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# Presidents Mid-Year Report 2022-2023

Greetings High Twelvians,

The first several months have been filled with opportunities to meet many of you throughout my travels. We have had the opportunity to build several new clubs both within the U.S. and outside our borders. It is my honor to follow the footsteps of several Past Presidents, not just Masons but outstanding men. Thank you for your trust in electing me President of High Twelve International. It has been very humbling and rewarding to serve this wonderful Association.



Personally, I have had the pleasure of charting two new clubs, one in Detroit and the other in Miami. Please welcome these new clubs and their members.

Many thanks to the state associations for their gracious hospitality during their installation and/or quarterly meetings, including Iowa, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Kansas. In the next few weeks, we will visit California, Colorado, Indiana, Florida, Ohio, and Michigan. In addition to the U.S., we plan to make several international trips, too.

On a sad note, we traveled to Belleville, Illinois, for the funeral of Past State President Steve Hermanson. He will be greatly missed. He was very dedicated to Masonry.

As your International President, I have been able to represent High Twelve at several Grand Lodge Sessions as well as other Masonic functions. Wolcott Chairman Mike Clark and I had the opportunity meet in Illinois at CHI-ILL High Twelve Club where the club presented a check for \$900.00 for Wolcott. In turn, the members received a special pin, and their ladies received a lovely necklace.

We hope to see you at our mid-year in Tampa, January 12-15, 2022. We have by-law changes that will be discussed, and we want your input to help improve our organization and move forward to help grow our membership. Also, save the date for the Annual Convention in Chicago on July 13-15, 2023.

Our International Officers would love to hear your feedback and suggestions that can make us stronger and more efficient. We now have a social media presence with Facebook and Twitter. Please use these tools to help us promote High Twelve and promote your Club activity. Thank you to everyone who is a member. If you need anything or just need to run an idea by us don't be shy. Feel free to reach out to me personally or reach out to Rick, Roberto, Kevin, or Tom. Watch your emails and check our website [www.high12.org](http://www.high12.org) for upcoming events.

Once again, thank you for this awesome experience of being you International President for High Twelve. Lisa and I will cherish the wonderful relationships that we form during our journey with you.

Blessing,

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## **Rick Santella 1st Vice President**

Fellow High Twelvians,

I am always trying to find a way to spread the High Twelve story because I believe in it so much. I admit I do feel slightly perturbed when anyone says High Twelve is just a "lunch club". They who think this miss out on so much we offer.

The other day I was putting a few thoughts on paper for this article, and it hit me, an Acronym came to mind. Maybe it will help keep in mind all our advantages we offer. It's up to you if you decide to use it. Will we see a T-shirt or mug in the future using it? Time will tell. Here goes...



### **ACRONYM FOR HIGH TWELVE:**

**W A L L I E** - In honor of our founder, E. Wallie Wolcott

- W** - Wolcott Foundation. It's why we do what we do for our future leaders.
- A** - Adaptable. We can meet any time, any place, any day or at any venue.
- L** - Ladies Welcome. We are one of the few bodies who encourage ladies' attendance.
- L** - Lasting Masonic Bonds. The fellowship we experience extends throughout the Fraternity
- I** - International. We are located throughout the US and in several countries and growing!
- E** - Everyone. All Master Masons are welcome and able to join and share fraternal bonds.

Feedback welcomed.... but be nice...it's the holiday season!

Our Ambassador buttons are getting lots of usage. We are hearing positive feedback from our Club members who use these to invite Master Masons to our Clubs. They can be ordered thru [www.high12.org](http://www.high12.org) under Merchandise. (No charge) Order yours today and remember they are reusable, too.

Speaking of merchandise, we have lots of new items available to order, such as Bottle openers, Phone stands, USB sticks, Stylus', with more products on the way. These are great holiday gifts for new membership or for your own usage. Please check them out.

Information will be forthcoming shortly for our Midyear Governing Board Meeting. Be on the lookout for it. Attendance is one way of finding out firsthand what is happening in our High Twelve Clubs, meeting Club, State and International Officers, and the ability to give your input to how we can continue our growth and retention. Plan on attending if possible. Lastly, I want to extend to you, your family, friends and loved ones a terrific and very fulfilling Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Holiday Season. God Bless and stay safe!

