Secretary**

Well, after being snowed out in January, the D.C. High 12 Club 576 finally installed the 2011 officers at the February club luncheon/meeting. Past President, Secretary and International High Twelvian for 2010, Brother Gilbert B. Monck was the installing Officer with Past President William E. Brigham as installing Chaplain. The Installing Officer lit each battery powered candle and explained their meaning. The officers elected for 2011 joined in the obligation of their office and they were declared duly and regularly installed. The 2011 Officers of High Twelve Club #576 are: President, F. William Hershisier; First Vice President, Jeffery G. Bodie; Second Vice President is vacant; Secretary, Gilbert B. Monck and Treasurer, Robert E. Proudley.

President Hershisier thanked the Club for electing him to be President. He hopes that the membership and attendance improves and that is a job for all of us to help with. Brother Monck then presented Brother C. Thomas Williams with a Past Presidents lapel pin and a Certificate acknowledging his Presidency. Congratulations to all of the new officers!

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## New Club Chartered in Pennsylvania - by Donald M. Whistler, Inter. 2nd VP



The **Greater Harrisburg Area High Twelve Club #794** of Harrisburg, PA was chartered on Thursday evening, February 24, 2011. The officers are Robert D. Herman, Jr., President; Richard L. Wenner, First Vice President; Clyde G. Rohland, Second Vice President; Daniel Colon, Secretary; Russell E. Kratzer, III, Treasurer; Daniel A. Nettling, Chaplain; James Shoop, Sergeant-At-Arms; Marco Ritchie, Wolcott Representative and Scott T. Matincheck, Masonic Representative.

High Twelve International President, Merv Harris, is presenting the Charter to Rob Herman, President of the Greater Harrisburg Area High

Twelve Club, pictured with his officers. International Second Vice President, Don Whistler, installed the officers. With the number of Blue Lodges in the Harrisburg, PA area, the Club has excellent potential for growth in membership.

## San Antonio High Twelve Club #656 - by Frank Galindo, 2nd VP

Jack Cowan, who dressed in uniform as George Washington, presented the February program at San Antonio High Twelve Club #656 in San Antonio, Texas on February 17, 2011. In his introduction, Second Vice-President Frank Galindo, said that as we celebrate George Washington's 279<sup>th</sup> birthday this month and honor his role as the first Grand Master of Masons in the United States, that today we will learn about the important role that Texas and its longhorn cattle played in the success of the American Revolution. Jack Cowan is very knowledgeable in Texas and United States history, is a native Texan and retired from the United States Army as a Lt. Colonel. Jack is the founder and Executive Director of the Texas Connection to the American Revolution Association, and serves as the Governor of the San Antonio Chapter of the Granaderos Y Damas de Galvez Historical Society. He is Past-President of the San Antonio Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and is a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas and the Sons of the War of 1812. He presented a very interesting program on how the Texas longhorn cattle, with the help of Spain and General Bernardo De Galvez, played an important role in the success of the American Revolution. This assistance was very important in helping George Washington and his Army successfully defeat the British Army.

I the enclosed attachment is a photo taken at the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the San Antonio High Twelve Club 656. In the photo (left to right) is Frank Galindo, second vice-president; Jack Cowan, guest speaker as George Washington; and Bill Viner, president.



Brother Bill joined High Twelve as a Charter Member of the D.C. High Twelve Club #576 in 1982. He was a patient at the Shiners hospital in Philadelphia in the 1940's and 1950's. He became the first brother who had been a patient at a Shriners Hospital, to become Potentate of a Shrine Temple. Brother Bill may just be the first High Twelve Club President who had been a Shriners Hospital Patient. It is to be noted that there are not many clubs who can boast that their President is a Charter member of the Club from 1982 and had been a patient at the Philadelphia Shrine Hospital as a child.

Brother Hershiser was born in 1939 with a right knee infection which destroyed the knee cap. Of course, there was no penicillin and he could have been a paraplegic. In 1945 at the age of 16 Brother Bill was admitted to the Philadelphia Shrine Hospital program. After many surgeries and one stay of nine months, he was discharged from the program in 1956. His treatments included straightening his legs with braces. During this time he had teachers who came to the hospital and his home to help with his school studies.

