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President's Message:

International President Winton E. Hewitt:

From the desk of your International President,

I am sure that we can all agree that maybe the winter is behind us. I know our heating bill has to be one of the worst in years. We had the cold and snow but we missed the real heavy ones that Boston had.

I plan to pick up on my visitations around the Pennsylvania Clubs. Where does all the time go?

The good news is that we will soon have two new clubs in California as well as in Michigan. I have written to the Grand Master of North Carolina asking for permission to start a club in N.C. I have a group that will start a club as soon as we receive permission.

I will be visiting Michigan on Saturday, April 18 for their Annual Convention and Installation. Don't know of any others that are on the way there.

Brethren we still have 8 clubs that have not paid their per capita for 2015. To the Officers of those clubs I am requesting them to get with their secretary and send in their payments. We want to start the new year with zero balance on per capita.

Don Whistler and I have just made a visit to the Renaissance Hotel to finalize the schedule with them as of now. We have most of the arrangements with the Tour Groups completed. You have to keep going over the plans so that you eliminate any over sites.

In March I was with the Wolcott Trustees during their selection of the new Wolcott Fellows for this year.

The trustees had a total of 70 applications that each of them had to read and give their evaluations on the applicants. I read several of the applications and I know that the Trustees had a hard job determining the final selectees. They have selected 5 out of the 70 applications that will be offered a Fellowship at George Washington University. While we were at George Washington we met with several of the Deans of the different schools as well as having brunch with present Fellowship students.

At our table we met Sarah Lord who is from York, PA and is in her final year at George Washington and will be our guest speaker for the Wolcott Lunch at the Annual Convention in June.



International 1st Vice President: Jerry Saville



Brethren,

It was an honor to join our International H12 President in Vancouver last February for the Grand Masters Conference of North American. We were well received and introduced in the Grand Assembly Room. We had the opportunity to speak to several Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries from across the Land. We received the OK to continue working in States that used to have H12 Clubs and invited to visit and work in the great state of Georgia. The President is looking for someone to contact the George brothers – any volunteers?

NEWS FLASH. We have a new H12 Club in California -- Yorba Linda High Twelve #775. Working with the California State H12 Officers we met with the Lodge Master, and Brothers, of the Yorba Linda Lodge in March to present the H12 Story. The presentation was well received and 19 Masons signed up to be charter members. While the charter date is not until 6 June, D-DAY, they are already very active in their community.

Yorba Linda California Lodge #469 is a very active Lodge with over 200 members. We thank Worshipful Sam for putting this event together and inviting us to speak about H12. I read their March Trestle Board and they are definitely “Committed to the Craft”. Leadership and Team Work is definitely alive in lodge #469!

The 2015 International H12 Convention is only a few months away. We hope you will support, and join us, for a few days of Fun, Food and Fellowship. All the convention information is on the professional web site at www.high12.org – check it out! If you are ready to invest some time, and resources, to keep this great organization moving forward please consider submitting your name for the Officer line at the June Conven-

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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

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tion – you have to submit your letter of intent in April.

Also let us know what Committee you would like to serve on or maybe Chair! We need your help - thanks!

I mentioned the Mid-Year Conference in the International H12 newsletter a couple of months ago. The 2013 and 2014 H12 conference was held in Vegas – a very inexpensive location for rooms (\$30+) and food. The attendance has not been that great and we have been asked to consider other locations – more Middle America.

The H12 Conference is normally scheduled in January so when we consider Middle America we have to factor in the “WEATHER”. I know what you are thinking.....it's that guy from California where the winter season starts when the temperature drops below 80 degrees. While true I can think of situations worse than spending days in a closed airport BUT not many. Let us hear from you please; otherwise, we have to assume that you are pleased with the decisions made by the Executive Board. Would you be willing to work on the Conference Committee?

My space is up and I have to put another log in the fireplace – it was down to 50 degrees this morning.

See you in Philadelphia in June. Jerry

International 3rd Vice President: William H. Haynes

Growth:

Like all Masonic bodies, High twelve has been losing more members than we have gained. Our organization needs more members to survive. If ads and pamphlets would induce Masons to join, then all appendant and concordant bodies would have no membership problems. They are helpful but nothing beats the personal touch. You have to ask a brother to join, only by asking will he know he is valued and wanted. You have to make that effort. If every High Twelvian got a new member, our numbers would double. Ours is great Masonic body and you are really exposing him to a different aspect of freemasonry, one with little ritual and much fellowship.

