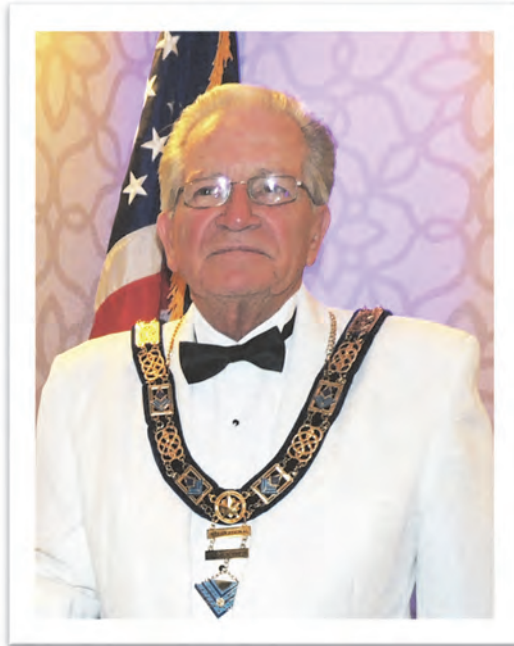


THE HIGH TWELVIAN

Volume 90, No 1, Fall 2015



Jerry L. Saville

President 2015 - 2016

High Twelve International, Inc.

Mid-Year Governing Board Meeting

**January 24 - 27, 2016
New Orleans, Louisiana**

The High Twelvian

The official publication of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc., and High Twelve International, Inc., located at 11404 W Olive Dr., Avondale AZ 85392-4210. Published semi-annual. Phone: (623) 239-6170 - E-Mail: secretary@high12.org - Web Site: www.high12.org. Editor: Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson, PSP; E-mail: secretary@high12.org; Phone: (623) 239-6170.

This publication is devoted to the interests of its member Clubs for the benefit of Free-Masonry and affiliated Orders. Contributions of interesting, appropriate, editorial matters and pictures are welcome. High Twelvians are invited to submit such articles for publication. If you would like material returned, please enclosed a self addressed stamped envelope. Submit all articles typewritten by email to The Editor, secretary@high12.org or mail to 11404 W Olive Dr., Avondale, AZ 85392-4210. All submissions are subject to editorial discretion and become the property of High Twelve International, Inc. Opinions expressed in articles are not necessarily the official position of High Twelve International.

CONTENTS

Page

2	International Contact Information
3	International President's Message - Jerry L. Saville
4	International 1st VP Message - Dr., Ronald W. Woods
5	International 2nd VP Message - William H. Haynes
6	International Secretary - Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson
7	International 3rd VP Message—David L. Neal
8	Wolcott Foundation Chairman - Malcolm S White, Chairman
9	Immediate Past President Message - Winton E. Hewitt, PIP
10 - 22	Association and Club Happenings
23 - 27	2016 Mid-Year Conference Notice, Information & Registration

2015 - 2016 International Officers

Jerry L. Saville - *International President* - hti-president@high12.org

Dr. Ronald W. Woods - *1st VP* - hti-1stvp@high12.org

William H. Haynes - *2nd VP* - hti-2ndvp@high12.org

David L. Neal - *3rd VP* - hti-3rdvp@high12.org

Donald M. Whistler - *Treasurer* - hti-treasurer@high12.org

Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson - *Secretary* - secretary@high12.org

Jon Silver Feather - *Chaplain* - mari1942@aol.com

Dr. William E. Wilkinson, - *General Counsel* - hti-generalcounsel@high12.org

Winton E. Hewitt - *Immediate Past President* - audwin@aol.com

President's Message:

International President Jerry L. Saville

Greetings To All,

Your Executive Board has been very busy since the International H12 Annual Convention last June in Philadelphia. Thanks to the negotiation skills of Brother Will, our outstanding General Counsel, the Mid-Year H12 Conference will be held next January in New Orleans. We have contracted with the Maison Dupuy Hotel in the French Quarters at 1001 Toulouse St, New Orleans (www.maisondupuy.com) . The H12 Conference dates are 24-27 January 2016. Tours will be available before and after the conference if you desire. What a great location for a H12 Conference and a family vacation. The room rates are only \$129. The Conference information is posted on the professional H12 web site at www.high12.org. This would be a great time to register and make your travel plans. Remember we only have 25 rooms at the special H12 rate. My travels since the Annual H12 Convention last June have been very rewarding and productive. I had the honor of visiting two Masonic Homes last September. The Indiana State H12 Convention was held at the Masonic Home in Franklin. In addition to a great State H12 Convention, and a 5-star lunch at the Home, I was able to visit with a few of the residents. My sincere thanks to the State H12 Officers, and members, for their hospitality. They have a great line of Officers and will soon present a charter to their new club in Ft. Wayne. Also thanks to the Indiana H12 Past State President, Ron Woods, and PIP Tom Bevington, for allowing me to part of the H12 Convention installation team. Well done.

The second Masonic Home I visited was in Union City, California. They also have a great line of Officers for the new H12 year. I also thank them for their friendship and dedication to H12. I know several of the residents and it's always fun to visit with the Brothers and their Ladies. Our Masonic Homes are truly a Masonic treasure. Consider visiting a Masonic Home in your area – you will enjoy the fellowship with the Brothers and their Ladies.

I have also visited 5 other outstanding H12 clubs in California and attended their State H12 Convention last October. California has a great slate of H12 Officers working in their Lodge, H12 and their Community. What a great organization not only for the members but for their Ladies and guest. To break bread with the Masonic family, and friends, is an amazing adventure. Reach out to your friends and invite them to lunch – you'll be glad you did!