The Shriners Hospitals treat all types of problems including spina bifida and scoliosis and when admitted there is no cost for the treatment. Almas Shrine Temple has three transport vans that transport over 100 patients to the Philadelphia hospital and Brother Bill is one of the drivers. Brother Hershiser could not be more impressed and supportive of the Shiners Hospitals.

## **25 Years Ago San Antonio #656 Chartered June 11, 1987**

During the 1987 Grand Masters Conference in Calgary, Canada, Past International President Arthur Bus, and the then Past International President Arthur Buss, and then the International High Twelve International President Clifton O. Bingham Jr., met with John S. Henderson, then National President - Elect of National Sojourners, regarding High Twelve International and its purposes. Henderson relayed the briefing to Grand Master of Masons in Texas, John E. Jack Kelly. Correspondence between Grand Master Kelly and International President Bingham resulted in Texas Grand Master Kelly's approval of Texas High Twelve International, and that he would "be pleased to be a Charter Member of the first High Twelve Club in Texas—if invited."

Grand Master Kelly invited his Grand Orator, Reese L. Harrison Jr., and John S. Henderson to form a High Twelve Club In San Antonio, Texas. Between April 20 and April 24, 1987, Harrison and Henderson secured twenty-seven other Freemasons in San Antonio, Texas for a total of twenty nine Charter Members. On April 26, 1987, Harrison delivered the Application for Charter to then International President Bingham at the Annual Session of the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay in Anaheim, California. San Antonio Club held an organizational meeting on May 21, 1987 at which time it selected its Charter Officers.

On June 11, 1987, then International President Clifton O Bingham Jr., presented the Charter and installed the Officers of San Antonio Club #656 of High Twelve International.

President: Reese L. Harrison Jr.

Second Vice President: James W. Todd

Treasurer: Robert L. Jett

Chaplain: Marshall Hunter Dodge

First Vice President: Cecil W. Bain

Secretary: Larry G. Wallis

Masonic Rep.: John E. Jack Kelly

Sergeant- at-Arms: Harry Sinco

## **WANTED! WANTED! WANTED! WANTED! WANTED!**

A Brother attending the 2011 International Convention who would be able to video tape the two Wolcott Speakers on Saturday, June 18, 2011.

Contact: James R Satterthwaite at 352-589-4338 or email at [jrsatt@centurylink.net](mailto:jrsatt@centurylink.net)

## **Florida Association News - by Jim Satterthwaite, PIP**

### **I Think We Have A Record Here!**

Hawthorne Masonic High Twelve Club #547 has a Past President that has celebrated his 59<sup>th</sup> year as a High Twelvian. Brother Glenn Bowron gained membership somewhere many years ago and I doubt that there is anybody around that can remember when or where. I think this wonderful High Twelvian deserves to know if he is the longest living member of High Twelve. I guess this is a challenge to anybody to beat Glenn's record. Glenn and his wife live in the Hawthorne Village near Leesburg, Florida. Got any challengers out there?

### **Mid-Florida Lakes #522 Annual Spaghetti Dinner**

It's been too long to count now but the spaghetti just keeps rolling along. This club has two income producing events every year; in the spring the spaghetti dinner and in the fall a pulled pork dinner and the success of these well attended events help the club to satisfy their annual charities budget. When you plan ahead to contribute to the Masonic Youth, Masonic Home, Wolcott Foundation, George Washington Memorial, Hospice, new bicycles for 10 kids every year at a local elementary school plus providing funds to assist a school out that requires teaching aids and are short of funds we think we come in quite handy for these wonderful causes. The past two years we have been called upon to assist in the purchase of classroom study books at a cost of \$800 per year. It certainly makes the club feel wanted, needed and happy to serve the community. Isn't that what it's all about?

### **Florida High Twelve Day 2011**

Florida for many years puts together a day each year where any High Twelvian in the state can come together and enjoy a day of good eating, great entertainment and socializing. This 19<sup>th</sup> of February this occurred at Mid-Florida Lakes Clubhouse near Leesburg with some 125+ members, guests and friends attending. It is the Third Vice Presidents responsibility to put the program together during his term to be carried out shortly after he is elected as Second Vice President. This year William Staple was the Chairman of this very successful event.