So make the effort and invite him to your meeting as your guest. By the end of the meeting, you will probably have a new member.

Only you can make our body grow.

International Secretary: Kevin L. Hokerk

As I think about what to write for this issue I wonder where this past year has gone?! It seems to have sped by in a flash and yet so much has been accomplished:



- ◆ The database is fully operational
 - ◆ All member information is located there
 - ◆ The invoice feature is used for all new and reinstated member fees
 - ◆ Mass emailing has been used regularly for the Monthly Update and Wolcott Foundation Trustee's messages to their zones to mention a couple
 - ◆ Target group emails for specific topics – EIN 3rd party solicitation that was not approved by HTI
 - ◆ Club/Association rosters in PDF or Excel file formats on request
- ◆ The automatic sending of new & reinstated member certificates has been well received
- ◆ The customized dues cards has saved a lot of extra work for club secretaries
- ◆ The website keeps growing and evolving to meet our general and specific needs. The *EVERYONE* tab has a lot of good general information for all members and a number of topics that provide very specific instructions for secretaries.
- ◆ Merchandising was moved in-house and is running smoothly. There are several new items – khaki ball caps, auto emblems, 1" flat emblems suitable for officer name tabs to mention a few
- ◆ Online monthly reporting, forms ordering and merchandise orders – all are straight forward and do not ask for anything 'extra' – just the basics!
- ◆ The event registration feature of the events part of the website was utilized for the first time for the upcoming 94th International Convention.
- ◆ Pay Pal is now being utilized for the foreign clubs to pay their annual per-capita and is working very well and is so much easier than trying to send 'paper' through international mail.

I would like to say that the vision of a unified database and website that Brother Sid Leluan, PIP, and others had has been finally achieved. It has not been easy, but the advances in web base technologies in the past several years is what has really made it possible. Our vendor, Wild Apricot, continues to improve their product and makes it possible for the international office to respond to your needs easily.

There are some areas improvements:

- ◆ Monthly Reporting – there are about 60 clubs that report regularly, another 40 that report sometimes and there are close to 50 that have not filed a report in 2+ years. I am appreciative of those secretaries utilizing the

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online reporting it is quick, easy and there is no cost involved. I still do receive hand written and typed reports and that is okay, but you still need to provide the membership numbers and not leave it blank!

- ◆ Email address – currently an email address is only associated with less than 25% of our membership. Be assured that member names, addresses, emails, etc. are NOT sold, leased or rented to third party vendors – never have and never will be. So please, please, please send in your members email addresses!
- ◆ Events list – on the website home page there is an event list and it is generally pretty sparse. This is a place where ALL associations should have their annual meeting information at a minimum. Meetings can be placed several years out if you know the information. What we do as High Twelvian's is truly *the best kept secret!* Submit your information to the international office and the staff will be happy to let the world know. This also applies to clubs for your special events. For both groups the information can be general to specific with attachments and yes, online registration for your event.

Some good news...new clubs on the horizon!

- ◆ #774 A Kings Highway in Mount Pleasant, MI
 - ◆ #775 Yorba Linda in Yorba Linda, CA
 - ◆ #776 Little River in Columbia, LA
 - ◆ President Hewitt is working a prospect in North Carolina – a letter for permission to meet has been sent to the Grand lodge of West Virginia
 - ◆ A very positive inquiry has come recently from Alberta, Canada. A country where we once had 4 clubs.
- ◆ **Can YOU add to this list?**

There is much to be grateful for with our organization and the Wolcott Foundation but it takes ALL of us working together, doing our part to make it happen. What is your commitment? Are you the strong cog or the weak link?

Thank you for allowing me to serve you this year and look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia! Kevin Hokerk



The image to the left is called a QR Code - a matrix barcode readable by QR scanners and smart phones. If you scan this code with your smart phone (a free app is needed) you will be taken to the International web site (yes, we are tracking the number of visits!). Expect to see this 'code' on all promotional materials going forward!