Check out the professional web site maintained by Secretary Kevin at www.high12.org . If you don't see your name on any committee just let

(Continued from page 3)

us know where you want to serve. Kevin is working hard to update the membership database, to include e/mail and mailing addresses. Please help us keep the membership data current. Just a reminder to please support the H12 two major funds raisers – pocket planners and personal labels.

Let's continue our Masonic journey together as we work to open new H12 clubs, and keep the clubs we have open, across the land. I'm pleased to report that we have opened 4 new clubs in California, Michigan, Florida and Indiana since the last convention.

In Service to Freemasonry,

Jerry Saville, President

jsaville@bak.rr.com 661-203-5747

International 1st Vice President: Dr. Ronald W. Woods

At the Indiana Convention I passed around a card and asked each brother there to list four items that he felt would improve Hi 12 Club meetings and membership. Here is a breakdown of the answers.

- Invite non-members and friends to a meeting and pay for their meal.
- Change meeting time for working brothers.
- Explain the nature of meetings and the difference from Lodge.
- Have brothers divide into two teams to have a membership contest.
- Loosing team provides a family type of picnic for all.
- Be sure to invite the WM of all lodges in your area to a meeting and make them Honorary members for a year.
- Have great speakers.
- Have an education program for new members and officers.
- Meeting area must have great food.
- Communicate with all members via text, phone committee, e-mail. Have Fun. Promotion, Lodge Visits, civic events. Have High 12 tee shirts to wear at events, have High 12 reports at your Lodge.

(Continued on page 5)

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

(Continued from page 4)

- Invite a young lodge brother of any degree to a meeting also members of DeMolay, Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters.
- Have Visit Team to visit other Club in your State.
- Talk up High 12 at all times.
- Pleasing meeting location with great parking.
- Support worthy local Masonic activities and close relationship with lodges.
- Invite all MM retirees to a meeting.
- Offer to help those with disabilities to pick them up at meeting days.
- Train Masonic and Wolcott Representatives in their duties
- Invite Lodge members to speak at meetings.
- Invite Ladies to meetings.
- Have a new place to eat.
- Have a High 12 business Card.
- Use Poster Board where you meet.
- Send Newspaper about any special activities and speakers you have, also articles about special Club recognition of those brothers with 10, 20 and more year membership.
- Have recognition presentations for, A. teacher of the year. B. Security officer of the year C. Wolcott Donor of the year. D Volunteer of the year.

International 2nd Vice President: William H. Haynes

Acknowledgments

From the dictionary two of the definitions of acknowledgment are: acceptance of the truth or existence of something and the action of expressing or displaying gratitude or appreciation for something.

All of us like to be acknowledged. As it makes us feel good that we belong and have contributed to the organization. One easy way for a club to acknowledge its members is to designate a member to be the club greeter. Select someone who is personable and gregarious and can effectively and effusively greet members as they arrive. A hearty welcome to the club meeting will go a long way to fostering brotherhood and camaraderie. Having a calling committee is also a way to acknowledge members as a phone call will let them know that they will be missed and can contribute to the club. These two methods are no cost and effective.

Another way to acknowledge members is with awards. Every club or association has people that do their jobs or responsibilities in a much better than average manner. The person who always sets up the meeting or the person who always cleans up after the meeting are always a

International Secretary: Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson

Greetings High Twelvians One and ALL!

As the year 2015 comes to a close this has been a good year at the 'office.' I do believe we have a good handle on our true membership numbers. Many changes have been made to the database to improve reporting. But this reporting is only as good as the information provided by the local club secretary. To that end the ONLINE Monthly Report F-200a has been improved and has made the flow of information easier. But, ALL club secretaries need to file the reports MONTHLY and when there is a change in meeting time/location or officers to file a F-200b Online Report when needed. [For help call 623.239.6170](tel:623.239.6170)

Do you have dues cards for the new year? They can be ordered online, email or a phone call. They contain the members ID #, name, club name & number and period good for. They come 5 to a page and are perforated (standard business card side with secretary receipt) Best part there is no cost for this service!

Hopefully by the time this publication is received the ability to pay ONLINE will be in place for Membership Fees, Merchandise, Per-capita, Event Registrations. We will be utilizing PayPal which is a secure method of making payments and there is no charge to you for paying in this manner.

As the year comes to a close all online 990-N ePostcard tax filings for 2014 should have been completed by now. To file the EIN Non-Profit status must not be revoked and the EIN listed on the HTI Group Exemption. HTI does NOT file a group tax return for subordinates (associations & clubs)! If the EIN Non-Profit status is revoked there are instructions on the HTI website on how to file the IRS Form 1024 for reinstatement. If you can't file the ePostcard you are still required to file a paper 990-N EZ return. The annual EIN validation will be sent out soon to the Association Secretaries for them to validate directly with the clubs.

The international office is available to help and assist associations and clubs on a wide range of topics—all you need to do is *ask a question!* Call 623.239.6170.

Early reminder - the 2016-17 per-capita statements will be based on the March 2016 Online Monthly Report or most recent report received.

Your website can be found here: www.high12.org

The *Monthly Update eNewsletter* only goes to 1/3 of the membership - we need YOUR email address to make the distribution more effective - PLEASE send an email to: secretary@high12.org and it will be added!

(Continued from page 5)

good candidate. Each club has workers that do their job every meeting and go without recognition or thanks.