### **Mid-Florida Lakes Masonic High Twelve Club #522 Ladies Night**

It was Valentine's Day evening when 82 members and guests joined together to celebrate the Special Ladies of the club. Five Special Ladies attended and two were absent due to illness or recovering from surgery. The evening started with finger food and liquid refreshments. A short meeting was opened to welcome the members and guests and to introduce visitors. No business was conducted other than the Little Red School House was passed.. A buffet dinner consisted of stuffed roast pork loin, potato Anna, vegetables, salad and dessert. Every lady had the opportunity of being in a drawing to receive a special gift for the evening and each lady received a very nice red carnation. After dinner the entertainment consisted of a western style very laid back singing voice of Homer Styles who is so easy to listen and dance to. Many did take advantage of the dancing.

Mid-Florida Lakes next big project will be its Steak Fry Picnic held at a local county park in an enclosed pavilion with all the refinements anybody would appreciate. By keeping the price moderate for a fine cut beef steak we usually draw a great crowd and have a great time.

This club also holds a spaghetti dinner and a pulled pork dinner, one in the spring and the other in the fall to raise funds for a sizeable charitable annual budget. The club likes to recognize a few spots that others may not think about, such as; Florida Masonic Home; Wolcott Foundation; Hospice; George Washington Memorial; Masonic Youth; 10 new bicycles for a local elementary school and an annual educational project, this year we purchased a total \$800 worth of elementary class books for two different classes. We like to tell people that we're the little club that does big things.

## Leesburg Masonic High Twelve Club #424 Public Spaghetti Dinner

The High Twelvians and ladies of the Leesburg High Twelve Club #424 presented their annual spaghetti dinner to the public and fellow Masons to an excellent crowd of well over 225 people.

The club has put on this fund raiser for several years now to assist them in covering the charities that the membership wishes to help out.



Junior Past President, Richard Cartier and President, Tom Mysinger and their Crew did a great job and made many people happy.



THE WORKING CREW



THE EATING CREW

## San Bernardino #430 - by Roy Acreman

The following officers were installed for 2011. Looking forward to a great year.

Left to right:

Ben Croyle, Chaplain  
Paul Ohlms, Area 8 VP  
Louis Neeb, 2nd VP  
Ray Cenicerros, Secretary  
Jack Rhees, Int. Sergeant-At- Arms  
Gene Carlson, Installing Officer  
Roy Acreman, President  
Tom Sharpe, 1st VP was absent



## Japan's Earthquake and Tsunami - March 11, 2011

To our fellow Brother High Twelvians, their families and friends of Yedo Club #745 and Kyoto Club #749 the Officers and Members of High Twelve International extend to you our sincere hope and prayers that all are safe. 3/15 Update - Jim Satterthwaite heard that all members/family are safe.



## Temple on the Hill #720 - by Winnie Hill

Temple on the Hill Club held a puppet show that was well attended on January 14, 2011. The club has also initiated three new members since September 2010. Photos by August Angel, Secretary



Left to right: James B. Parker, IV, 3rd International VP, and Club VP; John Selders, PP; Tom Jacobs, VP; Winnie Hill, Barbara Shawver; Pierre Shawver, President and Sterling Jamison, Marshall.



Chuck Zerger Puppets

President Pierre Shawver presenting Chuck Zerger a Certificate of Appreciation for providing the puppet show for the club.



## Sun City West #567 Rice Project History - by John W. Geyer, PSP

The Sun City West High Twelve Club #567 was sold on a local project by a former Club President, Norm Mendelsohn. In 1985 it became a project for the future even though many of our members had the opinion that we did not need another local project since we were supporting the local Masonic Youth Groups with between \$600 and \$900 each year. We later joined the other Masonic bodies of the area including the ladies and for many years supported the three Masonic Youth Groups with several thousands of dollars each year with the pooled funds of all the groups. The purpose was to be for the Youth Groups to use the funds to assist their members to attend the annual statewide events as well as their attendance at educational events. Over the years, for a number of reasons these two purposes got lost in the shuffle and our funds were used for other things which our club did not wish to support. We then donated to the Youth Groups with our funds as a single Masonic supporter for several years. For the past four years our club has joined the other clubs in the Arizona Association of High

