

High Twelve International 91st Annual Convention June 24-27, 2012 ~ Tucson Arizona

The 91st Annual Convention of High Twelve International was opened by Sid Leluan, International President, at 8 AM on Monday, June 25, 2012.

The Pledge of Allegiance and tribute to the flag was offered by William Haynes, Sgt-at-Arms.

The Necrology service was led by Jon Silver Feather, International President, assisted by James Parker, IV and Art Walton.

10 AM - Call to order

- Bill Lofquist asked all who were interested in the bone yard tour at Davis Mountain Air Force Base to please stand up and be counted
- The invocation was given by Jon Silver Feather International Chaplain
- Robert Holliday, International Secretary, called the role
- The minutes of the Mid-Year 2012 meeting held in Las Vegas were approved as distributed
- Reports
 - Reports of state associations will come after lunch, please be prepared with a written or oral report
 - Don Galway, International Treasurer, was asked for a budget report, as it was scheduled for 1 PM he asked to do it then
 - State Association reports
 - California – Jerry Saville, 31 clubs, 744 members, have three prospects for new clubs, attendance by international officers was greatly appreciated by the California Association
 - Arizona – David Haynes, 6 clubs, 137 members, a new club was chartered last November, International President Sid Leluan presided
 - New Jersey – five clubs, 170 members, clubs were listed in the program
 - Kansas – Ron Pfeiffer, 5 clubs, 100 members
 - Texas – Lloyd Smith and B.J. Young, a bit of history on the formation of the Texas Association in 1987 was given
 - Colorado – Larry George, gave a status of the Colorado Association
 - Pennsylvania – Bill Hartman, 18 clubs, 971 members, 92nd convention will be held June 13-15, 2013 in the birthplace of democracy, Philadelphia PA, two new clubs have been chartered
 - Ohio – Rollin Furnace, gave a status of the Ohio Association and the challenges they had this past year with the death of two officers
- The problem with credentials has been resolved, so please report to the credentials desk and check-in. The budget and finance meeting will be held after lunch in the boardroom, next to the registration desk.

1 PM - call to order

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- Don Galway, International Treasurer – budget and finance report
 - The 2012 – 2013 proposed budget was reviewed
 - Income was adjusted to be in line with the projected number of members
 - Consideration for Masonic Home members versus regular members per capita need to be taken into account as there is an \$8 difference
 - Pocket planner income and expense was discussed for the coming year
 - Office expense, insurance expense, accounting expense, High Twelvian expense were all discussed in detail
 - A robust and hearty discussion was held that covered each line item
- State Association reports continued (not recorded)
- Matthew Dupee, International General Counsel report (not recorded)
- Kevin Hokerk
 - High Twelvian editor's report (not recorded)
 - Forms
 - Banners
- Wille Meyer, PIP – Long Range planning
 - Five members were in attendance (see handout), #8 to find a more suitable central location with good air service for mid-year meetings. #11 mid-year annual meeting should be condensed to reduce costs. Can the mid-year meeting be done via conference call or over the web? Other key points were to develop the mission profile, promoting the endowment fund and get current bylaws. It was M/S/P to accept the report
- State Association reports continued
 - North Central Association report – President Sid read the report of Dr. Tom Gruis. Note: question to Matt Dupee – if an association adds the word “Masonic” to their name does that affect their incorporation name? Matt Dupee – yes, they should file a fictitious name registration or do a legal name change to their corporate name. President Sid – a request has been received to officially change the name of the Iowa-South Dakota Association to the North Central Association. This has dragged on since 2006, action was taken but no official documentation has ever been forthcoming from the International Secretary's office. Opinion: most definitely not a problem with the name change as long as both Grand Master's approval are on file. It was M/S/P to re-ratify the name change. The International Secretary was directed to provide documentation of this approval to Robert Rice, North Central Association State Secretary.
 - Florida – Merv Harris, PIP, for Ray Trudeau, President
- President Sid – are there any nominations from the floor for 3rd International Vice President?
 - Don Guerrero placed Lloyd Smith's (from the great state of Texas!) name in nomination
 - Bill Hartman, placed Winton Hewitt's (from Pennsylvania) name in nomination
 - It was M/S/P to accept these nominations
- Don Galway, International Treasurer, 2012 – 13 proposed budget

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- It was M/S/P delay the vote until copies can be made and distributed in the morning.
President Sid ruled to defer the vote until Tuesday morning
- David Haynes, Arizona Association President - President's Roundtable report
 - Membership – difficult to get working young members to join
 - When meetings held in Masonic lodges the Grand Lodge often requires proof of insurance, how is it obtained? Don Galway, International Treasurer said Insurance Riders can be requested by email just indicate the state, time and location and it will be taken care of by the insurance company by email and a physical copy following in the mail.
 - Bylaws – clubs and associations need the updated bylaws or approval of the previously submitted changes
 - Monthly reports – the pros and cons of monthly reporting were discussed
 - It was M/S/P to accept the report
- President Sid – Caucus meetings will be held tonight, each group is to select a moderator
- Nomination Report first reading
 - Ross Bayer, PIP, read the nominations report:
 - Donald Whistler, President.
 - James Parker, IV, 1st Vice President
 - Arthur Walton, 2nd Vice President
 - Lloyd Smith, 3rd Vice President
 - Winton Hewitt, 3rd Vice President
 - Donald Galway, Treasurer
 - William Haynes, International Trustee
- Ross Baer, PIP, Fraternal Relations, an in-depth report was given by Bro. Ross as usual. It was M/S/P to accept report

President Sid called for an adjournment

The benediction was given by John Silver Feather, International Chaplain

9 AM Tuesday morning

President Sid called the convention to order

The invocation was given by John Silver Feather, International Chaplain

The invocation Pledge of Allegiance was led by William Haynes, Sgt.-At-Arms

- Don Galway – budget and finance, the proposed 20 1213 budget was handed out and there were no questions. It was M/S/P to accept the report as printed
- Past international President's report
 - Approved of the proposed legislation
 - Again request a complete list of all PIP's and International Secretaries to be posted in the convention programs

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- Brother Bill Lofquist is to be congratulated on a very well organized convention
- Nominations committee final report
 - There being no changes from the first reading it was M/S/P to accept the nominations
- Michael Clark – Michigan State Association president, gave his report

President Sid called a break at this time

- President Sid – has everyone received their voting credentials?
 - Resolutions were read and voted upon
 - Resolutions #1, #3, #4,#5 were approved
 - Resolution #2 was withdrawn at the 2012 Mid-Year meeting
- Loyd Smith, High Twelve Endowment Trust Fund
 - Balance \$94,911.99 as of March 31, 2012
 - Experienced a 9% growth
 - It was M/S/P to accept this report
- Election of 2012 – 13 officers
 - It was M/S/P that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the uncontested offices by acclamation, so be it
 - Candidates for the office of third VP
 - Loyd Smith
 - Winton Hewitt
 - Willie Meyer and Marv Harris were appointed tellers
 - Show your color credentials card which has the number of votes you are eligible to cast. The secretary will give you a ballot that corresponds to the number of votes. Enter the name(s) who you want. Matt Dupee will collect the ballots
 - Results – Winton Hewitt was elected third VP
 - President Sid inquired of each person if they would accept the position to which they were elected, all responded in the affirmative

President Sid adjourned the meeting to be resumed at the installation banquet 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Hokerk, High Twelvian Editor

NOTE: These minutes were created from a recording made by Editor while sitting in the audience. Not all portions of the meeting was recorded.