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FAMILY, FELLOWSHIP, FUTURE

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President's Message:

Brethren,

Hello and welcome to Fall!

Your International Officers have been busy. Since our Annual Convention in July, we have increased interaction with our State Associations and their Officers, increased our communication via social media, Email and Zoom, and are spreading a unified message for all our members as to why join High Twelve!

Communication is crucial for the success of any Organization, and I am proud to say, our current Executive Board is very proactive, engaging, talented and experienced. Our Associations interactions are discovering what is working, what needs attention, and how can our International Officers provide valued assistance.

What effect has this created? Clubs opening or looking to reengage, have a comprehensive message which helps spread the High Twelve word to our Lodges and Appendant Bodies, enthusiasm for growth, more interaction with Wolcott and our Youth Groups from our newer and younger members, and a desire to deepen the fellowship within our Clubs.

It is exciting to see and feel this energy from our members!

More will be forthcoming but for now let me tell you what is in the works:

- ◆ A new High Twelve video will be recorded during our Mid-Year in New Orleans.
- ◆ More Zoom Meetings between our Associations and International...is your Association next?
- ◆ More communication in various Masonic Facebook Pages and International Magazine and eNewsletter.
- ◆ More effective ways of donating to the Wolcott Foundation and our Youth Groups – are you aware you can mail your Wolcott Donations directly to your Wolcott Trustee?
- ◆ Presentations by some of our esteemed High Twelve members to encourage more fellowship and Masonic knowledge.

I look forward to seeing you at our New Orleans Mid-Year. Specific information will be posted shortly. Please plan on attending. Personal interaction and fellowship reap many rewards, strategies, and growth!

Remember ...growth is a two-way street...we need your ideas to help

form a pathway for continued growth and viability. Step up, speak out and share!!

God Bless and stay safe,

Rick Santella, International President

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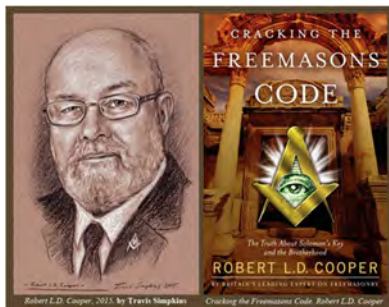
1st International VP, Roberto Sanchez - TX

Greetings Fellow High Twelvians,

It has been an honor serving High Twelve International over the past couple of years, and I am thrilled to be part of such a great team. Your Executive Board is working diligently to make sure our organization is running smoothly, and that we steward this organization into a bright Future. Our International President, with the full support of the Executive Board, has come up with a message for the year. That message is Family, Fellowship, and Future. While you can read what he has to say on this matter, let me assure you that this is a message we wish to push for the next few years.

My travels continue to take me around the world and have enjoyed the Fellowship I have encountered on my visits to the many clubs I have been privileged to attend. I thank you all for the hospitality and look forward to visiting many more of my Hightwelvian Family as I continue my visits. Our international outreach continues to be extended. We recently chartered our new Club in Edinburgh, Scotland. Congratulations to club president Allan and all of the High Twelvians in Scotland, I look forward to enjoying some Scotch with your Club again very soon.

We are gearing up for our midyear scheduled for January 12th through the 14th in New Orleans, Louisiana. I hope you make plans to attend the Fun and Fellowship we have scheduled for our midyear. For those in attendance, we are bringing you a very special treat. We have been able to acquire world-renowned Masonic Scholar Robert L. Cooper to be a lecturer during our mid-year. For those of you who do not know Brother Cooper, he served as Grand Secretary and Archivist for the Grand Lodge of Scotland for several years. He has also written several books including Cracking the



Freemason's Code, The Red Triangle, the Masonic Magician, and the Roslyn Hoax. This promises to be a great event that you sure are not going to want to miss. For more information on Bob, please visit his webpage at www.robertldcooper.org