Wolcott Foundation News:

THE LATEST ON *THE / YOUR / OUR* WOLCOTT FOUNDATION



Your Wolcott Foundation Trustees met early in March in Washington, D.C., to select the Wolcott Fellows of the Class of 2015-2016. Thanks to the contributions of High Twelve members, friends and the return on the investment program, five new Wolcott Fellows were selected. The cost is steep – in the neighborhood of \$65,000 per Fellowship. It is rightly said that education is expensive, but I submit to you, what is the cost of ignorance?

Indeed, you do weary of my near constant plea for contributions to The Wolcott Program, Your Wolcott Program, Our Wolcott Program, but without a constant input of funds the Crown Jewel of the High Twelve organization cannot flourish. I regret and rue the fact that EVERY High Twelvie does not have the opportunity to meet the young people, (hey, at my age everyone is a young person!) who are going on to become the performers, the accomplishers of our future. Many are engaged in stunning projects of a myriad sort when they apply for the Wolcott Fellowship. When you are at the High Twelve International Convention in Philadelphia this June, you will have an opportunity to hear from one of the young ladies whom will be completing her Fellowship this year. Ms. Lord is a dynamic, sparkling young lady who will succeed at any task that she may choose to undertake. She had but finished her presentation, when almost as one the Wolcott Trustees stated – ‘Let’s get her to speak at Convention!’ Needless to say, this was done and done! Hope to have a clever videographer present to record her presentation and prepare it, in disc form for mass distribution – I cannot do this (video) too well, being an old photomicroscopist and close-up SLR sort and not much of a video person. In other words – HELP!!

Please know that every dollar that is contributed to the Little Red School House, Memorials, Honorariums and/or any other avenue is put to good and proper use – you, by way of those dollars, are providing for a better future government – and without a doubt, government can stand a bit (or maybe more than a bit) of improvement. You are providing for the education and production of great public servants – not politicians – PUBLIC SERVANTS!

Should I take your time to break down the word POLITICS –

I will do it anyway: Poly = MANY

Tic(k)s = BLOOD SUCKING ARTHROPODS

Sorry if this offends any bloodsucking creatures.

Take care. Be safe. Be good to yourselves and to others.

God Bless you and all whom you hold dear.

Malcolm S. White, Chairman, The Wolcott Foundation, Inc.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the International Bylaws Adopted June 15, 2013; Article IV - Meetings; Section 2 - Notice of the time and place of holding conventions shall be mailed to the Secretary of each Club at least sixty (60) days before the annual convention and at least thirty (30) days before a special convention. Publication of such notice in the official publication of High Twelve International, Inc. within the time prescribed in paragraph "A" above shall be deemed sufficient compliance as to annual conventions.

The Annual Convention will be held on Friday June 26, 2015 at the Renaissance Philadelphia Airport Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Governing board shall consider and act upon all business properly brought to the floor.

The administrative body of High Twelve International shall be the International Governing Board. It shall consist of the officer's of High Twelve International, Inc. together with the President of each State or Multi-State Association or an alternate person, designated by him in writing, who shall serve for the term of such officer.

**94th Annual Convention
Intent to Run for Office 2015-2016**

The following have filed the appropriate paperwork with the international office for the following offices:

President:	Jerry Saville - CA
1st Vice President:	Richard A. Kessler - AZ
2nd Vice President:	William H. Haynes - PA
3rd Vice President:	No candidate
Treasurer:	Donald M. Whistler, PIP - PA
Secretary:	Kevin L. Hokerk - AZ

Nominations for any office can be made from the floor of the general session with the following requirements: candidate must be in good standing and have letters of club & association support and the signatures of ten [10] voting delegates at the convention.

Association and Club Happenings

Bakersfield Twelve Club No. 769 CA - by Jim Siler, President

Greetings - We continue to have interesting speakers at each of our two monthly meetings. Several presentations have been both instructional as well as informational.