Honorary membership for frequent guests that bring a lot to the meetings, Guest Speaker Certificates, Certificate for entertainment, Three Star Certificate (club level), Four Star Certificate (state level), Five Star Certificate (International President approval), Certificate of Appreciation and Recognition, and High Twelvian of the Year are all awards available from the International Secretary.

Everybody likes a pat on the back and there are many ways to do give that to our members. The entire mentioned above are no or low cost and effective officers do acknowledge their members and show their appreciation

International 3rd Vice President: David L. Neal

I just finished cleaning up after the pig roast that has been a long two days. I think we might have made a few dollars at the pig roast for the state, that is what it was put on for, to raise some funds and to help pay for our installation on December 5.2015.

I have one more meeting in November to review the things that have gone on this year. FL state lost two clubs this year and gained one, Capital City #777, in Tallahassee is doing very well. I believe they have picked up a couple of more new members, I know they are talking about trying to start one up in the Panhandle. The meeting in November will be to nominate new officers for next year, I believe they are pretty well set already. They will be voted in on December 5 at the convention in Orlando. I will send you a list after the meeting in November that will be tentative.

After the meeting next month I will be able to put all my time into International High 12 making all my phone calls and keeping up-to-date on all newsletters.

At this time I have sent an email up to Nova Scotia and hope I can make

(Continued on page 9)



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:



WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR WOLCOTT FOUNDATION

Brother High Twelvians, as with many of the aspects of the nation's economy, the contributions to your Wolcott Program are meager, slim and slight.

In March your Wolcott Trustees will meet to select the Fellows for the Class of 2016 - 2018. The current level of Club and personal contributions will make possible about one half of the cost of a Fellowship...approximately \$30,000+. Any others that we may be able to grant will be due to the income from the Endowment Investments. This past year the cost was \$66,000+ per Fellowship of which 5 were awarded for a total of \$330,000+.

May I be so bold as to suggest that a Wolcott Heritage Bond, either in Honor of or a Memorial to is a doubly productive recognition. I have found that every Wolcott Heritage Bond that Carol and I have presented have been received most appreciatively by the recipients or the families. This has been true among our coteries of Masonic as well as Non-Masonic friends. The idea of supporting young people going into (non-political) government service has been most favorably received by those involved. Your Club Wolcott Representative or your Zone Trustee will be most willing to help you in the production of one or another (or several) of these especial Bonds. Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations are certainly appropriate occasions for the presentation of a Wolcott Bond. I do not suggest them as a replacement for other types of gifts, but certainly to be considered as a complementary additional gift.

To familiarize yourself with the Wolcott Program, and the George Washington University, please access the Wolcott Web Page, www.wolcottfoundation.com. There you will find much information about your Wolcott Foundation, GWU, the fellowship application process and a lot of information of which you may not have been previously aware.

The application window is to be within the month of January only. This gives your Trustees a month to make their selection of possible recipients. This is a tedious, but exhilarating, experience. These young applicants are already quite well accomplished in their education career. To think that we, as High Twelve members, will have an effect upon the nature of the way that government may (should) function by the work that these Fellows will do in the future is an awesome consideration.

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

(Continued from page 7)

contact with the gentleman up there to see if I can get him going on starting a club, or to find out what he needs to get a new club started.

I am also calling the clubs checking their roster against the roster that you sent me see if I can get them all caught up to date. At least in Florida and maybe in Louisiana. It just takes time.

I have visited all the clubs except for one that was down in the Florida Keys, which I'm going to on 22 November. We are going to meet with them on 22 November and that will be my visit to every club in the state, twice except for them at will be once. most of the time at least to or three officers from the state go with me, and the ladies also go. They have done a great job for the state high 12 this year, could have not done a lot of things without their help and I do appreciate them a lot. What a wonderful job they did.

Thank you Dave

Immediate Past President Winton E. Hewitt

We are working on getting High Twelve International recognized in several States. In Georgia the M. W. Grand Master that I was working is no longer in Office. I am still working to get a letter from the Georgia Grand Lodge.

At the Last PA State Association Executive Board meeting there was a discussion on expansion of clubs in PA this will be one of the topics at our upcoming Quarterly meeting. We hope that this will generate some of the members to go out to their Blue Lodges and promote High Twelve.

My Brothers when was the last time that you promoted High Twelve at your stated meeting? Remember, the Worshipful Master always ask if any of the Brethren have anything to offer before closing the Lodge. That is the best time to remind the members about your High Twelve Club as to where, when, time and if the ladies are included. There are still a lot of members who don't know about High Twelve.

Our International President and International Officers are ready to assist in any way to get new sources of membership increases necessary. We need the help of the present members to promote High Twelve on all occasions.

Association and Club Happenings

Florida Association:

This was our 1st Annual Pig Roast for the Florida State Association of High Twelve Clubs, Inc. All that attended the event had a great time! I have included 3 pictures of our 3rd International President, David Neal, who put on this event on October 31, 2015 at Hickory Point Marina, in Tavares, Florida.

Many thanks to all of the High Twelve Members and their families!!
Michael Hemphill, 1st State VP, Florida



Arizona Association

Arizona's High 12 Clubs met in Annual Convention on Saturday, September 19, in Tucson. The new officer team has developed programming for the coming year that includes a focus on Masonic youth, recognizing Club activity, and enhancing the awareness of High 12 Clubs to the local Masonic groups. Plans are already underway for a mid-year meeting to be held at the Casa Grande Masonic Center in March 2016.