As we look forward to the Future, please know that your Executive Board is here to serve you and help you with your clubs. Should tradition prevail, and I am elected as your International President next year, I will need your help in continuing to make this organization a success. If you are interested in serving on a committee or getting more involved with High Twelve at the International level, please reach out to me. I welcome all comments, concerns critiques. But more importantly, I am looking forward to having your input on how to make our organization a better one. I am also starting to look into plans for our 2025 International Convention. I currently have two bids I am considering, Philadelphia, PA , and Orlando, FL. However, if you would like to submit a bid for consideration for hosting the 2025 convention, I am eager to hear from you. If you do not have my email address, I can be best reached at Roberto@high12.org please feel free to reach out, I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you again for your continued confidence in me, and I look forward to continuing to serve you and High Twelve International.

Family, Fellowship and Future!

Roberto Sanchez, 1st VP

3rd International VP, Jared Kichline - PA

Greetings Brethren, and Members of High Twelve International,

It is a great honor and privilege to have this opportunity to serve as your 3rd International Vice President.

Traveling and getting to speak with our members has been the most memorable experience so far. Your international team is dedicated to making your membership experience one of your favorites among your Masonic groups. If there is anything we can do to improve this, please feel free to reach out.

We have a great organization and have a lot to be proud of. We have been busy contacting our independent clubs, and various state associations. The planning for association meetings, and the thought that goes in to make your experience attending a local club is impressive. If we enjoy our meetings, and look forward to attending, I believe others will

also. Our time together also gives another opportunity to support our charity the Wolcott Foundation. The videos on the Wolcott Foundation website are worth watching and help motivate our fraternity to continue its distinct mission.

I look forward to getting to know you all better in the months and years to come.

Respectfully,
Jared R. Kichline, 3rd International Vice President

International Secretary, Thomas Brotherton, III

Happy Fall High Twelvians,

I hope you and your loved ones had a great summer. Now that we are entering the fall season, things at the international office (East Coast Branch) are starting to get busy. I am working with our International President in getting prepared for our upcoming Midyear conference as well as helping our Clubs and Associations with their end of the year awards and acknowledgements.

Also, as you all are aware as the New Year gets closer, Club Secretaries begin to get busy sending out dues notices. So please do your Club secretaries a favor, make sure they have all of your current and correct info so they can send you out dues notices and your dues cards as soon and easily as possible. Since I am the one who is producing those dues cards for all our Clubs, that means that **please get your orders** in as soon as possible. Please utilize our Forms Ordering link on our site to get all the International Produced documents out in enough time to get them to the members.

Lastly with the Midyear Board of Governors Conference fast approaching, there are some deadlines that I need everyone to be aware of:

- ◆ Motions for By Law Amendments (Club/Association/International) before 11:59 pm December 10th
- ◆ Hotel Registration Closes December 11th.
- ◆ Meeting Registration will close December 15th.
- ◆ Association President, and International Officers' Reports due to me by December 27th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email. Remember all members are encouraged to attend our Midyear and Annual meetings.

Sincerely and fraternally, Thomas J. Brotherton III

SAVE THE DATE!!!
MID-YEAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

WHERE: ALOFT HOTEL, NEW ORLEANS, DOWNTOWN

WHEN: JANUARY 12-13, 2023

REGISTRATION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND
ON THE WEBSITE: [HIGH12.ORG](https://high12.org)

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!

RICK SANTELLA, INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL

HTI Parliamentarian Installed

International President, Rick Santella accompanied by Third Vice-President, Jared Kichline and Secretary, Thomas J. Brotherton III traveled to New Jersey for the installation of our Parliamentarian, Conrad W. Dombkiewicz. Conrad is a member of the Mt Laurel High Twelve Club #770.

Everyone enjoyed a hearty lunch at the Bob Evans restaurant. Nicholas Vettese, Club President opened the meeting and welcomed our guests from international. President Santella performed the installation assisted by Brother Kichline who was the Chaplain and Brother Brotherton III installing Marshall.

President Santella spoke to the members outlining his plans and vision for the upcoming year. We are looking to grow New Jersey and it is important to get the youth involved, they are our future.