At one meeting, a Club member, who is a Professional Photographer, gave many pointers for the average photographer; a California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer brought us up to date on new laws as well as the daily problems in our area. Our next meeting will be a presentation by the group that promotes the "HONOR FLIGHT" program for our WWII and Korean War veterans. At our most recent meeting the subject



was the "Bakersfield Burrito Project". A couple, Belinda and Jason Pickett (pictured with Jim Siler), started this project a couple of years ago. They, at one time, were both homeless, and knew what it was like to be hungry. The two of them began making 20 burritos in their home and delivering them to people on Sunday morning in the various areas that were occupied by the home-

less. Today they are using a Church Kitchen preparing the burritos, with help of volunteers, and make over 200 burritos each Sunday and deliver them as well. They are now a 501c3 Charity. The couple "had been there – done that" and know what these people are experiencing. This program was most interesting and touched your heart at what they have done in the past years. In the future we will have a representative of the American Heart Association, and a speaker on Prostate Cancer. Our own Brother Malcolm White, Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation, will bring us up to date on their recent meeting where the Fellows for this coming fall were selected.

Our greetings to our Brothers and their ladies across the country.

A lady walks into the drugstore and asks the pharmacist for some arsenic. Ma'am, what do you want with arsenic? She replied, to kill my husband. I can't sell you arsenic to kill a person! The lady lays down a photo of a man and a woman in a compromising position. The man is her husband and the woman is the pharmacist's wife. He takes the photo, and nods. I didn't realize you had a prescription!

District of Columbia High Twelve Club #576—DC

The Officers and Members of DC High Twelve Club #576 send happy first day of Spring greetings to all High Twelvian's. On this first day of Spring we are experiencing three plus inches of snow. There are little white cotton balls on our bushes and it almost looks like the pussy willows are blooming. It is quite a scene especially when the robins are in full force in our area and the experts are predicting that the Cherry Blossoms will be blooming in early April. Our Club is under the Grand Lodge, Free and accepted Masons of the District of Columbia, better known as Washington, DC

Our Club had very few meetings over the winter due to slippery streets and most of our members are senior citizens. Unfortunately, we have lost several members to the Grand Architect and have had several members drop from the Club for personal reasons. But, we are hanging in there and at the April meeting we approved sending \$100 dollars to the Wolcott Foundation. This is a hint to those clubs that have not supported Wolcott recently!

At our March luncheon we had a "Can you top this" experience. We arrived about 11:10 am to the sound of a jack hammer inside the building under the restaurant where we were meeting. The noise level was unbearable to say the least. We were assured that it would end before lunch and sure enough at 11:30 it became quiet. We enjoyed our lunch and had an abbreviated meeting. Two of our members paid their bill in cash and of course the waitress reversed their change causing confusion between them. This too was all straightened out to everyone's approval. At 1:10 pm we were privileged to continue to be entertained by the jack hammer. Fortunately we were ready to leave. But, before you leave the restaurant you naturally use the rest room. The men's handicapped stall is just wide enough for your body, and the door swings into the stall, so that you need to lean over the commode to close the door! The good news is that no one was lost! Now let's see if you can top this.

Some of us hope to attend the 94th Convention in Philadelphia this year. Remember that if you are visiting the Washington, DC area on the second Wednesday of the month you are welcome to join us. Call me at 717-762-7484 or email gilandjoym5@gmail.com.

Fraternally, Gilbert B. Monck, PM, Secretary
International High Twelvian 2010

PA Association of High Twelve Clubs - PA - by Ralph Clemmer, PIP

The Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs held its Annual Meeting on Friday, April 24, 2015 at the Westover Country Club, Jeffersonville, PA. The election of officers was held and the officers were installed, as follows: George B. Hixon was reelected President, Matthew D Dupee was reelected First Vice President, Jerry J. Hamilton was elected Second Vice President and Norman R. Green, III, was elected Third Vice President. Winton E. Hewitt and William H. Haynes were also reelected Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

High Twelvian of the Year Awards were presented to Carl D. Homan, Chestnut Hill Club No 50; William A. Frizette and Charles L Labar, Pocono Club No 584; Richard A. Holcombe and Merrill F. Taylor, Perkiomen Valley Club No. 670 and Robert Baessler and Jack Dudley, Schuylkill County Club No. 689. A High Twelvian Society Award was presented to Charles A. Metzel, Perkiomen Valley Club No. 670. Presi-



dent's Four Star Awards were presented to Charles A. Metzel, Perkiomen Valley Club No. 670 and Donald M. Whistler, First Capital Club No. 668.