**Roberto M. Sanchez**  
**2nd Vice President**

Greetings Fellow High Twelvians,

This is my first time greeting you as an International High Twelve officer after you electing me as your 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President in Kansas. It is an amazing honor to follow in the footsteps of so many outstanding



Freemasons, and I humbly thank you for your trust in me in electing me to such a high honor.



High Twelve is one of the first Masonic Organizations to have the name “International” as part of their official name. This year both the Tall Cedars of Lebanon and Grotto voted to change their names to “International” and have joined us in their expansion Internationally. It is my pledge to you to continue to grow our international reach, while I serve you as an International Officer. Since getting into office I have been working with several International Jurisdictions to open High Twelve Clubs in International locations. So far in the last year, we have succeeded in opening clubs in England and Brazil. Last September Itime greeting you as an International High Twelve officer after you electing me as your 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President in Kansas. It is an amazing honor to follow in the footsteps of so many outstanding Freemasons, and I humbly thank you for your trust in me in electing me to such a high honor.

Over the next several years, my job is to serve you and to help High Twelve International grow into a brighter tomorrow. I make myself available to all of YOU the member of this great order. If you have any ideas you would like us to implement, or something you would like the Governing Board to assist you with, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. My email is [Roberto@high12.org](mailto:Roberto@high12.org) and I encourage all of you to reach out to me. I will gladly give any member my personal cell number and would be happy to bounce off ideas.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during my travels and partake in brotherhood with many of you while at refreshment.

## **Thomas J. Brotherton III**

### **Secretary**

Hello My Fellow High Twelvians,

My prayers are that you and your families are doing well. As the holidays are getting closer, please remember to check in on our Brothers who may have lost a loved one recently. The holidays are

hard on everyone to begin with but when a Brother loses a family member is when they need us the most. Also, remember to reach out to



the widows. Let them know that we are thinking of them and that we are there for them. Lastly, check in on those we have not seen or heard from in a while. As they may be having issues at home or with health, they may be struggling to do things on their own with no help. Reach out, see if they need help, or they may just need to know that they are not forgotten.

Speaking of reaching out, I would like to try and make the “Ask Tom” sessions a monthly thing. I am going to try and move it to various times and days. It is hard for me as I do have a full-time job, but as I want to try and answer everyone’s questions and make sure everyone knows how to get what they need done for their Clubs and their members. If you cannot attend, that’s ok. These are not mandatory. If you are a new club President or Secretary, these are the best time to get answers to whatever your questions about High 12. I always try to have an agenda prepared but everyone who has attended so far has had a lot of good questions. It makes the next meeting easier, as the agenda I have prepared just moves to the next month.

As we are getting closer to the end of the year, remember to begin ordering your club’s Past President Certificates so that you can have them in time to present them at your club’s installation of officers. That also goes for all certificates you want to present. If you are not sure what certificates your club can order, go to the website. Under “forms ordering” you will see our samples. As always, there is no charge as this is what a portion of your clubs per-capita goes toward. That also includes dues cards. All dues cards are free to every club. Your secretary or president simply orders them. Please keep in mind every dues card will list your Club’s name, the member’s name, and their membership number. What makes it custom is how your club shows the year in which that dues card is valid. If you do not specify it, it will list the upcoming year. We do this as some clubs are by the calendar year, others run from Saint John’s day, and still others follow the per capita year.

P.S. It wouldn’t be a letter from the secretary if I do not remind you the F-200a forms are to be filed monthly whether or not your club meets. This is where you will let me know of address changes, new members



added or when a Brother passes away or resigns from the club. If you are not letting us know the status of membership in your club, you may be over charging your yearly per capita. We have had clubs that “forgot” to let us know several Brothers passed away and were charged for each one of them. If your club is not filing their reports your club will be paying more money than it should.

## **Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson** **Treasurer & 3rd Vice-President**

Brothers, Secretary’s, and Members:

At the end of October, I sent out some 53 outstanding invoices directly from our QuickBooks online accounting software. Of those 53, 28 were for outstanding per-capita that was due this past May. Please take a few minutes to review the online invoice you may have received and make your payment by clicking on the button. You can pay with plastic, by bank draft, or you can snail-mail a paper check. If you believe it was paid, please provide the payment information detail so I can do the proper research.