Arizona Clubs remain active in community events. The Sun City West Club is raising funds to assist a local food bank purchase several tons of rice. The local food bank and the Club have worked together for the past several years and developed opportunities for purchasing the rice at an

(Continued on page 11)

(Continued from page 10)

attractive price since there is such a large quantity involved. The East Valley Club, in Mesa/Chandler, works with the local community organizers on the Veteran's Day Parade. The Club facilitates the involvement of the several local Masonic bodies in the parade each year. The Green Valley Club, outside Tucson, is preparing for the annual Christmas Party with children at a local school in early December. The Club involves members from a variety of local Masonic groups in presenting a special holiday party for the children. Club meetings regularly include members from the area Masonically related bodies.

Arizona welcomes any High 12 Club members who are visiting the Tucson or Phoenix areas during the coming Winter months. A listing of the various Arizona club meeting dates, times, and locations can be found on the High 12 International website (high12.org) selecting the Association tab and then selecting Arizona. Many of the clubs include Ladies in their meetings. Arizona High 12 Clubs offer an opportunity a relaxing environment with warm Masonic fellowship. If you need additional information, contact the State Association President, Dave Miller, at 623.875.2149 or gdmillerak@msn.com.

San Bernardino High Twelve Club #430 - CA



Our San Bernardino High Twelve Club meets for lunch every Friday at the Arrowhead Country Club in San Bernardino. Our group consists of nineteen members who are regularly joined by wives and widows for our luncheons.

Pictured at our meeting October 30, 2015, are Secretary Ray Cenicerros, 1st Vice President Gene Carlstrom, Les Koenig, Chaplin Roy Acreman, 2nd Vice President John Anderson, Tom Sharpe, and Treasurer Paul Ohlms. Our ladies looked on as this picture was taken.

Some of our other members not in attendance, including our President Ben Croyle and his lady Jane, were attending our California State Convention this weekend in Bakersfield CA.

(Continued on page 12)

(Continued from page 11)

We would like to invite any High Twelvians and their ladies who might be in our area to stop and join us for lunch on any Friday, 11:30 a.m., at the Arrowhead Country Club, 3433 N. Parkside Drive, San Bernardino, CA. You'll see how warmly we'll welcome you to an excellent lunch in a wonderful setting with our great, friendly folks of San Bernardino High Twelve.

Sincerely, Ray Cenicerros, Secretary

Sun City West High Twelve Club #567 - AZ - John Geyer, PSP

These are busy times for the Sun City West High Twelve Club #567. Most of our activities are now in the planning stage but our world famous rice fund drive is in full swing. Our fund raising started on October 9th and our speaker at our meeting that date was the Founder and President of the local Valley View Community Food Bank which will be the recipient of all the rice we buy with our funds. The drive will end on November 13 at our next meeting. We have found a new source from which we can buy about three times as much long grain rice as we have in the past with the same funds Which will provide the Food Bank with a fine stack of rice for them to give an excellent staple food to the needy of the area. December 7th will bring the annual festive luncheon at the Briarwood Country Club where we and our ladies celebrate the Christmas/Hanukkah season. Then February brings our second annual Pancake Breakfast which will provide funds to assist David Miller, our past president and current Arizona State President , with his travels as well as other groups such as the local Masonic Youth Groups and the Boy Scouts who help serve the pancakes at our breakfast. February also brings our annual Valentine Luncheon when we entertain our ladies. Each year we have six special luncheons with our ladies.

(Continued on page 13)

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 went 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.

WE NEED AND APPRECIATE YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

(Continued from page 12)

We are all proud to have the current President of the Arizona Association of High Twelve Clubs in our club. David P. Miller is the fifth member of our club to serve in that capacity. Bob Jorgensen, Mel Ratheall, John Geyer and Clell Wade previously were Arizona State Presidents. John Geyer is the only living member at this time among that group. With the planning under way at this time, we are sure to have some very successful events in the near future to keep our club among the leaders as we have been in the past.

Euclid High Twelve Club #205 - OH

Greetings from the members and friends of Euclid High Twelve #205 located in Euclid OH just east of Cleveland! We are a small club of some 19 members and our usual lunch crowd is 25-27. We have been battling the usual problems of low members but we are improving again.. We enjoy our meetings and meals together.

"If we meet we eat!!" I saw this on several items at our Grand Lodge meeting recently and thought 'how appropriate for H12ians. Our lunches are catered and we have not had a bad meal yet. I love the meatloaf! We have a variety of speakers. Some have been Masonic but many are not. Our most recent was the owner of a small handmade candy store and she brought samples!!!! She hires autistic and special needs kids, training them so that they can find work in the "real" world.

We've had Civil War Reenactors both Masonic and not. We've had character reenactors such as Betsy Ross and Patrick Henry.

Please come and join us for lunch on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of each month! (Of course at 12 noon) We would appreciate a couple days notice if you are coming to join us as we need to know how much water to add to the soup! I am available at the email below .

Dear Old Dad — dearolddad@operamail.com

Montebello High Twelve #422 - CA

A different approach to promoting High Twelve

Don Travis, PP and current Secy.-Treas. was approached a year ago to accept a position on the Grand Lodge of California 2015 Youth Orders Committee.

While this is more about calling on Lodges and to support Youth Groups and bring more awareness, it also offered another way to bring his Club

(Continued on page 14)

(Continued from page 13)

into the conversation. A person appointed by the MWGM (Russ Charvonia this time) goes into and out of office with the MWGM's term. He is also an official representative.