It was a great afternoon of **FAMILY, FELLOWSHIP, FUTURE.**

Mt. Laurel meets at the Bob Evans the 4th Thursday of the month, wives and guests are welcomed. If your in the area, stop in, we would love to see you.



Announcements From The Secretaries Desk

While Supplies last, **ALL NEW MEMBERS** will receive a High Twelve Tie Chain. This item will no longer be available to order and will only be given to all New Members who have come in after October 1st. And once these beautiful Tie Chains are gone, they will never be reproduced again. If you were lucky enough to get one before October 2023, you are one of the few.



OFFICIAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the International Bylaws Adopted July 15, 2023; 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 Midyear Governing Board Conference will be held beginning on Saturday January 14, 2024 at the Aloft New Orleans Downtown in New Orleans, LA. The Governing board shall consider and act upon all business properly brought to the floor. Registration can be done online via HTI website or see the following page.

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.



Thomas J. Brotherton III, Secretary
High Twelve International, Inc.

Important Dates

December 10th, 2023 (11:59pm) – Motions for By Law Amendments No Longer Accepted

December 11th, 2023 – Midyear Board Of Governors Meeting – HOTEL CUTOFF DATE

December 15th, 2023 – Registration for Midyear Board Of Governors Meeting Closes

December 27th, 2023 – Association President's and International Officer Reports due to Secretary

January 13th, 2024 – Filming of High Twelve Video begins in New Orleans (All Members Welcome)

January 14th, 2024 - Midyear Board Of Governors Meeting – New Or-

leans, LA.

March 31st, 2024 – Annual Per Capita is based on the last 200a filed before this date.

April 22th, 2024 – On This day Founder E.C. “Wallie” Wolcott was born in 1881 in Muscatine, IA.

April 30th 2024 – Annual Per Capita is Billed

May 17th, 2024 – Founders Day (Founders Club #001 was Chartered)

**** July 11th – July 14th, 2024** – 103rd Annual Convention, Atlantic City, NJ**

Items marked with an Asterisks (**) are subject to change and proper notice to be given.



WOLCOTT FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



Information on the Wolcott Foundation Fellowship Recipients, videos of Wolcott Luncheon Speakers, and Wolcott Fellowship Application information are available at: www.wolcottfoundation.com

Wolcott financial reports are on the High Twelve International website at High12.org under the Wolcott tab at the top of the page

Wolcott Foundation Mission Statement

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

Attention State Secretaries and Officers

The Wolcott Foundation would like to make a Wolcott Foundation presentation at your next State Convention. Please email the date, location and contact person to: mikecofgr@comcast.net

Secretaries and Treasurers-Due to banking procedures of the Wolcott Foundation and banks in general, it may take 3-5 months for a Wolcott contribution check to be processed by your Zone Trustee, Trustee Representative, Wolcott Administrator, and/or at least two banks.

Please be patient!

**The Wolcott Foundation Inc.
Board of Trustees
Contract, Investment, and Selection Changes with
George Washington University (GWU)
November 2023**

The Board of Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation and George Washington University have been partners in providing Highly Qualified Students seeking Graduate Degrees in Public Service for 63 years. Wolcott Fellowships, provided by funds from High Twelve International members during that time, have been invested with great care by the Foundation. The results of those investments have allowed the Foundation to fund over 500 GWU students' tuition providing our country with outstanding public service career-focused individuals with Masonic values and principles serving the citizens of the United States in various positions around the world.

The Wolcott Board of Trustees, to ensure the continuance of Wolcott Fellowships at George Washington University in perpetuity, have entered a contract to create a "Wolcott Foundation Fellowship Trust Fund" as part of the George Washington University overall investment program. George Washington University will make tuition payments for all Wolcott Fellowships directly from the Wolcott Foundation Fellowship Trust Fund. This arrangement along with future additional outside funding, will provide Wolcott Fellows with the necessary tuition to complete their master's degree in public service from the George Washington University School of Business, the Elliott School of International Affairs, or the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration.