During this process I have reviewed ALL payments received since July 2019 to validate that they were applied (check, cash, PayPal, AffiniPay). If you have any questions let me know.

Come the end of November, I will be mailing out to all EIN holders the [Annual EIN Validation Request](#). Please take a few minutes when you receive it to validate your information with the IRS and the club, president, and secretary information. This document will also show the last 990-N ePostcard filing that was made and the date you can file annually (it only takes a few minutes). If the non-profit status has been revoked, the form will show the date of revocation. ALL domestic Associations and Clubs are required by the IRS to file a 990-N ePostcard ANNUALLY (only takes a few minutes). If the non-profit status is revoked, you are still required to file a paper return! Instructions for making the annual ePostcard return and to reinstate (pay the fee) the non-profit status is on the HTI website. None of this

has changed since 2007, and I have been providing this information to the EIN holders annually for ten years now.

As our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President indicated in his article, we have new merchandise for you:

**HTI 42** – Ambassador Coin – program description is located on the merchandise page – no cost



**HTI 43** – President’s Club #1002 member lapel pin \$7.00 each plus shipping



**HTI 44** – USB 3.0 16gb Jump Drive (I still call them thumb drives LOL) \$17.00 each plus shipping



**HTI 45** – Bamboo Bottle Opener w/magnets - \$5.00 each plus shipping



**HTI 46** – Touch Free Stylus +antimicrobial treated – (works on all smart devices) - \$4.00 each plus shipping



**HTI 47** – Foldable Metal Phone Stand (works with smart phones, tablets, slim laptops) - \$12.00 each plus shipping



### **Price Reduction!**

**HTI 30a** – Men's narrow neck tie – now \$35.00 each plus shipping

**HTI 40** – Ladies Scarf – now \$35.00 each plus shipping



New item coming will be an absorbent stone coaster (sent of two) - expected cost \$10.00 per set +shipping – no picture at this time! Please view all items available on the merchandise page under the Everyone tab of our website [www.high12.org](http://www.high12.org)

**Don't forget our fundraiser with Rada Cutlery! We receive 40% of each order made.** Please visit the HTI website Home Page for the link to the HTI offering.



## Brothers of High Twelve International and Wolcott Foundation Members:

### THE WOLCOTT FOUNDATION NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The figures for contributions between May 1, 2022, and August 31, 2022, are NOT impressive. Monies received by our Wolcott Administrator Carol DiPietro during that time period totaled only **\$5,469.00**, or only **\$1,367.30** per month. That figure includes the monies collected at the HTI convention in Kansas.

Brothers, we need to get to work! At this rate, we will collect only **\$16,407.00** during the 2022-2023 fiscal year. A number that would be considerably less than last year's HTI contribution amount, and only slightly more than half the cost of one Wolcott Fellowship. This along with a lower investment return for the current fiscal year would greatly affect our ability to provide our usual number of Wolcott Fellowships for Fall 2023.

While the Chairman's Challenge has so far seen 8 clubs already qualify, it has not given us the boost for which I was hopeful. **Last year, only 53 of the 128 HTI clubs contributed to Wolcott.** Why? We have tried contacting these clubs in the past but except in a few instances, have not been successfully able to get them to commit to making contributions, or even hearing back from them.

We have available to any club that requests them the following items:

- Wolcott Trustee or Trustee Representative to speak at your club
  - Wolcott 2022 pins (\$10.00)
  - Wolcott Brochures
  - Wolcott Talking Points for the club's Wolcott Representative to make a Wolcott Foundation presentation
  - Chairman's Challenge rules and historic lapel pins and necklaces awards
  - Pictures of our Wolcott Fellows 2021 and 2022
  - Little Red School Houses
  - Online videos of Wolcott Fellows speaking at HTI conventions
- Wolcott website: [www.wolcottfoundation.com](http://www.wolcottfoundation.com)

Please contact me if you have ideas on how to get your club and the other HTI clubs to increase their contributions:

**Information on the Wolcott Foundation Fellowship Recipients, videos of Wolcott Luncheon Speakers, and Wolcott Fellowship Application information is available at**

**[www.wolcottfoundation.com](http://www.wolcottfoundation.com)**

**Wolcott financial reports are available on the High Twelve International website at [High12.org](http://High12.org) under the Wolcott tab at the top of the page.**