Don's assignment was to call upon the Downey-United, Golden Trowel-Norwalk, Greenleaf-Gardens, and Montebello-Whittier (his own) Masonic Lodges and to encourage more participation with the youth groups within their own Temples, in their monthly Trestle Boards, help them with Fund Raisers, and many more ways that the MWGM outlined to his team up and down the State of California.

Within these Temples we find Downey DeMolay and Jobs Daughters; Norwalk Jobs Daughters, Excelsior DeMolay, and Buena Park Rainbow Assembly; and the Whittier DeMolay and Jobs Daughters.

Don sent all eleven bodies an introductory letter followed by a letter encouraging Youth Orders Month and various Scholarship opportunities. He attended as many of the twenty-five installations as he could and brought greetings from the MWGM. He attended many of their meetings, social events, and degrees. When ever possible, he brought into the conversation, Hi-12.

North West High Twelve Club #769 - IL



Northwest High Twelve Masonic Club #769 received our second "Wolcott Foundation" badge and proudly affixed to our banner. Brother John Albert, Wolcott Representative, stated that our 2015-16 donations will be larger. At the October meeting, John presented Wolcott emblems to each attendee."

Don Van Cleave, Secretary
Secretary



Request from the Monthly Update Editor: Merv Harris, PIP

Brethren and Ladies, we need your articles and photos for the Monthly Update. Articles can be on meeting notices, awards, dinners, contributions, special events or anything of interest. Photos are also welcome and we need your input to make the Update interesting.

You may not realize that your article or photos can inspire other clubs to try what you have done and make their club meetings more interesting. We all need to share our ideas and accomplishments, so we have great meetings, and perhaps our members will encourage other Masons to join the clubs.

All articles must be submitted to me at mjghi12@centurylink.net. Please send your photos as JPEG images or similar photo programs. Photos can then be enlarged or reduced in size and can also be changed to be used in the Update.

Thank you for the support you have given in the past and hope you will continue to support our International newsletter. You will notice that **Arizona High Twelve** has gone all out to submit articles and we hope they continue to do so in the future.

We hope to see you all at the Mid-Year-Meeting in New Orleans in January! Also, check out the International Website at high12.org and you will find many ideas that will help you club or Association.

North West High Twelve Club #769 - IL

Club No. 49 holds its second meeting of the month at the MOILA Shrine Center, **Ladies Day**, whereas Wives, Widows, and Guests attend. Our October meeting held on the 20th was our Installation of Officers for the ensuing year. Carl Keith, 2014-2015 Club President, opened the meeting at High Twelve (12:00) with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by an opening prayer given by Rev. John Welch.

Alvin Patterson - President	Installing Officers were:
Richard Slater - 1 st Vice-President	Willie Mier, PIP – Installing
Paul Brooks - 2 nd Vice-President	Curtis Malotte – Marshal
Alvin Patterson - Secretary-Treasurer	Daryl Price, PSP – Chaplain
James Leggans - Sergeant-At-Arms	
Rev. John Welch - Chaplain	

A Center Piece is donated for each meeting at MOILA by Bro. Gary Butchart, **Butchart Florists**, was won by Elbert Turner who in turn pre-

(Continued on page 16)

(Continued from page 15)

sented it to Linda Malotte wife of Curtis Malotte. The 50/50 drawing was won by Paul Brooks who donated his share back to the Lil Red School house which collects money for the annual donation to the Wolcott Foundation and the Frank S. Land Fund. Lunch, prepared/served by Prime Catered Events, consisted of Breaded Chicken Strips, mashed potatoes/gravy, and string beans preceded by mushroom soup and followed with a cookie for dessert. The meeting was closed by Al Patterson and the closing prayer was given by Rev. John Welch

The first meeting of the month is our regular business meeting for members and invited guests which is held at Ryan's Buffett. The last week of the month members are called to labor & refreshment to assemble the Club's monthly bulletin for mailing. Coffee, donuts, and conversation prevails. Alvin Patterson, Secretary



Quincy High Twelve Club #40 - IL

Currently the Quincy club has eighty-one members. We have five members of special mention that continue to maintain their membership for over fifty years. The Board members are continuing to explore ways to increase membership. The Board is seeking and has sought fund raising opportunities. The club held a free-will fund drive with our members. It was a successful campaign.

Recently we enjoyed several interesting speakers. One gentleman was from a Quincy business involved in recycling. While some consider "it's just trash", the membership found it interesting to hear about the process of refining recycled materials in to usable forms. Another speaker, from Quincy University, told us about "POLIS" which stand for "Pursuit

(Continued on page 17)

(Continued from page 16)

of Learning in Society". This involves one or two class sessions that interest those wishing to further their education. Some of the subjects are Back Yard Birds, Persia, Ancient and Modern and Women in the Second World War. A current member and his wife spoke about their recent trip to Ireland. It was an interesting presentation with pictures of the sights. We also enjoyed the presentation from two ladies from the Quincy Preserves on an upcoming tour of restored homes in Quincy dating from the mid 1800's to 1935. In a portion of the downtown area is referred to as The District. The head of the downtown development board told us about activities such as a Blues festival and display of restored cars dating from 1949.

While not too early, we have set a date for the clubs annual Christmas dinner. The place and menu are set.

We recently had the honor of welcoming Illinois High Twelve past and present state officers and their ladies. They were Ron Thomason and wife Sandy, Floyd Alexander and his wife Diane and Charles Coffey and his wife Donna.