L-R: Jerry Hamilton, 2nd VP; George Hixon, President; William Haynes, Treasurer (Int; 3rd VP); Winton Hewitt, Secretary and International President

2015 Label Fundraiser

We hope you find the address mailing labels you received in late March 2015 to be useful. If you have made a donation we thank you! If you have not, please consider doing so today. Every penny helps us with our programs.

2016 Pocket Planners

Pocket Planners will again go out to all members in September. This year there will be a useful token of our appreciation for your support of our fundraisers over the past four years.

Sun City West #567 AZ - David Miller, President

Sun City West High Twelve Club #567 held its first annual Pancake Breakfast as its first such fund raiser. on Saturday March 14, 2015. The Board of Directors has been in the planning stage for several months and appointed Bob Carhart as the Chairman for the event. He gathered a staff to assist him including some Boy Scouts. They all performed extremely well to make the event very successful. The Sun City Lodge No. 72 Dining Room was used as well as the very well equipped kitchen. Several High Twelvians obtained the required Arizona Sate Permit in order to comply with State Regulations for handling food. Some photos show the 'worker bees' at their work stations. Earl Paasch, Treasurer and George Coxey, Second Vice President handed the reception, ticket sales, and the five drawings that added a little additional interest to all attendees. Bob Carhart, Sgt. At Arms and Bob Snodgrass, Director are shown in the kitchen where they did the hard work. Jeffery Samuelson and Jim Hanson handled the requests for 'MORE' coffee and water.

John W. Geyer, Secretary



Downtown High Twelve Club #105, Louisville KY



On Friday April 10th, 2015 we were privileged to Leta Cruickshank Rudy as our guest. Her father Eugene Cruickshank was a High Twelvian and he had recently passed away. In his possessions she found this High Twelve bell. He was not a member of the Downtown Club and we think he was a member of the St. Matthews Club. We are indebted to Mrs. Rudy for donating this bell to the only remaining High Twelve Club in Kentucky.

Downtown High Twelve Club #105
Bruce Pelham PP & Sec'y

The Villages High Twelve Club #442, Submitted by Spencer Sargent, CA Association State Secretary



Our annual Pancake Breakfast will be on June 6, 2015. We will serve about 1,100 breakfasts consisting of pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee.

Request from the Monthly Update Editor:

Brethren,

I want to thank all of you, who submit articles for the Monthly Update. Without your assistance, there would be not a Monthly Newsletter. Thanks for your support and assistance.

As I was thinking about what to write for the article in the High Twelvan, I thought, Wow! We rarely ever receive an article from one of our Special Ladies or wives of the members. How about a section in the Update just for articles submitted by the real family leaders? Please let your Lady know about the request and encourage her to submit an article along with yours. That way we can double our information going out to the other Associations, clubs and members. What you do in your organization may just give someone else an idea and they can introduce it to their members.

As an example, How many times have you seen a joke but with just a little twist and it seems like a new one. We can do the same with your articles. Please give it some thought and submit your article or maybe your first article. We want and need your assistance.

When your article is submitted, please tell us the name of your organization and the person submitting it. We want the author to receive full credit for their input. We would also like photos submitted and will need the reasons for it and the names of those in the photo. Send the photo as a JPEG or other photo program, so it can be used. If it is part of an article, it cannot be changed in size and creates problems.

We thank you again for your support and comments. Keep up the good work! Fraternally, Merv Harris, PIP and Editor.



Proposed Uniform Association Constitution & Bylaws

**HIGH TWELVE
INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

**UNIFORM
ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION
AND
BYLAWS**

ORGINALY PROPOSED: JUNE 28, 2014
TABLED FOR FURTHER STUDY
SPRINGFIELD, OHIO
JUNE 28, 2014

Revised 1/12/15
Mid-Year Conference
Las Vegas NV

Passed by the Governing Board to move forward to the
94th Annual Convention for a vote

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

**[Insert Name] ASSOCIATION OF
HIGH TWELVE CLUBS [, Inc.]**

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be "[Insert Name] Association of [Masonic] High Twelve Clubs [, Inc.]