## **Wolcott Foundation Mission Statement**

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





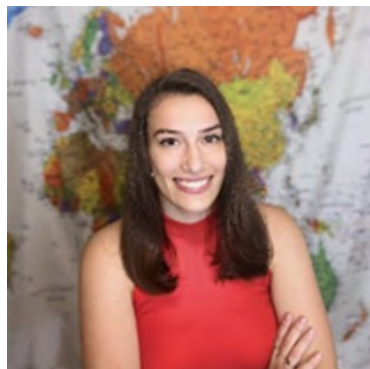
Responding to the Wolcott Chairman's Challenge, Springfield Ohio Masonic Community High Twelve Club #483 qualified in September for the Diamond pins and necklaces for members and ladies.

On the 27th of September a joint meeting was held between the SMC club and the officers of the Ohio Association of High Twelve Clubs. During the Club #483 portion of the meeting, which preceded the State meeting, the pins and necklaces were awarded to fifteen members and ten ladies by 1st Vice President Phil Hoffman and Secretary Joe Stewart, who had jointly spearheaded the club qualification. Eight Ohio club representatives observed the ceremony and the prizes, and the elation displayed by the recipients. Among the ladies were Pauline Beinbrech Baker, widow of former High Twelve members Paul Beinbrech and Dale Baker (and a 3-time Wolcott Champion Club member), and Beverly Marsee, widow of former SMC club Treasurer Fred Marsee. During the October meeting more pins and necklaces were presented to members and ladies who missed the September meeting.

New Ohio State Association Officers were elected and installed during the State Association portion of the meeting. In the attached photo from right to left are new State Association President RWB Dan Shirk, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. RWB Jeff Shaw, Sec. WB Phil Hoffman, Treas. Joe Stewart (Zone 5 Trustee Representative for Ohio), Sgt at Arms, WB Carl Smith and Chaplain Bob Sears. In the foreground of the photo on the table are some of the donated items which were raffled off to benefit the Wolcott Foundation.

### **New Wolcott Fellow, also a Fulbright Scholar**

The Wolcott Foundation Fellowships are awarded to outstanding students who are chosen not only for their scholarship achievements but for their moral and Masonic character shown in their public service activities.

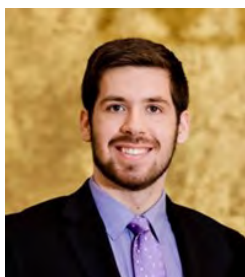


Maria Sherwood has received a Wolcott Foundation Fellowship and was selected as a Fulbright Scholar, one of the most prestigious Scholarships awarded to American students. Maria will delay by one year beginning her Wolcott Fellowship studies, so she can study in Morocco as a Fulbright Scholar. Congratulations Maria, and we look forward to seeing you in the Fall of 2023.

**Wolcott Foundation Fellows  
George Washington University  
Class of 2022 – Graduating in June 2024  
Elliott School of International Affairs**



**Amber Torell**



**Ian Cameron**



**Caitlin Mattrick**



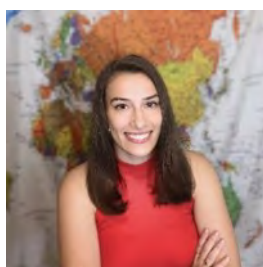
**Isaiah Nielsen**



**Camella Saia**



**Brendan Fusco**

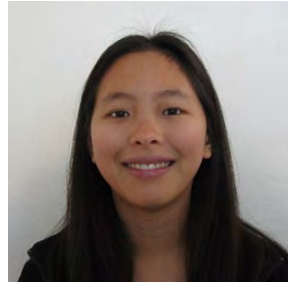


**Maria Sherwood**  
(Deferred Wolcott Fellowship until 2023)  
Received Fulbright Scholarship to Morocco

**Wolcott Foundation Fellows  
Class of 2021 – Graduating in June 2023  
from George Washington University**



**Laura Hillard**



**Elkana Chan**



**Christian Spencer**



**Brevin Anderson**



**Molly Klein**

## **Wolcott Foundation recognizes Wolcott Senior Fellows with a Special Certificate**

The Wolcott Foundation has awarded Wolcott Fellowships for 62 years with over 500 Fellowships given during that period. Many years ago, each Wolcott Fellow received a small lapel-type pin that distinguished them as a Wolcott Fellow. However, in recent years, no physical recognition has been provided to our Wolcott Fellows to signify their accomplishment.

