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President's Message:



What better way to begin my remarks than to say, it has been a record-breaking year for High Twelve International!

As International President, it has been my mission to work closely with our International Officers during the transitional requirements faced by Kevin Hokerk-Robinson, International Treasurer and Donald A. Joe, International Secretary, while traveling to our State Associations, the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, and visiting those Ma-

sonic Grand Bodies where High Twelve International can have the greatest impact all the while demonstrating the effective use of the new President's Club as a tool to expand High Twelve International, throughout the United States and across the Globe.

Further developed this year, my theme has evolved as I have felt the love and compassion of our members during my Official Visits to our State Associations alongside our International Officers and I continue to stand behind my goal to create in every Brother encountered a genuine feeling and knowledge that they are NEEDED, WANTED and APPRECIATED as time is taken to get to know the members of our family in support of my final thematic proclamation that "HIGH TWELVE IS FAMILY!"

With the 99th Annual Convention of High Twelve International rapidly approaching and with concerns about the COVID-19 virus, it was my recommendation that the convention be canceled to avoid putting any Brother at risk of unnecessary exposure or worse. The safety of our High Twelve Family is a responsibility of the Office I hold as International President and for this reason I executed the decision to cancel after a vote of the International Officers during an emergency conference call and after a well-informed discussion. The vote was unanimous.

Regardless of these sudden changes, I am driven to continue my efforts to build and expand High Twelve leading up to the historic moment when I will claim the honor of announcing the 100th President of High Twelve International with a charge of leadership, responsibility and protection.

I also wish to thank the International Officers for their continued support of High Twelve, especially those who have assisted me in inviting Brother Master Masons to membership in the newly created President's Club of High Twelve International, including but not limited to those who participated in the hard work put forth at the Conference of Grand Masters

of North America where we successfully invited more than Twenty (20) Grand Officers and Master Masons to join the President's Club each with a desire to invite others.

I started my year with a personal goal of 100 New President's Club Members and I encouraged the International Officers to set personal goals as well, leading into the 100th year of High Twelve International. I am pleased to officially announce that WE DID IT – AND THEN SOME!

With 12 New States and 4 new Countries and over 100 new President's Club Members already added to ranks of High Twelve International all in the 99th year, we have sealed our efforts in the history books and proclaimed by our actions that High Twelve is alive and well!

Lastly, I am a strong believer in the work of the Wolcott Foundation and whole-heartedly support its leadership including the men who represent their respective Zones as they serve in the effort to provide fellowships for outstanding graduate students at George Washington University. These Fellows ultimately serve our Country in positions of government as consultants, Ambassadors, advisors, directors, and other positions of public service. To the Brethren of the Wolcott Foundations, thank you for all that you do!

God Bless the Fraternity and God Bless High Twelve International and let it be known to any who ask the question, "What is High Twelve?" Our Answer should be Loud and Clear, "HIGH TWELVE IS FAMILY!" Fraternally,

Jonathan P. Dilley, President High Twelve International

Written in Stone

Jerry J. Hamilton
1st International Vice President

Reverend E. C. "Wallie" Wolcott founded our High Twelve Clubs in Sioux City Iowa on May 17, 1921. Next year we will celebrate the 100th year of our founding.

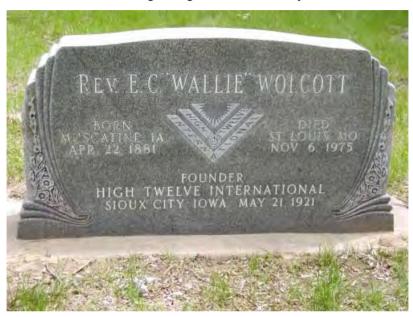
Wallie was born on April 22, 1881. He founded High Twelve when he was forty years old and was the secretary of the YMCA in Sioux City.

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He lived to be 94 years old and died on November 6, 1974.

His gravesite is at Graceland Park Cemetery, 2701 S. Lakeport Street, Sioux City. It is only a few miles from the hotel where we will celebrate our 100th Anniversary.

Plan now to be in Sioux City, June 2021 to lay a wreath at our founder's grave and celebrate the beginning of another 100 years.



NOTICE Of Intent To Run For HTI Elective Office At 99th Convention For 2020-2021

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3 Yr Endowment Fund Trustee Nominations from the floor

Additional nominations can be made 'from the floor' of the convention as described in the International Bylaws R V 6/18/16; Article II - Officers; Section 4;

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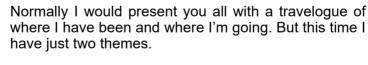
Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson, PSP, AZ, HTI Treasurer

Greetings from the Southwest desert where Spring has been in full bloom!

With the change of me moving from secretary to treasurer at the 98th Convention and the division of responsibilities there are a few things to remember:

- All monetary payments (per-capita, fees, fund raisers, etc.) should continue to be sent me at the new address: PO Box 1650, Litchfield Park AZ 85340-1650.
- I will continue to fill all merchandise orders as in the past. Please
 use the online ordering form and convenient online payment as in
 the past.
- Annual EIN Validations thank you to the 85 (62%) EIN Contacts that responded. There are still 52 (38%) EIN Contacts that have not responded. *Please* do it today, it only takes a few minutes to review and update the form, if needed, and return in the self-addressed, postage paid envelope. There is no reason to delay further!
- The group exemption updates were submitted to the IRS on 2/15/2020 as required. There were 59 updates submitted based on the EIN validations received. A later update will be submitted based on any changes from the outstanding 52 EIN Contacts submissions.
- Annual 2020-21 Per-Capita statements will be mailed on 4/30 as per the bylaws. Statements are based on the March 31st Online Monthly Report as stated in the bylaws, not roster numbers. Statements are due and payable upon receipt. The funds should already be in the club treasury to pay the bill. As of 2/3/2020 there are still 5 clubs that are delinquent for 2018-19: #'s 260, 745, 749, 776, 779 and will dropped from the rolls automatically at the 99th Convention if not paid. There are also 14 clubs that are past due for 2019-20: #'s 105, 260, 472, 616, 685, 687, 745, 749, 761, 770, 766, 776, 764, 779.