I encourage members of any High Twelve club or members of the State and International High Twelve Clubs to join for our weekly Wednesday meetings. Please contact me (hal.broadwater@gmail.com) or the club secretary, Dean Lillis (hooksett21@comcast.net) for meeting time. There may be a change from our normal noon meeting time or meeting place. Hal Broadwater, President

Mid Florida Lakes High Twelve Club #522

I am happy to report that the club is doing well and we elected a full slate of officers for the year 2016. Herman Strauss has been elected president, James McArthur, 1st Vice, Secretary Richard Simpson and Treasurer Robert Dill, all of these Brothers have a long history of Masonic Background

The club will hold their annual fund raiser on November 12 and over 200 people usually attend this event. The Brothers and their ladies make this a great event. This is open to outsiders. Hope to see lots of State Officers there. The installation of officers will be held on November 9, at 11AM at Mid. Fla Lakes, everyone is welcome to attend.

To end this little letter, hate to do it on a sad note, but the club lost a great Brother this past month, Brother Alexander "Sandy" Mackenzie. In

(Continued on page 19)

Wolcott Zone 6 Trustee - Donald P. Garrio

Much has been written about the Wolcott Foundation and its programs in the past, so as before I will limit my article to Zone 6. Although Zone 6 is composed of 7 states, only 4 states, Texas, Louisiana, Indiana and Kentucky have active High Twelve Clubs today. Many attempts were made to start High Twelve Clubs in the remaining states but with no luck.

Received a letter from Freedom High Twelve Club #735 from Fredericksburg, Texas, requesting that I remove them from my mailing list, the reason was the membership voted to dissolve the club and no longer wish to be operating as a High Twelve Club. No valid reason was given for this action. A letter was written to Ms. Rebecca McMinn, Chairman of the Education and Scholarship Committee of the Pan American Round Table requesting support for our Wolcott Foundation Program. Ms. McMinn is from San Antonio, Texas and is very interested and knowledgeable in our educational program.

On a sad note, Brother Dr. Beryl Franklin, longtime Trustee of Zone 6 and Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation for many years, passed away. He will be sorely missed not only by High Twelve International but the Masonic community in Louisiana. Brother Loyd C. Smith, long time Deputy Trustee for the State of Texas and Officer for High Twelve International passed away. Brother Smith was also active in the Masonic Community in Texas. His absence will be felt by us all.

For a short period of time, the Grand Lodge of Texas, suspended the recognition of High Twelve International Incorporated in Texas. This had to do with the eligibility to membership in High Twelve International. Fortunately, this has been resolved and all our High Twelve Clubs in Texas will be able to resume all operations and activities as before.

Visited various High Twelve Clubs and was the Installing Officer at two of our Texas Clubs and Texas Association installation of officers. I will be attending the High Twelve International Mid Year Conference in New Orleans, representing our Wolcott Foundation.

Respectfully submitted by Capt. Donald P. Garrido, Vice Chairman and Trustee for Zone 6, Wolcott Foundation



(Continued from page 17)

2007 he was President of this club and he was always there when we needed him. He was one of the founders of the Mid. Fla. Lakes Dog Park. The club have will a plaque at the park letting everyone know of the great service he has done for them.

Remember my Brothers, in order to keep H 12 going we need new Masons, let everyone know of the great work we do.

Herman Strauss, President 2016

Arnold Page High Twelve Club #298 UK:

The Arnold Page Club is alive and still doing well. Although, as with all the clubs we are constantly striving for new members and have welcomed one new member, Jeff Rafftree.

Our officers for the 2016 year remain the same: President; Peter Kerley; vacant; Secretary; Darrell Russell; Treasurer; David Hedges, Chaplin; Kenneth Hammond.

We are still enjoying great social evenings. Our most recent was the annual lunch and matinee at the Cromer Pier. It was well attended by 18 members and guests and was enjoyed by all. The President again hosted his Ladies Lunch at the Riverside House Hotel who provided a three course meal with all the trimmings for 20 of their members and ladies.

Through good times and hard times the club has supported the Wolcott Foundation and it goals. As part of Zone 5 under the leadership of Trustee Michael E. Clark, our contributions were recognized again by adding another patch to our banner with a letter to the club congratulating all the members for their efforts and generosity. Contributions by the Arnold Page High Twelve 298 members averaged \$29.60 or £19.00 per person. For a small active membership, this is a great achievement and the all the members should be proud of the efforts in contributing to The Wolcott Foundation.

It has been sometime since we have had any visitors to the UK clubs and we would welcome anyone who has a desire to enjoy our masonic company across the pond. Our club meets 2nd Wednesday of the month. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the President, Peter J. Kerley, pjkerley@btconnet.com or Darrell C Russell, russeld130@hotmail.co.uk; +44 (0)1638 715764/ +44 (0) 7492869490.

Alama-Pathways Masonic High Twelve Club #756:

CLOSES 2015 WITH TWO OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS - We are very pleased to report that our November and December speakers are in the

(Continued on page 20)

wings waiting for their dates. November, will be His Honor, Mayor Mel Nyman of Alma and December, Honorable Jeff Abernathy, President of Alma Collage. We feel much honored to gain these two wonderful speakers added to our continuing list of speakers. When we started we thought it to be practical to contact Pathway's CAO, Cindy Bosley who gave a great talk with much information about where we live; we continued on with Department Heads and other interesting employees at our Masonic Home. It turned out to be very good.