The Wolcott Board of Trustees discussed and passed a motion to provide each known living Wolcott Senior Fellow with a diploma-type certificate, recognizing them as a Wolcott Fellow. Work began on the design and completion of the certificate and letter from the Chairman to the individual recipient. An inquiry was made as to the best method of mailing the certificate. Several challenges needed to be overcome, most seriously the mailing of each certificate, as the USPO would not accept more than 20 large envelopes per day, due to varying postal rates depending upon the destination of each large envelope.

A total of 308 certificates were mailed out over a four-week period, and the Foundation has received emails, letters, and phone calls from many recipients thanking the Foundation for the certificate and their intention to have it framed and placed next to their George Washington University Diploma.

The Board of Trustees will now award yearly certificates to each Wolcott Fellow at the Wolcott Foundation reception, held at George Washington University in March of each year, during the annual Wolcott Fellowship Selection Meetings.

### **Sample of Senior Fellow Certificate**

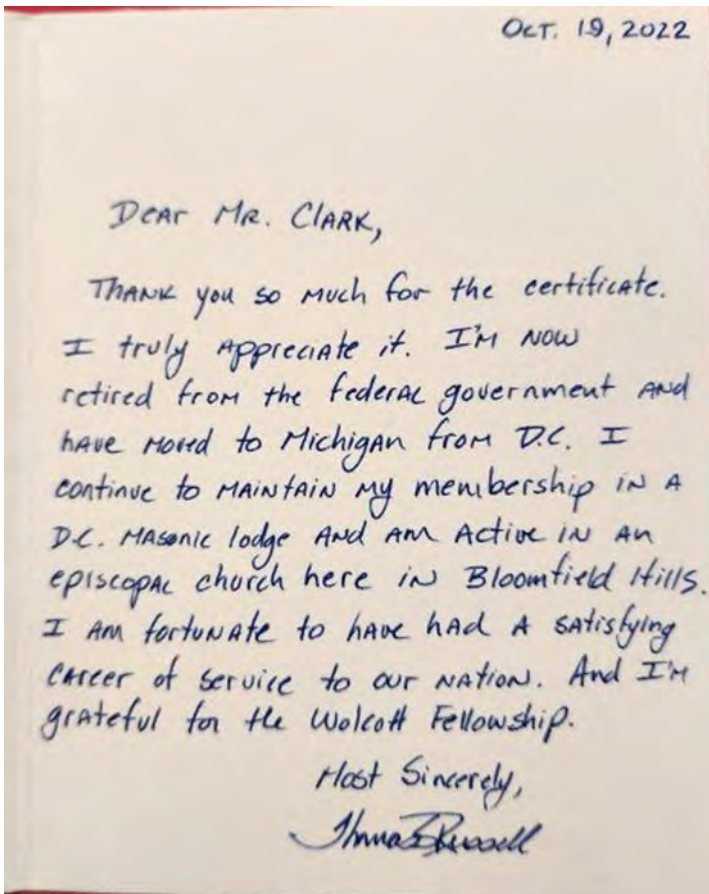


## Wolcott Fellowship Application Period

The Wolcott Foundation Board of Trustees along with the George Washington University School of Business, the Elliott School of International Affairs, and the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration have announced the application dates for Fall 2023 Wolcott Foundation Fellowships.

Applications will be accepted only between the dates of December 15, 2022, and January 15, 2023. Applications can be found on the Wolcott Foundation website [www.wolcottfoundation.com](http://www.wolcottfoundation.com). No early or late applications will be accepted.