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1. This Association acknowledges the supreme authority of the Grand Lodge(s) of [Enter Grand Lodge Name] in all matters of Masonic law, tradition and ethics. It pledges never to interfere or meddle in the affairs of any Masonic Lodge nor to engage in or sponsor any activity prohibited by said Grand Lodge, nor to permit its members to engage in unseemly, conduct which might reflect adversely upon the institution of Masonry.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section1. Members of the Association shall be those High Twelve Clubs that have been chartered by High Twelve International and are under the jurisdiction of the [Enter Association Name] of [Masonic] High Twelve Clubs [, Inc.] Membership in any High Twelve Club in this Association shall be a Master Mason from any jurisdiction that is recognized by the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. There shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President (optional), Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers shall be elected and installed at the Annual Meeting of the Association. Upon

installation, each officer shall assume the duties of their office for a period of one (1) year or until his successor is duly elected and installed.

Section 2. Eligibility -Any member of a local club holding membership in this State Association shall be eligible to hold office, provided he is sponsored for such office by his local club.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall appoint the standing and other committees as he may deem necessary.

Section 2. The Vice Presidents, in order, shall perform the duties of the President during his absence, inability or vacancy. ~~Also~~ The Vice Presidents may be assigned duties to be in the best interest of the Association by the President.

Section 3. A vacancy in the office of Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled by appointment by the President. The title of the appointment shall be Acting Secretary or Acting Treasurer.

Section 4. The Secretary shall perform the usual duties of a secretary at all meetings; and shall provide a permanent written record of the Association's activities. The Secretary shall have possession of all permanent records of the Association.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the Association. He shall be a member of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Section 6. The Chaplain shall be appointed by the President. He shall perform the duties usually assigned to the Chaplain and he shall be Chairman of the Necrology Committee.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Association may amend this Constitution by a two-thirds vote at any Annual Meeting, provided that thirty, (30) days written or electronic notice has been provided to each Officer of the Association and to the President and to the Secretary of each Member Club. The notice shall specify in detail all proposed changes to the Constitution. Amendments shall not become a part

of this Constitution until approved by High Twelve International.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - MEETINGS

Section 1. The Annual Meeting or Convention of this Association shall be held [between ____ and ____ or on the _____] of each year. At the first meeting of the Board of Directors held following the Annual Meeting the selection of the place and date for holding the next Annual Meeting or Convention shall be determined. The decision of the time *and place shall be sent to the Member Clubs.*

Section 2. Special Meetings of the Association may be called by the President. A special meeting requested in writing by three (3) Member Clubs must be held within thirty (30) days of receipt of the request.

Section 3. The Secretary of the Association shall give Thirty, (30) days written or electronic notice of the Annual Meeting, which shall be provided to each elected Officer of the Association, the President and Secretary of each Member Club and to the Wolcott Zone Officer of High Twelve International.

Section 4. Executive Board quorum shall be a simple majority of the elected association officers.

Section 5. Governing Board quorum shall be a simple majority of the elected association officers and elected Presidents of the Member Clubs of the Association in good standing, or their proxy.

ARTICLE II - NOMINATION COMMITTEE AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. The Nominating Committee, appointed by the State President, must be composed of not less than three members, who shall be members of a Member Club. The member Clubs in this Association shall be advised by official publication of the Association or other media of the names of such Nominating Committee members and the name and address of the Committee Chairman. The Nominating Committee shall consist of not more than one member from any one Club. The Nominating Committee shall present a report at the State Convention of this As-

sociation, placing in nomination at least one candidate for each office to be filled by election, and may include the qualifications of each candidate. The acceptance of the Nominating Committee report shall automatically place such names into consideration for election by the delegates in attendance.

At the prerogative of the presiding officer nominations in support of a candidate may be permitted, however; such nominations shall not exceed five (5) minutes in duration. Seconding of nominations will not be permitted

SECTION 2. Not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the annual State Convention, the Nominating Committee shall submit to the State Secretary the list of nominees for each elective office. The State Secretary shall in turn, notify all members of the State Governing Board of such nominees. All nominees must be approved and recommended in writing to the State Association within fifteen (15) days of the State Convention by their own Club.

SECTION 3. In addition to the method for nominating candidates to elective office in this Association, nominations may be made from the floor of the annual State Convention providing (1) that the Nominating Committee does not recommend an individual for an office, (2) there is a declared vacancy in that office and (3) such nomination is seconded by a person entitled to vote at the annual State Convention who is not a member of the same Club as the person who made the nomination.