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## Wolcott Foundation - by Mike Bess Zone 2 Trustee:

Since 1952, your Wolcott Foundation Fellowship Program has been sponsored by High Twelve International and funded through contributions of its members and interest income generated by the Wolcott Endowment Fund. Understandingly, generating funds to support the program has been, and continues to be, an ongoing concern. This year's cost of a masters degree at George Washington University will reach approximately \$46,000.00 to pay for the 40 hours of study required to graduate. Not a tiny amount, but a small sum, when you take into account the caliber of your Wolcott Fellows and the service they ultimately provide our government.

One question often asked is, "what are the sources of funds donated to Wolcott". As previously stated, two sources are the direct contributions from members and the interest income generated by stock and bond investments from the Endowment Fund. However, there are many other sources. Utilizing the "Little Red Schoolhouse," clubs make contributions. Remember, when the schoolhouse is passed, the funds go to support your Wolcott Foundation and the Fellowship Program. Estates and Income Trust are other forms of making contributions. You may want to consider asking your estate planner about these two vehicles. Heritage Bonds are another source of individual and club contributions. These bonds are memorials in remembrance of past members and loved ones. A Heritage Bond may also be in honor of an individual's outstanding service and is recognition for "a job well done". Remember the brother who served as a state officer, state, or International President, one of your ladies who works tirelessly for the club, etc.? Would it not be nice to give them recognition?

Two additional sources of funds are the Century Club gifts and the Wolcott Club. The Century Club is a certificate awarded for a gift by the club in the amount of \$100.00 for an individuals' outstanding service, or a gift of \$100.00, or more in one calendar year by an individual member. The Wolcott Club is a mounted certificate suitable for display awarded for an individual's gift of \$1,000.00 or more within a 10 year period.

For many years, the foundation has commissioned Wolcott Pins be made and sent to each club. These pins are available for purchase by club members and their ladies. Pin sales are another source of funds. So, you may want to consider a pin purchase.

And remember, High Twelve International contributes a percentage of your annual per capita dues to support your Wolcott Foundation.

Another question is, "where do the contributions and gifts go." All funds collected are mailed to your zone trustee who records the funds and sends them to the treasurer for posting and deposit into either the Fellowship, or Endowment Fund. Contributions placed into the Fellowship Fund pay for the day to day expenses of Wolcott. Contributions held in the Endowment Fund are not to be spent, but invested and the interest income is used to pay the expenses of the fellowship program. All funds are spent for the direct benefit of the student. Trustees are not paid for their time and service donated to your Wolcott Foundation.

I join your Wolcott Foundation's Chairman, Malcolm White, in hoping that in 2011, and future years 100% of the clubs' membership will be contributors.

*(Continued from page 17) #567 Rice Project*

Twelve Clubs to support the Youth Groups on a state level. This decision was made as our available club funds were not adequate to be able to make a substantial difference for the Youth Groups nor for our club to see much 'bang for our bucks'.

The Rice Project continued to gain momentum in spite of our continuing support of the Masonic Youth Groups. Throughout this period in our club history, we were gaining membership until in 1994 we had 156 members enjoying the fellowship of our club. In 1995 we hit our high point as we collected just over \$5,000.00 to buy premium long grain rice for the local Westside Food Bank. We were able to donate 11 and 1/2 tons of rice that year with the support of the Sam's Club where we purchased the rice. Our Chairman did not lack for guts and convinced the Sam's Club to donate the profits from their sale of ice cream sodas over the Labor Day weekend. We have never been able to match the 11 and 1/2 ton donation since that year, as our membership started to decline and our collection of funds in our annual Rice Fund Drive declined as well.

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Don't forget to register for the pre-convention Dinner Cruise on Thursday, June 16th! \$50.00/person for the three hour ride, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dessert and beverage! *Limit of 60 persons.*

**MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:** if your official mailing address is a **Post Office Box** that information is needed to have High Twelve mail delivered to you, **not your street address!** Always Inform your club secretary about any changes to your membership information, we do not want to loose tract of you!