The Club has a membership of 30 with the majority residents of Pathways. James Satterthwaite, PIP, Secretary

Oakland High Twelve Club #2 - CA

The Oakland High Twelve #2, held its monthly meeting on October 25th and enjoyed a sideshow Presentation, and Program, on the Philippians, leading up to and during WWII, by Ms. Cecilia I. Gaerlan, Executive Director of the "Bataan Legacy". Her presentation on the infamous "*Death March*", the Japanese occupation and other events not usually found on PBS were truly enlightening. The legacy of Bataan, Corragator, Manila and all of the Philippians should not be forgotten and of the thousands of both Philippiian and Americans that gave up so much, including their lives during this bloody conflict.



Oakland High12 meets on the 4th Monday of the month at the Oakland Scottish Rite at 12non. All Master Masons and their guest are always welcome.

Pictured below is (L-R) Cleveland Valrey, PSP; Loren Piper, PP, Program Chair; Speaker Cecilia I. Gaerlan (receiving Certificate of Appreciation) and Howard Roberts, Club President.

Masonic Home High Twelve Club #606 - CA

The Masonic Home High 12 Club #606 is alive and well. We have a slate of all new officers to be voted on at our November meeting. We meet on the third Thursday of each month. We will be dark the month of December and will have our installation at our January meeting. The new officers will make their identification known soon after.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Sadler-President

IL Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs

Greetings fellow High Twelvians and Brethren,

The Installation of Officers for the new High Twelvian year took place on August 14 and 15 in Schaumburg, IL. I was honored and humbled when



the membership showed their confidence in me by electing me as President of the IL Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs. I thanked all the state and club officers for sharing with us their time, something so valuable that none of us know how much of it we have left. I

promised to do my best to do my duty as best as I could.

We have a great officer corps, both at the state and local level so I'm looking forward to having as successful a year as my predecessors have had in the past. I received some good feedback from our Annual Convention. One thing for sure, I did not hear any complaints about the food. I believe it's safe to say that everybody had an enjoyable time, and their tummies were happy. The success of our convention has to be shared with those that made it possible.

The people that made 'us' look good included Mark Nokes (overall chairman) and his lady; Ronnie Rund (ladies chairperson and spouse of our State Secretary, Ed Rund); Brian Robson (funds collector) and Jay Reed (Northwest Club President) and his lady. Mark was elected our State 3rd V.P., Brian was selected Secretary of the Year and Jay was selected High Twelvian of the Year. I seem to have a habit of surrounding myself with good people.

We certainly cannot forget the others involved that made it both memorable and enjoyable. A special Thank You goes to our State Secretary, Ed Rund, PSP. Without his behind-the-scene counsel and guidance, the event might have been a little rougher. One that added music and fun was my 'twin brother' Rich Pugh...who was not even a High Twelvian. And of course, I can't forget the ladies that attended and participated in this event. Thank you so much Ladies!

(Continued on page 22)

(Continued from page 21)

And last, but certainly not least, the visitors who played a key role during the convention. Tom Bevington from OH (Past International President), Winton Hewitt from PA (Immediate Past International President), Roland Furness and Tom Foor from OH (Past State Presidents). Also in attendance was Dr. Ron Woods from IN, International 1st V.P. With a cast like this, the Installation of Officers was fun and went smoothly. Thank You doesn't seem adequate enough for these exceptional men and Masons!

Now the work really begins. My first 'official duty' was to install the officers of Northwest Club No. 769 on 25 Aug, with the capable assistance of Ed Rund. The ceremony took place just ten days after the convention ended. (Never let grass grow under your feet if you can help it.) I also visited the Middle Chamber and Cornerstone clubs the first week of September. On 17 Sep. a few of us visited the Illini Club in Urbana.

The topic of Life Membership in High Twelve was brought up during a couple of my official visits. Seems like some of our membership would be interested in becoming a Life Member so they do not have to worry about being delinquent in their dues in the future. This is an item worth pursuing and we will address it with International at a later date.

There were also two other installations in October that we took part in, right before our Grand Lodge Annual Communications. There were four of us there representing High Twelve and I had the honor to present a check to the Grand Master for the IL Masonic Charities on behalf of High Twelve in Illinois. We ended the month of October with a visit to the Freeport Club on 22 Oct. Not a bad way to start off the new High Twelvi-an year!

On a final note, there is one more item I want to address before I sign off. I want to thank our Immediate Past President, James Morris and his lady for the great work they did this past year. I hope my year turns out to be as good as his was. The other State officers and their ladies also played a significant and integral part in a successful year, as did the officers of all our clubs. With the caliber of Masons we have this year, I'm looking forward to a most excellent year!

Until next time, take care of one another, stay safe and have fun!

Respectfully and Fraternaly,
Joseph Santisteban Illinois State President 2016-16

Cornerstone High 12 Club No. 772 - IL

Was very active in setting-up and running the state High 12 convention in August held in Schaumburg. Over fifty brothers attended the convention, along with several spouses. We want to thank both Lisa Nokes and Ron-

(Continued on page 23)

(Continued from page 22)

nie Rund for their help with the Ladies' events. Lisa escorted a group to Winfried Winery, and Ronnie took a group to Cantigny Park. All the ladies had a wonderful time.

For the men, Brothers came from the states of Ohio and Indiana. We used Eventbrite software for all reservations, money collection, and ticket creation. At the convention, we had our own Brother Joe Santisteban elected as the new High 12 state president, Brother Mark Nokes elected as third vice-president, and Brother Robert McClerren appointed as state Wolcott Representative.

In October Brother President Joe Santisteban , Brother officer Mark Nokes, and Brother navigator David Abt made an Official Visit to Freeport High 12 Club No. 43. The room was filled with members of Freeport club, their ladies, and many state officers. We all shared a great meal courtesy of Martha Robson.