### Wolcott Senior Fellow and Brother Mason Sends Thank You Letter for Wolcott Fellowship and Certificate





## **The Wolcott Foundation's Chairman's Challenge May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023**

### **High Twelve Clubs can Win Historic Lapel Pins and Ladies Necklaces**

**Hurry! Diamond Lapel Pin / Necklace supplies are going fast!**

The Wolcott Foundation announces a special opportunity to receive recently discovered, historical High Twelve International/Wolcott Foundation Award Pins, for each member of your High Twelve Club, and a beautiful High Twelve Necklace for the ladies. (while supplies last)

These Award Pins, etc., will be awarded High Twelve Clubs qualifying for Purple or Blue Level Wolcott Award Patches for the Years 2022-2023. Here are the simple requirements for your Club to receive these Award Pins and Necklaces:

- ♦ **A High Twelve International/Wolcott Century Club Pin (without diamond) will be awarded to any High Twelve Club that qualifies for a Blue Wolcott Award Patch. The Blue Wolcott Award Patch requires the High Twelve Club to average \$15.00 or more per member, in Wolcott Contributions during the contest period.**
- ♦ **A High Twelve International/Wolcott Century Club Pin (with diamond, and a High Twelve necklace for each member's Lady and/or club widow) will be awarded to any High Twelve Club, who qualifies for a Purple Wolcott Award Patch. The Purple Wolcott Award Patch requires the High Twelve Club to average \$25.00 or more per member, in Wolcott Contributions during the contest period.**

All High Twelve Club contributions received in the office of the Wolcott Administrator between, May 1, 2022, and April 30, 2023, will count toward your club's qualification for the Awards. Offer only good for as long as supplies last.

A strong suggestion is to be sure all your club's contributions are sent to your Wolcott Trustee Representative, or your Wolcott Trustee BEFORE APRIL 1, 2023.

This will ensure time for the mailing and processing of your club's contribution. We wish you good luck and know you will enjoy wearing these distinct pins and your ladies will enjoy wearing their High Twelve necklaces. Thank you for your contributions.



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**Michigan Deputy Grand Master and Lady  
visit their HTI Club Furniture City #236  
and join Wolcott Century Club**



Long time Vehicle City High Twelve Club member, and Wolcott contributor, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Larry Judson and Lady Mary made the two-hour drive to Grand Rapids to attend their new High Twelve Club, Furniture City #236, following the closing of the Vehicle City Club in Flint.

Along with his new 2023 HTI/Furniture City Membership Card, Right Worshipful Larry received his Wolcott "Chairman's Challenge" pin, and Lady Mary will receive her "Lady of Furniture City" card.

The Deputy Grand Master and Lady Mary made a contribution to the Wolcott Foundation, qualifying them for membership in the Wolcott Century Club, and received their Wolcott Century Club certificate. We are honored to have Deputy Grand Master Larry and Lady Mary as members of Furniture City High Twelve Club #236.

**Thanks to all the High Twelve Clubs across our nation, and in the United Kingdom, who generously contribute money to The Wolcott Foundation.**



**Your continued support of the Official Philanthropy of High Twelve International, The Wolcott Foundation, enables highly qualified students at George Washington University, in Washington, DC, to prepare themselves for non-political careers in Public Service.**

**The Wolcott Foundation Fellows are an investment in the future of your country**

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**



**“Fill up the Little Red School House”**



**Don Robinson, PSP, Treasurer**  
**Highland Lakes Club #566, Palm Harbor, Florida**

Our November 1 luncheon was held at a new restaurant, I-Hop in Tarpon Springs. We chose this venue because it afforded the club more privacy during the business portion of the meeting. While the food at our previous meeting place was very good, the walls didn't go all the way up to the ceiling and as a result, noise from the diners on the other side of our room was at times, overwhelming.

The consensus of the membership is we should stay at this restaurant. At some meetings, we have entertainment in the form of music or a speaker so privacy and most of all, quiet is essential.

The slate of officers for 2023 will be the same with the exception of the 1<sup>st</sup> VP who will be stepping down in January, 2023. There were no nominations to fill this position at today's meeting. All officers serve a two year term which will end in December, 2023.

There was a minor problem with the billing for the meals today in that the waitress presented a bill for all diners on one bill. After some discussion with the restaurant manager, the problem was rectified and separate bills were presented to each diner.

There will be Christmas music entertainment at our December



Entertainer Larry D, who performs several different shows from Country to Elvis. On the right, Club President Frank Charlton. The members enjoyed the performance, especially when he sang Elvis songs.



We welcomed our newest member Bill Tanner and his Lady Jackie. Brother Bill is also the President of The Villages Shrine Club and the Rotary Club, in addition to the work he does for the different theatre groups.