George Washington University will administer the Wolcott Foundation portfolio of investments. Approximately \$4 million dollars in value, was moved from the Wolcott Foundation Investment Accounts to the George Washington University Investment Program. GWU will administer the investments without fees or charges to the Wolcott Foundation. In addition, the Wolcott Foundation will now be added to the GWU annual alumni donation program, allowing GWU alumni to contribute all or a portion of their annual contributions to the Wolcott Foundation Fellowship Fund.

George Washington University Administrative personnel who have worked with the Wolcott Foundation for many years will now evaluate all Wolcott Fellowship applications and determine which applicants meet the educational, public service-oriented, and Masonic values and moral standards required of Wolcott Fellows. The university evaluators and the Wolcott Board of Trustees have worked together to develop a new set of questions to assist them in selecting students who understand the mean-

ing of Masonic values and moral standards and have demonstrated those values during their lives.

While the Wolcott Board will no longer be performing the selection of the Wolcott Fellows, the board will have an opportunity to review the selections and give feedback to the selection committee concerning the adherence to Masonic principles.

The Wolcott Foundation Board of Trustees, after many years of working closely with members of the selection committee, feel confident that all selections will meet the same criteria as when the Wolcott Trustees were making the selections.

Wolcott Trustees to Join New GWU President At the Wolcott Foundation GWU Fellowship Funding Celebration

The George Washington University Office of the President has announced a press conference and reception celebrating the new Fellowship Funding Agreement between the Wolcott Foundation and George Washington University.



The event will be held at George Washington University on Monday, November 6, 2023. A reception will follow with invitations sent to all senior and current Wolcott Fellows residing in the Washington, DC area.

Dr. Ellen Granberg Ph.D. is the 19th President of George Washington University and the first female President in the 203-year University history. Dr. Granberg will participate with the Wolcott Foundation Trustees in signing the new Wolcott Foundation Fellowship Trust Fund agreement. The ceremony will follow Dr. Granberg's inauguration ceremony as the new President of George Washington University.

Joining Dr. Granberg and the Wolcott Foundation Board of Trustees will be administrators who have helped create this new agreement and will be instrumental in choosing the Wolcott Fellows and administering the Foundations Fellowship Program and Trust Fund.

Ohio Wolcott Supporters Receive Wolcott Award

The Wolcott Foundation has always been honored by the financial support of High Twelve members from all over the world, for which the Foundation is very grateful.

Brother Rollin and Jennie Furnas of Dayton Club #69 in Dayton, Ohio exemplify our members who put their efforts not only into promoting the Wolcott Foundation through their generous annual contributions but also by their efforts in raising funds and involving the wives and guests in learning about the foundation and the important work done for the citizens of the United States.

Jennie Furnas has for many years led the Ohio High Twelve Ladies in organizing an annual silent auction of items, many of them homemade at the Ohio State Convention. The group has averaged over \$400.00 per convention to contribute to the Wolcott Foundation. The large variety of auctioned items is testimony to the dedication of Jennie and the ladies of Ohio High Twelve. Pictured L-R M Clark, Jeny & Rollin Furnas, J. Stewart, WF Trustee Representative.



Michael Clark, Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation recently visited a meeting of Dayton High Twelve Club #69 to present the Dr. Phillip Grub Award to Rollin and Jennie. The Dr. Phillip Grub Award is for outstanding support of the Wolcott Foundation through service and assistance other than financial support.

Thank you, Rollin, and Jennie, for all you have done and continue to do for the Wolcott Foundation.

Wolcott Chairman attends Ohio State Convention

There are few events in our lives that rival the enjoyment of being with friends, breaking bread, and enjoying fellowship with our brothers. The recent annual convention of the Ohio State Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs is a perfect example. The very well-attended and conducted State Convention was held at the Masonic Residences in Springfield, Ohio.

Wolcott Chairman Michael Clark made the trip to that state located southeast of Michigan to enjoy a day of Michigan vs Ohio State football kidding and jabbing. The Ohio members decked out in their red shirts and jackets made a strong statement about their college preference. Still, their long-time and continuing support of the Wolcott Foundation

made an even stronger statement of their fraternal support for High Twelve and the Wolcott Foundation.