Mike Haxton, 2nd Vice President, PSP, KS



The first is MEMBERSHIP. In the last month, did you: Ask your best Masonic friend not a member to join? Tell others about the President's Club?

Mention that you are going to a High Twelve meeting and invite someone to go with you?

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I did all three, and unsurprisingly, I got five new members into the President's Club and at least two new members in other states for their local Club. All you have to do is ask.

President Jonathan and I spent the better part of a week in Louisville for the Grand Masters Conference in February. The end result was the addition of at least three new countries to our roster, so we can live up to the "International" part of our name a little better.

PART TWO: Justification for new Bylaw ARTICLE X

PURPOSE: Establish a new class of membership - Perpetual.

METHOD: Trustees investing funds for income. **FUNDING SOURCE**: The Perpetual Life Fund.

Current Article X to be renumbered ARTICLE XII

On the following pages you are seeing the Perpetual Membership proposal that we are going to vote on in June.

The justification for it are as follows:

- High Twelve is one of the few Masonic Bodies without one.
- Some Clubs have an unofficial program right now..
- It will provide Stability for our future, by delaying or eliminating percapita increases, and as an incentive for younger Brothers to seek membership.
- It will remove some work from the Club, as well as the International Secretaries' desks.
- As a Perpetual member you will be exempt of all dues. Your dues structure will be frozen at the level it was when you qualify.
- You may qualify by paying in a lump sum, or on a monthly basis. For most, the payment would be around \$20-\$25 per month on a regular bank draft until paid out. While you are paying it out, you are still liable for your regular dues.
- Older Members: We all have made a lot of donations to High Twelve over the years, this one has a benefit. While most of us will not outlive the "life" part of our contribution, we will have the satisfaction of knowing that we are helping to make High Twelve available to our children's children, buy supplying financial stability. With the benefit of now having our dear Secretary hounding us for our dues money every year.

Fraternálly. Mike

Proposed HTI By-Laws Amendment #1

ARTICLE X -- PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP FUND (aka the *Fund* and its administration)

SECTION 1 - PURPOSE

It will provide stability for our future, by delaying or eliminating per-capita increases, and as an incentive for younger Brothers to seek membership.

SECTION 2 - ADMINISTRATION

- 1. The <u>Fund</u> shall be administered by three trustees (1 year, 2 year and 3 year initial election, one term expires annually), elected at the Annual Convention of high Twelve International, who shall serve a term of three (3) years and shall be elected, one each year.
- 2. No trustee shall serve more than two (2) consecutive full terms.
- 3. The High Twelve International President, 1st Vice-President, General Counsel, Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members, without a vote, but in an advisory capacity.
- 4. There shall be appointed at least three (3) but not more than five (5) members at large from the general membership. Appointed members may serve two terms and still be eligible to be elected a trustee.
- 5. At the Annual Convention each year the trustees shall determine who shall be Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION 3 - COMPENSATION

As compensation for a full term of outstanding performance, a member of the *Fund*, may be awarded a Perpetual Life Membership in the President's Club, which, at his election, he may transfer to his home Club by paying the difference in cost for a full Life Membership in his Club.

SECTION 4 - BOARD MEETINGS

- 1. **Annual Meeting**: The annual meeting of the <u>Fund</u> shall be held at the International Convention each year. This meeting shall also be used to audit the Perpetual Life Membership records of the trustees.
- Special Meetings: Special meetings of the <u>Fund</u> may be called by or at the request of the Chairman or a majority of the members of the <u>Fund</u> stating the purpose/date/time of the meeting, and format (online/telephone/in person).
- Notice: Notice of any annual meeting or special meeting of the <u>Fund</u> shall be given at least seven (10) days written notice sent by mail to each member.
- 4. **Working Meetings**: shall be announced by email or phone call providing the date/time/purpose and format (online/telephone).
- 5. **Quorum**: A simple majority of the members of the *Fund* shall be requisite to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the *Fund*.

SECTION 5: VACANCY

Should a vacancy occur with the elected or appointed member of the *Fund*, the remaining members shall declare such vacancy after which the International

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Officers, shall appoint an eligible High Twelvian to serve until the next Annual Meeting.

SECTION 6: REMOVAL

Any member of the fund may be removed in accordance with ARTICLE II; Section 9 of these by by-laws.

SECTION 7: TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- The Chairman shall be the principal executive officer of the Fund and shall, in general, supervise and control directly or indirectly all of the business and affairs of the <u>Fund</u>. He may sign, for the secretary or any other officer of the <u>Fund</u> for bills and notes or other instruments which have authorized to be executed. Any contract(s) must be approved first by the High Twelve International General Counsel.
- 2. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the <u>Fund</u>, give all notices in accordance with the provisions of these By-laws, and be custodian of the records of the *Fund*.
- 3. The Treasurer will be principally responsible to see that appropriate payments are made to the Clubs and Associations, according to their several fiscal years, from Plan investments. Up to 90% of the income derived from those investments be made. He may assign sections of this duty to the other *Fund* members.

SECTION 8: CHECKS, NOTES, CONTRACTS, ETC.

All Checks, bonds, notes or other obligations for the payment of monies shall be signed by the Chairman or Treasurer and countersigned by the Secretary.