6<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

**Roger Carson, PSP, Treasurer**  
**Highland Lakes Club #566, Palm Harbor, Florida**

Freeport High Twelve #43 still meets every Thursday at noon. Our attendance fluctuates as we may have as few as 6 or 8 or as high as 15 or 16 (including wives/guests).

We have not had speakers due to Covid, but plan to start again very soon. We continue to hold a raffle the first Thursday of every month. No money is involved - just be in attendance.

Freeport club is giving a donation to the local Salvation Army for Thanksgiving meals, and will also give in December for Christmas dinners. Previously we collected winter coats, hats and mittens for the Salvation Army with a great response. Our condolences were sent to the family of Steve Hermanson, PSP and Illinois state treasurer, who was killed in a tragic accident.

We continue to meet at Logan's restaurant. Mrs. Carson, Roger's wife, usually provides the dessert, which is a big hit. Everyone is invited to join us for food and fellowship.

## **High Twelve International Governing Board Meeting**

### **Tampa Bay, Florida**

Registration and Information on the HTI Website  
January 13 through January 15, 2023

Come join us for some work and some vacation time at the Mid-Year Governing Meeting in Tampa Bay, Florida!

This year we our Mid-Year Governing Meeting has been scheduled beginning Friday January 13<sup>th</sup> till Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup>. We are still gathering information on the hotel that the convention was being held. Because recent weather events that have affected the area, we are unsure if they will be able to accommodate us at this time.

Due to this, we are unable to give any details at the time of printing. I will be emailing out the information to all Governing Board Members as well as the membership. All are welcome to attend as soon as we get definitive information.

There will be a Zoom viewing option, for those members are unable to attend the meeting in person. **This is a required meeting for ALL Association Presidents by virtue of the office you hold - being a member of the Governing Board.** If you can not attend, you are directed to appoint a proxy by which a form will be provided.



**Tampa Bay  
High Twelve #792**

Tampa Bay High Twelve No 792 has had fun exploring all that our beautiful area has to offer!

Our last meeting was at Big Storm Brewing and we had the pleasure of having special guest 1st VP Eric Klienbach as our guest of honor. He spoke on the current state of High Twelve International and how we continue to grow across the world!

Being that we are still such a new club we are still looking for ways to reach all of the brethren in the Tampa area and spread all that this amazing organization has to offer.

To Talk Little- To Hear Much- To reflect upon Truth

President,  
*Mike Brown*





## **Upcoming By-Law Amendments to be read at the Mid-Year Board of Governors Meeting**

The following is a synopsis of each of the proposed By-law amendments to be discussed and voted on to be moved forward to the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual convention. If you have a proposed by-law amendment that you would like to bring before the Board of Governors, please reach out to the International Secretary for the form. All proposed By-law amendments must be received by the international secretary no later than December 31, 2022. The proposed amendment must be filled out in full, with a mover and seconder who are members of High 12 in good standing. Any proposed By-law amendments received after that date must be brought in person with signatures attached and submitted to the International Secretary no later than the night before the Board of Governors meeting. If the Proposed by law is not filled out properly, it will be returned to the mover with the reason it was not accepted.

**Proposed Amendment #1** – Changing the reference material in which High 12 International uses to find the recognition of a Grand Lodge. From the Pantagraph Book to the reference material endorsed by the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America / Conference of Grand Masters of North America.

**Proposed Amendment #2** – Changing the cost of the Charter Member fee from \$10 to \$15.

**Proposed Amendment #3** – Changing the cost of the New Member fee from \$3 to \$5.

**Proposed Amendment #4** – Changing the cost of the Reinstated Member fee from \$3 to \$5.

**Proposed Amendment #5** – Changing the definition of the High Twelvian Editor from Him to a Qualified Individual.

**Proposed Amendment #6** – Changing the meeting times of the Endowment Fund Trustees from Annually to Bi-Monthly.

**Proposed Amendment #7** – Changing the process in which the Endowment Fund Trustees can Invest the Endowment Fund between Mid-Year and Convention meetings.

All Proposed By-Law Amendments listed above that are approved to be moved on to the agenda to be voted on at the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention, will be posted in full, in the Spring High Twelvian.

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