Chairman Clark made a presentation explaining the newly signed financial and administrative arrangements with George Washington University. The delegates were very excited to hear of the benefits to the Wolcott Foundation and how the arrangements will ensure the continuance of the Foundation in perpetuity.

Thank you to my friends in Ohio for your hospitality and especially to Brother Joseph Stewart, the Ohio Wolcott Trustee Representative for his outstanding work on behalf of the Wolcott Foundation. You are much appreciated.

Wolcott Webmaster attends Masonic Lodges in Europe

Brother Ron Alcorn has had a busy Masonic summer. After receiving *The Order of the Purple Cross* as a Royal and Select Council member, he left for Europe and along with members of the Pasadena, CA Masonic District, put on an exemplification of a 3rd degree for Masons in Budapest, Hungary. The group traveled the next day to London, England where they attended a 1st Degree conferral.

Brother Ron has maintained the Wolcott Foundation website for several years and the Wolcott Board of Trustees sends our congratulations to Brother Ron for his many Masonic accomplishments.



Budapest, Hungary, Masonic Lodge

**Please contribute to the
Little Red School House**



WHO ARE WE?

Founded by Wally Wolcott in 1921, we are an association of Master Masons who desire to gather in fellowship **INDEPENDENT** of formal ritual.

More than a lunch club, we provide an environment where Master Masons can feel comfortable among brothers with similar values.

Simply put, High Twelve is **MASONARY IN ACTION.**

Today, High Twelve International has 123 Chartered Clubs in 7 Countries. Those are: United States (113), across 7 states, Japan (3), England (3), Mexico (1), Scotland (1), El Salvador, (1), & Brazil (1). We currently have over 3,000 members + total spread across the world. We are looking to Charter 3 new clubs very soon.

WHAT WE DO?

First and foremost, is to encourage and support good government. This is accomplished through the Wolcott Foundation, which provide fellowships to those who endeavor to pursue a Master's Degree in Federal Government or Foreign Service. These fellowships are provided at George Washington University in Washington DC.

Assist **BLUE LODGES** in whatever manner is needed. Partner with local lodges to further community objectives:

Service to youth, support and provide assistance to Masonic Youth Groups like DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters.

WHEN?

Meetings usually begin with a breakfast, lunch or dinner on a monthly basis. Since there is no ritual, members are encouraged to invite, wives, family members or friends to attend. After the meal there usually is a presentation on a topic of interest to the club. These may be Masonic or Non-Masonic.

WHY?

In today's climate, everyone is looking for a group, **FAMILY**, a cause, **FELLOWSHIP**, a reason, **FUTURE**. Everyone eats and is always looking to share a meal with friends. So I ask, WHY NOT?

Our emblem features THREE STEPS which symbolize the three degrees of a Master Mason. The clock is at HIGH TWELVE. But most important is our motto.

**To Talk Little
To Hear Much
To Reflect Upon Truth**

I challenge you to GIVE US A TRY, JOIN US, you will be glad you did. There are clubs in your area ready to WELCOME you. If a club is not near you, start your own, we'll help and guide you.

Hope to see you soon.
Conrad Dombkiewicz, Parliamentarian

For more information contact us at secretary@high12.org

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News From All Around!

Villages High Twelve Club #674 - FL

On 23 September, Villages High Twelve Club #674 held its Third Annual Club Picnic. High Twelve International members from the Florida State High Twelve Association were invited. The event served also to celebrate the birthday of Club President, Brother Larry Lace (Happy Birthday Larry)! Music was provided by Worshipful Brother and Past President Jim Hawkins, entertainment and grilling was provided by 1st Vice President Worshipful Brother Mike Freach. There was plenty of food and great camaraderie. Games were played; prizes were awarded; and all attendees had a great time.