SECTION IX - FISCAL YEAR

- The fiscal year of the <u>Fund</u> and the anniversary of the election or appointment of each member shall coincide with High Twelve International Convention year.
- 2. All Monies shall be disbursed by May 31st of each year with a full accounting provided a the Annual High Twelve International Convention.

SECTION X - PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP

- 1. A High Twelvian may voluntarily elect to become exempt from paying annual dues to his Club by purchasing a Perpetual Membership; provided he is in good standing in his Club and holds a current dues card. The purchase price for Perpetual Membership is non-refundable, and the funds or revenue derived from their investment are not transferable to any other Masonic or non-Masonic body under any circumstances.
- 2. An eligible High Twelvian may purchase a Perpetual Membership by remitting a single payment; or if he desires to purchase a Perpetual Membership

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- by installment payments, he shall submit a written request or application to High Twelve International, and High Twelve International shall arrange a policy allowing for such installment payments. High Twelve International shall retain the installment payments until the final payment is received from the applicant. A Master Mason making installment payments shall also continue to pay his dues annually until the cost of his Perpetual Membership is paid in full.
- 3. The single payment purchase price for a Perpetual Membership shall be at least twenty-five (25) year's annual dues, including per capita tax and Association per capita tax, that are in effect at the time of purchase with a minimum of \$300.00. This is further divided into a \$250.00 payment into the Life Fund, and a \$50.00 contribution to the Wolcott Fund. Since a Club may amend its annual dues during any period of installment payments, the installment payment purchase price shall be at least twenty five (25) years annual dues, including per capita, which are in effect on the date of the final payment with a minimum of \$300.00 The \$300.00 minimum means that the applicant must pay the greater of at least twenty (25) years annual dues including per capita tax or \$300.00. The applicant must have remitted to the Club Secretary the amount of existing dues for the following year, which will be retained by the Club. A Perpetual Member shall not be subject to any increases in per capita tax or special assessments by his Club. Association, or High Twelve International. Should High Twelve International raise its per-capita above ten (10) dollars, the minimum fee shall be twenty five (25) times that new per-capita, plus a fifty (50) dollar donation to the Wolcott Fund.
- 4. Provided a deceased High Twelvian was in good standing at the time of his death, a Perpetual Membership-Memorial in his memory may be purchased by a Club, another order, by one or more individuals or by any combination thereof. The purchase price shall be a minimum of \$100.00. (Such payment to be retained by High Twelve International, and be equally divided with the Wolcott Foundation)
- 5. A Perpetual Member may transfer by affiliating with any Club of his choice within High Twelve International, but if such a transfer requires additional Funds to equal twenty five (25) times the annual dues, including percapita, of the Club to which he desires to transfer, the required additional Funds shall be remitted with his petition for affiliation. In case of consolidation of a Club, a transfer is not involved, and all Perpetual Members become members of the consolidated Club without any added Funds for Perpetual Members being required-provided that the dues structure of the clubs are within five dollars (\$5.00) of each other. Should the difference be more than five dollars per annum, the affiliating member must either pay 25 times the difference or join the President's Club.

SECTION XI - ADMINISTRATION, INVESTMENTS AND DISTRIBUTION OF EARNINGS

 Funds received shall be designated as the High Twelve International Perpetual Membership Account and shall not be co-mingled with any High Twelve Funds, except for investment purposes, but shall be kept apart as a permanent Fund solely for the benefit of the participating Clubs, Associations, and High Twelve International. A separate accounting of the *Fund* shall be available at the Annual Mid-Year Conference and International Convention.

- 2. Perpetual Membership. An eligible High Twelvian may purchase a Perpetual Membership by paying the greater of, at least twenty (25) years annual dues, including per capita tax, that are in effect at the time of purchase or a minimum of \$300.00, plus the amount of existing dues for the following year. The Trustees shall annually determine the amount to be distributed based upon the rolling 20 quarter average of the PLM account balance, such amount to be distributed to each Club, Association, and International per-capita. In no case shall the Trustees make any distributions that will deplete assets, nor shall more than ninety (90) percent of income be used for distribution. Ten percent shall be held back each year to hedge against inflation. These amounts shall appear on the Annual Report form sent out by the International Secretary as credits and are to be deducted from the total amount calculated as per capita tax assessments.
- 3. Should income fall below that needed to Fund a particular year fully, (five (5) percent for the purpose of this document), the income shall be prorated among High Twelve International, State Association (if any) per-capita, and the Local Club. Should a return on investment of more than eight (8) percent be earned on investments, the excess income over eight (8) percent will be equally divided between High Twelve International, Associations, if one exists, the Local Club, and, if living, and he so desires, the Perpetual Life Member.
- 4. Perpetual Membership-Deceased. Upon the death of a Perpetual Member, his account will be transferred to the Perpetual Membership-Deceased Account. The <u>Fund</u> shall annually determine the amount to be distributed based upon the rolling 20 quarter average of the PLM account balance, such amount to be distributed to High Twelve International, Local Association, if any, and the Local Club, in no case shall the Trustees make any distributions that will deplete assets. These amounts shall appear on the Annual Report form sent out by the International Secretary as credits and are to be deducted from the total calculated as per capita tax assessments portion of the earnings income each year. Investment expenses will be borne from Plan income, and shall be negotiated by the Trustees.
- 5. A Perpetual Membership member who upon Resignation, Expulsion or Suspension his account will be transferred to the Perpetual Membership-Deceased Account. The Trustees will continue to invest the Funds and only the net earnings derived therefrom shall be available for distribution. The *Fund* shall annually determine the amount of the earnings to be distributed to each constituent Club, Association, and HTI. These amounts shall appear on the Annual Per-Capita Statement sent out by the HTI Treasurer as credits and are to be deducted from the total calculated as per capita tax assessments. The net earnings credit shall be calculated in the same manner as the regular Fund. If the Brother that formally a member is restored to Active Membership his status will be returned to Regular Perpetual Membership. Should he instead join another club, and there is a difference in the dues structure of more than five dollars per annum, he shall pay 25 times

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the difference in dues to maintain his perpetual membership status.