SECTION 4. State Vice Presidents need not be advanced in line. Insofar as possible each State Vice President should be from different geographical areas.

SECTION 5. The candidate for each office receiving the majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected and shall be installed in office at the annual State Convention. A motion to accept each nominee for an office may be made by proclamation at the prerogative of the State President. If an elective officer is absent for legitimate reasons he will be installed with a proxy representing him.

ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors for this Association shall consist of the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President of the State Association, and the President of each Member Club or his ap-

pointed proxy.

Section 2. Each club president or proxy shall be entitled to one (1) vote on matters brought before the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall constitute the Administrative body of the Association, and shall transact all business necessary to fulfill the objectives of the Association. At least [three (3)] meetings of the Board shall be held each year.

ARTICLE IV - FINANCES

Section 1. The fiscal year for this Association shall be from [Enter first day of start month] through [Enter last day of end month] each year. The Association Budget and Finance Committee, with the input from the State Secretary and State Treasurer, shall submit an annual budget for adoption of the general membership at the annual state convention.

Section 2. The Association shall invoice each Club for their *annual per-capita assessment* (this annual per-capita assessment maybe increased from time to time as necessary) of the Association as approved by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Association, on a per member basis in good standing of each Member Club as shown on the [Enter Month] Monthly Report of each Club. Payment of annual per-capita assessment shall be remitted within thirty (30) days after date of the invoice.

- a. The Board of Directors shall act on an individual basis on any Club applying for reinstatement or waiver of monies in arrears.
- b. Payments for the State Association per capita shall be remitted to the State Secretary.

Section 3. The books and accounts of the Association shall be audited once a year by an Auditing Committee selected by the President. The report of the Committee shall be read at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall disburse such sums for specific purposes as ordered by the Board of Directors or the Executive committee. He shall keep books of account showing receipts and disbursements. Upon receipts of funds he shall deposit them in a federally insured financial institution des-

igned by the Board of Directors. He shall make payments by check or electronic means.

ARTICLE V - LOCAL REGULATIONS

(Under this article the Association may provide laws for definitely exclusive local matters not in conflict with the High Twelve International By-Laws, Regulations, Edicts or Decrees. The Association may make as many sections under this article as may be required to meet the needs of the Association. Provisions to be included within this section must be set forth in an Addendum (page #8) and approved by International Secretary prior to taking effect. If this article is not used, then it should be left blank and marked NOT USED.)

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Association may amend these By-Laws by two thirds (2/3) vote at any Annual Meeting, providing that thirty (30) days written or electronic notice been provided to each Officer of the Association and to the President and Secretary of each Member Club. The notice shall specify in detail all proposed changes to the By-Laws. Amendments shall not become a part of these By-Laws until approved by High Twelve International.

ADOPTED AND ATTESTED

ADOPTED ON: _____

State President

State Secretary

Approved as to form on: _____

International Secretary

ARTICLE VII ADDENDUM - LOCAL REGULATIONS

(This addendum is for laws unique to this association not covered in constitution or bylaws the. The following is just an example, edit text as needed – if the addendum is not applicable enter NOT USED below.)

- ◆ Standing Committees
 - ◆ Budget & Finance
 - ◆ Convention Time & Place
 - ◆ Nominations
 - ◆ Bylaws & Resolutions
 - ◆ Special
- ◆ Annual Convention
 - ◆ General Agenda
- ◆ Special Projects [examples]
 - ◆ Ensign Mayo
 - ◆ Frank S. Land
 - ◆ Fund Raisers
- ◆ Special Funds
 - ◆ Trust
- ◆ Annual Masonic Picnic
- ◆ Memorial Day Parade

EDITORS NOTE:

The above document was formatted to fit the allocated space in this publication, the content was not changed. Final format will be as printed in the handouts for the 94th Convention.

**High Twelve International
Proposed Addition to International Bylaws**

**Passed by the Governing Board to move forward
to the 94th Convention - 2015 Mid-Year 1/12/15**

Proposed New Paragraph (Page 6) Between “Classes” and “Location”

Jurisdiction

Masons may organize a Club in a jurisdiction which presently has no Clubs provided they are members of a Masonic Lodge which is listed in the Pantograph Book “List of Lodges.”

**Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs
2015 High Twelve International Annual Convention
Fundraising Drawing**

In order to raise funds to assist in the payment of expenses for the 2015 High Twelve Annual Convention to be held on June, 25, 26, and 27, 2015 in Philadelphia, PA, the Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs is sponsoring tickets for a drawing of three prizes, as follows:

First Prize

Timeshare for One Week at The Pines RCI No. 0233
Mt. Jackson, VA 22842, 2013-2014 RCI Directory Pg. 38

Second Prize

Bulova Gold Plated Blue Lodge Watch

Third Prize

Lined Jacket with Logo of your choice

The tickets are \$10.00 per ticket or three for \$20.00. Another option is to buy one ticket for \$20.00 and have your name listed as a sponsor in the Program Booklet for the 2015 Annual Convention.

Ticket may be ordered by mailing your check payable to "Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs 2015 Annual Convention" to:

Donald M. Whistler,
Convention Chairman
348 Hillside Lane
York, PA 17403-4036

and indicate your selection:

One Ticket - \$10.00
Three Tickets - \$20.00
One Ticket and Sponsorship - \$20.00

The drawing will be held at the President's Banquet on Saturday evening, June 27, 2015. You do not need to be present to win!

Official Registration Form

High Twelve International ~ 94th Annual Convention

Date: _____

Member's Name: _____ Lady: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Arrival: _____; Departing: _____; Hotel Confirmation: _____

Member of _____ High Twelve Club

Number _____; Current office: _____

REGISTRATION FEE (High Twelvian's only, each) \$ 25.00

Thursday, June 25, 2015 - Tour :

Philadelphia Trolley Bus trip to downtown Philadelphia and guided tour of city historical sites, then drive by the Charms of Fairmount Park [the seven mansions] narrated by the tour guide and, finally, to the Academy of Natural Science's at Drexel University for lunch [Philadelphia fare] and time to explore the academy.

Departure Time: 8:30 A.M. from the hotel **\$60.00 x** ____ \$ _____

First Nighter's Cocktail Reception

Casual attire

Domestic Cheese, Crackers & Spicy Mustard

Farmers Crudltes with Dip

Complementary

[2 free drink tickets per person at door, add'l \$7.50 ea]

Friday, June 26, 2015

Lunch is on your own.

Grand Master's Banquet: Dinner served at 6:00 P.M. Room to be announced.

Officers: Formal Dress. Others: Coats/Ties. Ladies: Church Attire

Chicken Marcella \$40.00 x ___ \$ _____

Baked Flounder Piccata \$40.00 x ___ \$ _____

Meals includes Traditional Tossed Salad,

Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Rolls,

Apple Pie w/ Vanilla Ice Cream, Coffee, Ice Tea and Water

Saturday, June 27, 2015

Wolcott Luncheon: Lunch served at 12:00 P.M. Men: Suites or Business

Casual, Ladies: Church Attire

Chicken Salad Sandwich on Farmers

White Bread with Potato Chips \$25.00 x ___ \$ _____

Ham & Cheese on Rye with Chips \$25.00 x ___ \$ _____

Meal includes Minestrone Soup,

Chef's Desert, Coffee, Iced Tea and Water

President's Banquet: Dinner served at 6:00 P.M.

Officers: Formal Dress.

Others: Coats/Ties, Ladies: Church Attire

Sliced Roast Beef with Peppercorn Sauce \$40.00 x ___ \$ _____

Salmon Piccata \$40.00 x ___ \$ _____

Meal includes Rice Pilaf, Seasoned Broccoli,

Dinner Rolls, Carrot Cake, Coffee, Ice Tea and Water

REGISTRATION AND MEAL TOTAL: \$ _____

Registrations must be received by: JUNE 19, 2015

Send this registration (pages 25 & 26)

Your check made out to **PA Assoc H-12 Clubs 2015 Inter Convention**

to:

Donald M. Whistler, PIP, Chairman

348 Hilldide Ln

York PA 17403-4036

**High Twelve International
94th Annual Convention
June 25 – 27, 2015**

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