We continue to receive our monthly Wolcott contributions. Any excess is being set aside for another charity to be voted on by Cornerstone at a later date.

Respectfully submitted, David Abt, Secretary

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the International Bylaws Revised June 28, 2015; 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.

**High Twelve International
2016 Mid-Year Governing Board Conference
January 24-27, 2016
The Maison Dupuy Hotel
New Orleans, Louisiana**

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.

Preview of the HTI 2016 Mid-Year Meeting in New Orleans

By Dr. William Wilkinson, Esq., HTI General Counsel

Our High Twelve International 2016 mid-year is in New Orleans this January 24-27, 2016. East coast and southern High Twelvians have asked us to hold a mid-year meeting east of Las Vegas where it has been held over the last several years in a row. Hot dog, we're going to New Orleans!

I flew to New Orleans to preview our hotel and the sites for our January meeting. Here is what I found. We are staying at the world-class Maison Dupuy Hotel in the heart of the French Quarter. The hotel website is at www.maisondupuy.com. You can view a picture from the Maison Dupuy Hotel overlooking the city of New Orleans at night. The hotel is newly renovated and built in the courtyard style of the historic French Quarter. We have 40 great rooms held for you that always fill up months ahead at \$500-\$600 a night for only \$129 – reserve yours early.



Our hotel is two short blocks from Bourbon Street. Close enough to visit easily and far enough away to sleep quietly. I took these photographs during my visit to New Orleans this month. The night I arrived the New Orleans Saints won their game in the Superdome and the French Quarter was filled with fun seekers until late into the night. From the hotel you can easily walk anywhere in the French Quarter. The Louis Armstrong Park and Saenger Theatre are both only two blocks away in the other direction. Great restaurants, shops, bars, clubs and boutiques are everywhere to enjoy. You and your wife will love staying here.

I walked quickly to Jackson Square and had beignets at the Café Du Monde. They say if you sit at the Café Du Monde long enough the whole world comes to you. Then I walked behind Café Du Monde and looked at the Mississippi River and the *Natchez* moored there. The suspension bridge across the river goes from New Orleans to the west bank which is on the east side of New Orleans due to its unique crescent shaped waterway curve.

The view to the immediate right shows the Jackson Brewery Center which has been converted from the old Jax Beer Brewery to a riverside shopping mall by the St. Louis Cathedral. Exciting tours abound

(Continued on page 25)

(Continued from page 24)

throughout the French Quarter and the city. Cemetery tours of the old above ground mausoleums are one the favorites. Since New Orleans is six feet below sea level burials have to be above ground or the water pressure will push caskets up out of the ground. The French Quarter was the original city site and had the only land over the water. The streetcars are available nearby our hotel to take you uptown to ride and look at the beautiful homes, overhanging ancient trees and exciting activities up and down the trolley car rails from the French Quarter across the city. A list of interesting New Orleans' websites and a list of restaurants within walking distance of the Maison Dupuy Hotel follow for your information. Cindy Kass is our hostess contact at the Maison Dupuy Hotel. Please feel free to call her directly if you have any questions about your travel or stay at the Maison Dupuy Hotel. The President and all the officers at High Twelve International look forward to seeing you in New Orleans and we encourage you to make your reservations in this popular sell out city early.



High Twelve International 2016 Mid-Year Governing Board Conference

January 24-27, 2016

The Maison Dupuy Hotel
New Orleans, Louisiana

<http://www.maisondupuy.com>

1/24 Sunday, is the arrival day
1/25 Monday, is the tour or site seeing day
1/26 Tuesday, is the meeting day
[An ALL Day Meal Package will be offered for \$74.50
on 1/26 to defray the cost of the meeting room]
1/27 Wednesday, is the departure day

Sunday 1/24 thru Tuesday 1/26
room rates are \$129.00/day + tax

Reservations

Members can make hotel reservations by calling the hotel at **800-585-9177** or **504-586-8000** and mention High Twelve International **Group Code SMERF** to obtain the group rates. Room reservation cut off for the group rate is **Monday, December 21, 2015**. Reservations made after 12/21 subject to space and group rate availability.

HTI Registration is available ONLINE - through the HTI website - Events. Have your hotel confirmation and flight information available.

Additional information on tours, restaurants and things to do and see are on the HTI website.

Questions? Contact the International Office @ 623.239.6170

**High Twelve International Registration Form
2016 Mid-Year Conference
The Maison Dupuy Hotel
New Orleans, Louisiana
<http://www.maisondupuy.com>**

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

1/26 All Day Meal Package ____ @ 72.40 each = _____

Check # _____ enclosed for _____

**Mail reservation form and check to:
High Twelve International
11404 W Olive Drive
Avondale AZ 85392-4210**

Make hotel reservations by calling the hotel at **800-585-9177** or **504-586-8000** and mention High Twelve International **Group Code SMERF** to obtain the group rates. Room reservation cut off for the group rate is **Monday, December 21, 2015**. Reservations made after 12/21 subject to space and group rate availability.

1/24 Sunday, is the arrival day

1/25 Monday, is the tour or site seeing day

1/26 Tuesday, is the meeting day [an ALL Day Meal Package for \$ 72.40 is available for 1/26 to defray the cost of the meeting room]

1/27 Wednesday, is the departure day



High Twelve International, Inc.

11404 W Olive Dr
Avondale, AZ 85392-4210

NON PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Phoenix, AZ
Permit No. 1



Address label incorrect?
Multiple Copies received?
Inform the International
Office! **TODAY**