- 6. Perpetual Membership Memorial. A deceased High Twelvian in good standing at the time of his death may have a Memorial Membership purchased in his memory by a Club, another order, by one or more individuals, or by any combination thereof for a minimum of \$100.00. Any High Twelvian in good standing with a Perpetual Life Membership may also purchase a Memorial Membership for himself. Memorial Membership shall be considered a contribution, and such contributions will be divided equally between the Perpetual Life Fund corpus, and the Wolcott Foundation to be used at their discretion.
- 7. A Club shall deposit all plan income received for Perpetual Memberships into its own bank account and immediately transmit a Club check to the International treasurer. The approved transmittal form shall accompany the payment. Only a fully paid Membership will be handled by the local Club. Incremental payments shall be handled by the <u>Fund</u> trustees.
- 8. The <u>Fund</u> trustees shall transmit to the International Secretary the name of each purchasing High Twelvian, the method of payment, the paid in full subscription, and the date received. The International Secretary shall issue a Special Dues card for life members which will be a design distinct from the standard adopted dues card.
- 9. The annual dues of each member who purchases a Perpetual Membership shall thereafter be the annual earnings derived from the investment of the purchased Funds, and his Club shall record such earnings as his annual dues for the previous year.
- 10. An eligible High Twelvian may purchase a Perpetual Membership at any time, and the Funds remitted are initially invested for a partial year and shall be designated as partial year investments. Earnings on partial year investments shall be calculated for the period corresponding to the High Twelve International fiscal year. Remittances to individual Clubs shall be according to High Twelve International fiscal year. Until the total fee is paid, the Member is still required to pay his Club dues in full.
- 11. All High Twelve Perpetual Membership Funds shall be invested in accordance with an investment policy established by a majority decision of the <u>Fund</u> Trustees. No investment company with an employee directly related to a Board member, by blood or marriage may be used. Each trustee must comply with the High Twelve International Conflict of Interest Policy annually at the close of the Annual Convention.
- 12. After the close of each plan year, the trustees shall cause an independent audit of the books and records of the Perpetual Account. Constituent Clubs and the trustees shall comply with all applicable requirements and provisions of these By-laws. The trustees shall prescribe the books and records to be kept by the treasurer and shall resolve any inequities or questions not otherwise prescribed by these By-laws, Should a Club or Association become defunct, the Funds received from it and any future earnings shall be held in the investment account until such time that the trustees make a decision on disposition of these monies.

SECTION XII - DUES CARDS

Dues cards for Perpetual Members shall be issued annually by the International Secretary who shall transmit such dues cards to the Club in which each Perpetual Membership is held. On receipt on such dues cards the Club Secretary shall immediately transmit same to each Perpetual Member. The form of the dues card shall be as adopted by the Executive Council, and will be distinct from the regular Dues Card. A permanent dues card may be issued in lieu of a yearly card, if approved by High Twelve International. In either case, the dues card will be distinct from the standard dues card. END

Proposed Amendment #2 (If Amendment #1 passes)

Article 1—Membership; Section 2—Local Clubs; Classes

To add a new class of membership:

4. Perpetual Life Member - A member in good standing may choose purchase a Perpetual Life Membership, as described elsewhere in these by-laws, to eliminate the need of paying for dues annually.

Proposed by Mike Haxton, 2nd Vice-President in conjunction with proposed by-laws amendment #1. END

Proposed Amendment #3

To follow the current ARTICLE XII (Rev. June 15, 2019 - 98th Convention)

Resolution to Amend By-Laws of High Twelve International Inc.

<u>Where As</u>: The By-Laws of High Twelve International provide provisions for the distribution of funds from the dissolution of High Twelve Clubs and State Associations; and

<u>Where As</u>: There is no provision for the distribution of funds in the event of the dissolution of High Twelve International; and

<u>Where As:</u> The Wolcott Foundation Inc. is the official philanthropy of High Twelve International; and

<u>Where As</u>: The Wolcott Foundation Inc. would continue after the dissolution of High Twelve International; and

<u>Therefore Be it Resolved</u>: In the event of the dissolution of High Twelve International, the President, Secretary or designated officer shall deliver upon the final payment of all debts and obligations of High Twelve International, all funds in all accounts of High twelve International to the Chairman or designated officer

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of The Wolcott Foundation Inc.

This amendment to the By-Laws of High Twelve International shall be made part of Section XI. And read as follows: "Upon the unfortunate dissolution of High Twelve International, all funds and assets remaining after the settlement of all debts be transferred to the official philanthropy, "THE WOLCOTT FOUNDATION INC." and transferred to, or through the Chairman of record at the time of distribution or his lawful designate at a time convenient to legal representative not to exceed 90 days from date of dissolution."

Proposed by: Michael E. Clark PSP: Sid Leluan III PIP: January 25, 2020 END

END OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

With the change of HTI Secretary at the 98th Convention please take note the reallocation of duties between the secretary and Treasurer.

