

As officers of High Twelve International, we have each collectively agreed that it would be nice to share a bio so that the Brethren might better know the International Officers. Last month we learned more about our current President Joe Santisteban so now you get to learn about your International 1st Vice President: My Masonic journey started after I had graduated from Culver Military Academy in Culver, Indiana and then moved to the beautiful Island of Oahu in Hawaii where I was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 21, 1999 only 14 days after my 21st Birthday, so while other young men were getting drunk, I was seeking more light in Freemasonry! In that same year, I decided to join the Honolulu Valley of the Scottish Rite as well as the Aloha Shrine of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. This was all done while I was a Psychology Major and working at the Polynesian Cultural Center as a Japanese Tour Guide to help pay for my education.

After a year or two in paradise, I made the decision to return to the Mainland where I continued my education at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. While I was at Purdue, I enjoyed an affiliation with the West Lafayette Lodge where I was able to observe some of the struggles Masonic Lodges have experiences in the area of dwindling Membership and inspired me to start thinking on how as a younger brother, I could maybe help. My conclusion was simple, get involved and also try to reach out to ACACIA Fraternity since it seemed like a perfect match of the Greek with Masonic ties and the Lodge with a Fraternal Foundation. While rushing to join ACACIA Fraternity, Purdue had an exciting opportunity to go to the Rose Bowl after 40 years of waiting. Unfortunately for Purdue, we lost and I decided it was time to make yet another move to my Home State of California in 2001 where I was admitted to the Film School of the University of Southern California and where I also affiliated with the Culver City-Foshay Lodge #467.

While at USC, I became active in the Los Angeles Scottish Rite and was introduced to the York Rite where I joined the Cryptic Masons, Royal Arch Masons and the Knights Templar. The years to follow were full and busy and I made my way through each of the lines including my time in the East as Worshipful Master of Culver City-Foshay Lodge #467 in 2010. My first act as Master was humbling since my Grand Father, a Pearl Harbor Survivor and a Freemason passed away and my first act as Master was to give Masonic Honors to my Grandfather by holding his ceremony of passing in Lodge and my second act was a great privilege since I had the opportunity to raise my Father to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The rest of the year was a true blessing as our Lodge initiated 11 Entered Apprentice Masons, Passed 13 Fellow Crafts and Raised 15 Master Masons.

I then met my beautiful wife, SGT Janelle Dilley, USMC on my Birthday when I took 33 of my closest friends to Club 33 at Disneyland to celebrate my 33rd Birthday and I proposed to her that night after dinner eventually getting married on November 5th 2011.

Following marriage and during these significant changes in my life, I served as Commander of the Santa Monica Bay Commandery #61 in 2012 and High Priest of Santa Monica Bay Chapter #97 in 2013 and lastly, Illustrious Master of Orange County Council #14 in 2015. Before my time as Illustrious Master in 2013, I served as an Inspector for the

Grand Commandery of California for Department 2 and bridging my time as Illustrious Master from 2014-2016 I served as the Assistant Directors of Ritual for Department 2.

Another thing happened during this time, in addition to joining the Royal Order of Scotland, St. Thomas of Acon, The Operatives in Salt Lake City, the Knights Masons, York Right College where I served as Governor 2016-2017, AMD where I served as Sovereign Master in 2014. I joined the Red Buttons High Twelve Club and started my High Twelve Journey as President of my Club 2015-2016.

The rest of my journey is full of Sciots, Grotto, and the California State Association of High Twelve where I served as President 2016-2017 and now as I seek to give my best to the International Line as your International 1st Vice President.

As Joe apologized for his long Bio, I hope you have enjoyed mine as I enjoyed his. I am sure I have left out countless other bodies and invite groups such as the Invisible Lodge, however, if you wish to know more, please...pull me aside and let's get to know one another. I love you all and look forward to a great year this year and next! Fraternally,
Jonathan