HTI Secretary duties include but not limited to:

- F-200a and F-200b Online Reporting (please use the online payment of all fees <u>you do not need a PayPal account</u> to utilize the service just a valid debit or credit card)
- Individual membership records maintenance (new, drops, updates)
- Form supply orders (please use the Online Form ONLY to order)
- Member dues cards, certificates, etc.
- · General questions
- Website maintenance
- New club chartering

HTI Treasurer duties include but not limited to:

- · Maintaining corporate financial records & reporting
- Payment of justified bills, expenses
- Filing annual 990-N Long Form Tax Filing as of 4/30 each year
- Required AZ Corporation Commission annual filing of officers 6/23 each year
- Annual club per-capita billing on 4/30 of each year
- Annual update of the various insurance policies in July of each year
- Annual filing of the HTI Group Exemption #9422 (EIN validations) in February of each year.
- Merchandise orders (please use Online Form ONLY to order and pay for items ordered)

- Receipt of ALL income
 - o New member fees
 - o Club annual per-capita payments
 - o Annual Label program donations
 - o Annual Pocket Planner program donations
 - o \$100k Endowment Fund memberships
 - o Association or Club club closing funds
 - o Website maintenance
- Questions of a Historical nature

Our Future

International Second Vice President Mike Haxton at Cherokee DeMolay in Louisville KY with the Grand Master and Grand Councilors of DeMolay International during the Grand Masters Conference



Support Masonic Youth in every way that you can

Annual HTI Address Label Program

Thank you! to those members who have made a donation to this annual fund raiser. If you have not, please consider making a donation today, it is easy do online via the HTI website using the **Donation** link to do it. You can also use the reply envelope that was included in the mailing and tearing off the 'donation' part of the mailing with your check. We realize in that many think labels are obsolete but a majority of you do use them and the 2019 Pocket Planners that were mailed in September.

Thank you for your continued support!

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Secretary Donald A. Joe, CA

3 Year Endowment Fund Trustee Floor Nomination

Additional nominations can be made 'from the floor' of the convention as described in the International Bylaws R V 6/18/16; Article II - Officers; Section 4;

International Website: www.high12.org

A place to find out:

- State officer contacts
- Club meeting location, times and club officer contacts
- Events Association meetings, club/special events
- Useful information for association and club secretaries
- Wolcott Foundation information
- High Twelve merchandise
- Subscribe to the Monthly Newsletter
- Payments and donations

Observe the Turtle, who makes no progress unless he sticks his neck out



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The Wolcott Foundation Inc. "An Investment In The Future of Your Country"



2018 Wolcott Fellows





Sixty Years - 500 Fellowships

It all began with a \$200.00 contribution by Brother "Wallie' Wolcott in the late 1950's. Today, it has grown to an almost \$5 Million Masonic Educational Foundation unrivaled for its success in providing outstanding individuals with a graduate degree from George Washington University. Their degree funded by the Wolcott Foundation to help provide "A Moral Conscience for Government."

The Wolcott Foundation continues to fulfill the wishes of Brother Wallie by providing fellowships for outstanding graduate students at George Washington University desiring to complete degree studies in public service.

The Foundation has provided our country with Ambassadors, government department heads, senior advisors, government consultants, upper level managers and many other positions in government. These Wolcott Senior Fellows allow our country to be represented throughout the world by extraordinary and exemplary individuals dedicated to representing the United States of America.

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Wolcott Foundation Receives 46 Applications for Fellowships



Applications from students seeking to become a Wolcott Fellow were received from 46 individuals during the month long application period, December 15, 2019-January 14, 2020. The current four Wolcott Trustees began their review of each application. A typical application takes between 20-30 minutes

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Wolcott Fellows and Trustees

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1st Vice President of High Twelve International attends Wolcott Fellowship Selection Meetings

Jerry Hamilton, 1st Vice President of High Twelve International, was the latest of a long line of High Twelve International 1st Vice President's to be an invited guest at the Annual Wolcott Foundation Fellowship Selection Meetings held at George Washington University in Washington, DC. Brother Jerry attended each of the four Wolcott Trustee meetings and learned about the detailed process used by the Wolcott trustees to determine qualified applicants and to choose those who would be offered a Wolcott Fellowship for Fall 2020. He attended the annual financial and investments review by our Financial Advisor allowing him the opportunity to see how the Foundation invests the funds collected from our Wolcott Foundation members.

Brother Jerry attended the annual reception sponsored by George Washington University for the Wolcott Trustees and all Senior Wolcott Fellows living in the Washington, DC area and all eleven (11) Wolcott Fellows currently studying at George Washington University.

Brother Jerry had the opportunity to visit with Senior and Current Wolcott Fellows as well as have an opportunity to talk to George Washington University Faculty and Administrators concerning the long, warm relationship between the University and the Wolcott Foundation. Approximately 40 Senior Wolcott Fellows were in attendance.

Wolcott Foundation Publishes Financial Reports

The Wolcott Foundation Board of Trustees has reported its latest financial information to High Twelve International. These reports may be viewed at www.High12.org, under the Wolcott tab at the top of the webpage. These reports cannot be reviewed in this publication because of USPS regulations.

Zone 3 to Elect New Wolcott Trustee

The Wolcott Board of Trustees announced the opening of nominations for a new Trustee for Zone 3. (Nebraska, Texas, Colorado, Louisiana and Kansas) The time line for nominations ended March 1, 2020 per the Wolcott Foundation By Laws.

Any nominations received prior to March 1, 2020 will be reviewed by the Trustees and if necessary, an election will be held from March 15 – May 15, 2020. If no nominations are received for the position, then the Chairman with approval of the Board, may appoint someone to fill the Zone 3 Trustee position.

2019 Wolcott Luncheon Speakers with Wolcott Chairman



Wolcott Website Includes Fellows Video

If you are looking for a High Twelve Club luncheon program, The Wolcott Foundation has the answer for you. If you have video equipment available and also have internet access, then you can show a 28 minute video of two outstanding Wolcott Fellows giving presentations during the 2019 High Twelve International Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

- Access www.wolcottfoundation.com
- Scroll down to the bottom of the first page
- Click on the video and enjoy a 14 minute from Alivia Roberts and a 14 minute video presentation from David Okun.

They were the main speakers at the Annual Wolcott Foundation Luncheon in Chicago, Illinois.

I am sure you will greatly enjoy the videos and your club members will get a first hand view of the outstanding individuals their Wolcott Foundation contributions help educate for future Public Service to our Country.

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The Endowment Fund lapel pin was redesigned and made its debut at the 2019 Mid-Year meeting. You can have yours (and a numbered certificate) too for a donation of \$100. It can be ordered/paid for on the HTI website.



It is important that we do not forget our High Twelvian Widows as many continue to be active in our clubs. An appropriate way to honor the ladies is with the HTI Widows Pin which can be ordered/paid for on the HTI Website.



Wolcott Fellow with High Twelve International President



Senior Wolcott Fellows at GWU Reception

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Wolcott Foundation Unveils Senior Wolcott Fellow Contributions Project

A comment made by a Senior Wolcott Fellow at a Wolcott Reception during the Annual Fellowship Selection Meetings, has led to the unveiling of a new Wolcott Foundation Funding Program. The new program will allow Senior Wolcott Fellows, who have received and benefited from Wolcott Fellowships to "Pay It Forward". All funds will be used to fund the Wolcott Foundation for future Fellowships.

The Wolcott Foundation has set up a direct deposit PayPal/Venmo account for Senior Fellows use. Each of the nearly 300 known Senior Wolcott Fellows will be contacted with contribution information and be asked to contribute on an annual basis to the Foundation. Wolcott pins will be used as a thank you for each contribution. The program will be rolled out at the Wolcott Senior and Current Fellows Reception at George Washington University the last weekend of February 2020.



Wolcott Foundation Luncheon at 99th HTI Convention to Feature 1982 GW School of Business Graduate

The Annual Wolcott Foundation Luncheon a part of the 99th High Twelve International Convention will be held aboard the SS Queen Mary in Long Beach, California. The featured speaker will be a 1982 Wolcott Foundation Senior Fellow, now an Assistant Vice President at a major California University Hospital. The Wolcott Foundation Luncheon will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2020. Cost of the luncheon is \$50.00 per person and a fine meal will be served prior to our speaker's presentation. Reservations can be made on the HTI website

How You Can Make A Wolcott Foundation Donation

(tax deductible):

- Little Red Schoolhouse all donations (not tax deducible)
 made when the schoolhouse is passed around the table during a
 club meeting are forwarded to the foundation. Clubs are recognized annually for giving at all levels combined during the Wolcott year (May to April).
- 2. Wolcott Label Pins obtain from club secretary
- 3. **Memorials** a donation with an acknowledgement mailed as directed.
- 4. Heritage Bonds two types
 - ♦ In Honor Of mailed as directed
 - In Memory Of mailed as directed
- 5. **Century Club** two donation methods
 - Monthly installment \$10 per month donation over a 12 month period will purchase a century club certificate in your name or designee
 - One time donation of \$100, certificate in your name or designee
- 6. Wolcott Club two donation methods
 - Installment 10 Century Club certificates (#4 above) equal one Wolcott Club certificate. All Century Club certificates must be for the same named person to qualify, and be completed within a ten (10) year period. A Wolcott "sticker" is issued in-lieu of subsequent certificates (2-9). Club certificate. A presentation plaque is presented when the 10th Century Club is attained.
 - ♦ One time donation of \$1.000
- 7. Wolcott Patron two donation methods
 - Installment 10 Wolcott Club certificates (#5 above) equal one Wolcott Patron certificate. All Wolcott Club certificates must be for the same named person to qualify. A Wolcott "sticker" is issued in-lieu of subsequent certificates (2-9). There is no time limit to obtain a Wolcott Patron certificate. A presentation plaque is presented when the 10th Wolcott Club is attained.
 - ♦ One time donation of \$10,000



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News From Here and There

Highland Lake High Twelve Club #566 - Palm Harbor, FL

The club held its monthly meeting on March 3 at Positano's Restaurant, Palm Harbor.

The social hour and check-in began at 11:00 AM. The business portion of the luncheon started at 11:30 AM with lunch being served a little past noontime. While we ate, Deputy Sean O'Brien of the Pinellas County Sheriffs Department put on a presentation of the biggest cyber and internet scams. His best advice was to not click on anything you're not sure of, whether it be the name of a person or business. Regarding telephone calls, he advised us to not answer before looking at the phone number of the caller. Picking up and answering the phone from an unknown caller is an indication to the scammer of a live number (yours).

He also did a presentation at our October meeting about the top ten telephone and general scams. Many of us have experienced most of these scams at one time or another: a call from the IRS with a warrant for one's immediate arrest, the grandchild in jail and needing bail money to get out, a free cruise, a Microsoft registration expiring and so on.

We inducted a new member to the club today-- Bro. David Berger, a snowbird from Connecticut. David and his lady, Andrea, have been attending our meetings since last winter. There were 22 members and ladies at today's luncheon. The coronavirus pandemic hasn't kept us away yet! Unfortunately, many of our club members are on the sick list and unable to attend the monthly luncheons. We may be smaller in number than we once were but we remain big in spirit!

Youth Groups Attend Pennsylvania State Meeting

On February 19, 2020, at the Quarterly PA State Association of High Twelve Clubs Meeting that was held at the Scottish Rite Center in Reading, PA, two of the three Masonic-related youth groups were honored guests and brought inspiring messages about their organizations. Miss Job's Daughter Alyssa Kline spoke on the teachings of Job's Daughters and how important they have been to her growth and leadership development. She is a Past Honored Queen of Bethel 15 that meets in Elizabethtown. Past Master Councilor Drew Martin spoke on behalf of Pennsylvania DeMolay in general and his home Chapter of Reading in particular. He also presented State President Rick Santella with the DeMolay

International Medal of Appreciation in recognition of over 30 years of financial donations that the association has made to the PA DeMolay State Officer Travel Fund. The PA Association of High Twelve Clubs generously supports the travel funds to Pennsylvania DeMolay, Pennsylvania Job's Daughters and Pennsylvania Rainbow. At the November Quarterly Meeting a speaker from the Order of Rainbow for Girls in Pennsylvania was featured.



Drew Martin presents Certificate of Appreciation from Pennsylvania DeMolay to High Twelve



Miss Jobie of Pennsylvania addresses State High Twelve

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Lafayette Masonic High Twelve Club #99 - IN



The Lafayette Masonic High Twelve Club is a very active chapter. The current officers are Lee Tweedie, president, Dr. Ken Moder, 1st VP, James Lewis 2nd VP, and Ken Stanford Sec./ Tres. The club meets every Friday at noon at Christo's Family Dinner on Teal Rd. The club typically has external speakers at least once per month. Some of the recent speakers include Mayor Tony Roswarski (pictured left) of Lafayette, pictured; Mayor John Dennis – West Lafayette, and other city and county officials. Recently the club has decided to extent a fraternal hand of assistance to a local 501-c-3 child care organization, Right Steps. They are pioneering a unique caring program for troubled

children based upon cutting edge neural science. Ms. Jessica Pierce, director, is taking college classes and can use her professor as a real time mentor.



Dr. Moder, 1st VP is shown presenting a check from the Club for \$100 to Ms. Pierce.

HUTCHINSON MASONIC HIGH TWELVE #571 - KS February 29, 2020

Nate Nelzen State High Twelve President.

In a recent meeting the High Twelve Club voted to hold a special meeting on the evening of February 29 (leap year) to give the members who have day jobs chance to attend a meeting. In planning this meeting be were assisted by Brother Tony Nelzen33rd, General Secretary of the

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Scottish Rite Center of Wichita. Tony was of great assistance in obtaining our key note speaker and the many guest from the Wichita area. I would like recognize them all but frankly I had trouble in taking notes. In all we had over twenty guest.

President Richard Greever opened the meeting by welcoming members & guests and called upon acting Chaplin, Claude Carpenter for the opening prayer. After the prayer the President led the group in the pledge of allegiance to our flag. The president introduced those at the head table which were The Honorable Hugh Gill #3rd and Mike Haxton 2nd Vice President, High Twelve International. Following the Pledge of Allegiance the president dismissed the group for dinner.

The meal was prepared by Past Lodge Master Russell Silvey and aided by Rita Rodman and Debbie Mock and what a good meal it was. After dinner resident Greever Called us from refreshment to labor and introduced our key note speaker The Honorable Hugh Gill 33rd of the Wichita Scottish Rite of Wichita. Brother Gill gave a very good over view of the Scottish Rite Foundation and it support and funding of the Scottish Rite Rite Care program. Brother Hugh was followed by an introduction of Brother Mike Haxton 2nd Vice President of High Twelve International. Broth Mike explained the Wolcott Foundation Scholarship Program in which we provide scholarship to qualified students to attend George Washington University. Upon graduation they work for the US Government for at least two years.

President Greever advised those present that he planned to continue to hold evening meeting in the months that has five Saturdays.

Des Moines High Twelve Club #4 - IA

We meet weekly except for holidays, bad weather and the last two weeks of the year. Our ladies are invited to attend on all fourth Wednesdays and some holiday events, like Valentines and Christmas.

For the last couple of years we have social outings at some local restaurants , some at noon and some in the evening, once a month. If Des Moines Public Schools close due to weather on meeting days, we do not meet.

At each meeting we have a drawing with two winners and when the ladies are present three. It is not unusual for the Brothers to turn the winning back into the fund. When a certain amount is reached it goes, one third each, to the Wolcott Fund, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay. A few years ago we made significant donation to the Gigi's Playhouse here. We have speakers or programs at all the meetings except the

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second Wednesday which are for fellowship and the monthly Board of Directors meeting. And a monthly bulletin is e-mailed or mailed to all the members and lodges in the Des Moines area. The attendance isn't what we like, but the camaraderie is great!

Fraternally, Dave Ashby President

Liberty High Twelve Club #780 - Philadelphia, PA



November 19th 2019, marked a momentous occasion for the members of Liberty High 12 Club No. 780. Since the club's inception in 2016, Liberty High 12 moved out of a local restaurant and into the lower banquet room of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. If it were not for the dedication of our State President Rick Santella PP and the members and its officers and as well as working with S. Eugene Herritt Right Worshipful Grand Master, Mark Haines Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, and Mike McKee Executive Director Operations and Compliance this could not have happen. Our Club looks forward to meeting in the Grand Lodge for many years to come. Should you like to visit Liberty High 12 Club No. 780, we meet at noon on the 4th Tuesday of the month (except July and August). Please contact the President or Secretary to RSVP.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Thomas J. Brotherton III PP, Secretary

An optimist believes that we live in the best world.

A pessimist is afraid that it might be true.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY the mailing address for HTI is now:
PO Box 1650
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340-1650

Notice to all High Twelvians

Wherever Situated

It is with great distress that we must notify you that the 99th High Twelve International Convention has been cancelled because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Your International officers met via conference call on March 8, 2020, and after some discussion, it was agreed that the health of our members outweigh the benefit of having the convention.

Please look at the procedure for having a telephone conference to discuss the issues facing us this year.

Over the next few weeks, according to the procedure published in this magazine, your Executive committee, consisting of your International Officers, Association Presidents, and Club presidents, will conduct the business that would have normally occurred in Long Beach, and will notify all of decisions made.

This decision was not made lightly, but the safety of our members must be paramount.

Fraternally,

Jonathan Dilley
Jerry Hamilton
Mike Haxton
Mark Nokes
Donald Joe
Kevin Hokerk-Robinson
International President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice-President
3rd Vice President
International Secretary
International Treasurer

HTI 99th Convention Rulings

Leonard Altieri, III, Esq., HTI General Counsel has made the following ruling which has been concurred by Jonathan Dilley, HTI President: On June 13th the offices of 1st, 2nd and 3rd HTI Vice-President's shall advance one level. The office of 3rd Vice-President, if uncontested, shall be be filled by the candidate. If the 3rd Vice-President office is contested it shall remain vacant until the 100th Convention. The offices of HTI Secretary and Treasurer shall be considered elected. Installation of the officers will occur at the 2021 Mid-Year Conference.*

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Leonard Altieri, III, Esq., HTI General Counsel has made the following ruling which has been concurred by Jonathan Dilley, HTI President: Any proposed bylaws amendments/legislation for the 99th Convention can not be acted upon until the 100th Convention due to inability for presentation, discussion, possible amendments and valid voting.

To all International Officers

Due to the COVID-19 out break all officer travel is suspended until further notice.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY the mailing address for HTI business is now:

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Ohio State High 12 January 29, 2020

Greetings Fellow High Twelvians in Ohio.



First, I want to thank each of you for electing me your 3rd Vice President in Ohio (especially since I live in Illinois). On a more serious note I had the opportunity to represent our State President at the International High Twelve Mid-Year meeting in Las Vegas.

The meeting proved to be very fruitful. The following items were discussed, and several new bylaws will be brought forward at the Annual International High Twelve Meeting in June.

International is working on a Lifetime membership. The full report will be in the next addition of the High Twelvian. We now have a threefold pocket size petition. Remember we also have a President Club Membership.

Going forward when a state endorses a member for the International Line, there is a shared responsibility and accountability with the State Association regarding expectations and especially expenses when it comes to hosting an Annual H12 meeting.

Mike Clark Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation remined us to keep supporting "The Red School House". His full report will be given I the High Twelvian as well

Save the date June 10-14, 2020 for the International High Twelve Meeting in Long Beach, California on the Queen Mary. And just around the corner is the 100th Annual Convention which will be held in Sioux City, Iowa where it all began 100 years ago.

My travel plans include visiting Hamilton as well as other clubs in Ohio this spring. If there is anything, we can do to help your club let us know.

Fraternally Submitted,

Mark D. Nokes, PSP Third VP Ohio High Twelve

New Jersey Stand Up and Holler

A few years ago it was necessary to disband our New Jersey Association of High Twelve Clubs. Leadership was not available and the spark was lost.

Recently there has been a kindling of a new flame in the Garden State. Clubs are meeting and the need for a State Organization is felt.

All members living in or even near New Jersey are requested to contact Jerry J. Hamilton, International 1st Vice President who will arrange for a meeting site and date. Call him at 215-591-9594 or E-mail jhamilton806@comcast.net

South Suburban Club #783 at Valley of Chicago Scottish Rite



Safe travels. Let us know how we can support your local Club or State Association.

Fraternally, Mark D. Nokes, 3rd VP High Twelve International, Inc

A Note From the Editor

This is my first time editing a magazine over about 12 pages. And that was years ago. Microsoft Publisher was a lot different than it is now.

I couldn't have done it without the (beyond) help and encouragement of my daughter, **Julie Haxton Wood**, Past Grand Charity of Kansas Rainbow. She works with the professional version of this program, and patiently taught her old man the things he needed to know, and then did them for him sometimes. Thanks, Julie!

Masters Club High Twelve Club #590 - Lima OH



Left to right Richard Hall State President and the staff from Restoration House of Lima Ohio. Douglas Stolzenburg, Margaret Moore, and Bobbie Nevarez Administrator at a meeting in Lima, Ohio of the Masters club. The club is looking to work with Restoration House to give men there a hand up to a better life.

Happiness, Richard Hall

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I'm grumpy cuz I wanted to sail on the Queen Mary



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Mt. Laurel High Twelve Club #770 NJ - Officers for 2020



(L-R) Russ Carvin, Club President, Dennis Lacey PSP, Installing Officer, Kharis Sepulvada, Vice President

The Year of Dis-Ease

Well, our year is ending on a weird note. Covid-19, better known as the Coronavirus, has shut down much of the country, including your High Twelve International travel, and June Convention. We suppose that we could have gone ahead and tried for business as usual, but honestly, Twelvians, the risk far outweighed the rewards.

When it's safe, your International Officers will hit the road again, and we will thoroughly discuss the proposed amendments. We have the luxury of an extended look at them.

Meanwhile, in most parts of the country, we can still meet at the Club level without all that much concern. But wash your hands a lot, use that hand sanitizer, and for sure, Don't. Touch. Your. Face. We will get through this, all of us. This isn't the 1918 Spanish Flu, and this isn't 1918 medicine

We wish all of us a healthy spring, summer, and a good vaccine by the next season.

Expect a fall edition of this magazine. Ye humble Editor

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