(Note, I forgot to bring my camera, but I was able to obtain a few photos off of someone else's cell phone, see photos below. We also took photos of Larry blowing out the candles to his cake, but I haven't been able to obtain copies of those photos yet. Our October 4th meeting featured guest speaker Pastor David Houck who manages a charitable organization known as SoZo Kids taking care of poor, destitute and distressed families living in the Ocala National Forest. We donated \$200 from the club then took up a collection of those present at the meeting for an additional \$360 and we presented him a basket of clothes and stuffed ani-

mals to bring to the needy families who live in the forest.

Fraternally yours,
David Windmiller, Secretary



Dayton High Twelve Club #69 - OH

At the Dayton High Twelve #69 meeting we had a Wolcott presentation by the Foundation Chairman, Mike Clark, where Rollin and Jenny Furnas received the Dr. Phillip Grub award (only the 13th given in over 60 years of the Wolcott Foundations existence). Two very deserving persons who have dedicated years service to both our club and the State Hi12 association along with making the Wolcott foundation a priority in all they do. Pictured is Mike Clark and Jenny & Rollin.



The Villages High Twelve Club #674 - FL

The Villages High Twelve met for its regularly scheduled meeting at the Cottage Inn Restaurant in Lady Lake, Florida. The meeting was well attended with 10 members and 8 guests (including one prospective new member) in attendance. Featured at the meeting was Pastor David Houck and his assistant "Stormy." Pastor Houck manages a charitable foundation known as the SoZo Kids of the Forest and has worked with and cared for destitute and distressed kids and families subsisting in the Ocala National Forest for going on 31 years. Pastor Houck works daily with kids and families living in the most dire of circumstances who lack the most basic necessities of life including running water, bathrooms, education. Pastor Houck's charity focuses on helping the kids to learn a vocation and obtaining clean clothes and simple articles of personal hygiene. Many of those living in the forest succumb to drugs and participate in other detrimental activities. He has many successes, but also many losses. The club donated a check to his charity for \$200.00 and additionally, members present took up a collection and donated an additional \$360.00. We also donated a box of new clothes and shoes of varying sizes and personal hygiene products, which were greatly appreciated. Members left the meeting with a greater sense of how difficult life can be for some and a greater appreciation for all the comforts we have available in our daily lives. Following Pastor Houck's presentation, nominations were presented for next year's Club officers and this year's president, Brother Larry Lace, was nominated to serve a second term.

David Windmiller, Secretary



Florida Masonic Home High Twelve Club #702

St. Petersburg, Florida - On Sunday, August 13, 2023, a significant event took place at the Florida Masonic Home in St. Petersburg as the #702 High Twelve Club officially ***reopened its doors***.



This historic occasion saw the presence of distinguished visitors, including the Grand Master of Florida, Glen Bishop, and his First Lady Odesa, who graced the event with their presence.

The High Twelve Club #702 has a storied history within the Masonic community, having last been active in 2016. Now, it has been reinvigorated and is once again open to all Active Master Masons. The club's mission is clear: to organize exclusively for the benefit of the Florida Masonic Home, an institution that plays a vital role in providing support to Masonic members and their families.

Leading the charge as the first President of the revitalized 702 High Twelve Club is the esteemed R.:W.: Oran Ellis, a Mason with a long-standing commitment to the craft and the betterment of the Masonic Home.

One unique aspect of the club's schedule is its meeting time, aligning with the organization's name. Meetings are held at High Twelve, which is noon, on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The venue for these

gatherings is the Florida Masonic Home Board Room, where Masons and interested individuals can come together to support a noble cause and connect with like-minded individuals.

For those interested in attending meetings or learning more about the #702 High Twelve Club, there is an open invitation. Active Master Masons and anyone else curious about the Masonic community are welcome to join. The club offers the opportunity for camaraderie, discussion, and networking, all while contributing to the welfare of the Florida Masonic Home.

To plan a visit or inquire about membership, you can contact the club at 702High12@gmail.com for those who wish to.

The reopening of the #702 High Twelve Club at the Florida Masonic Home is not just a momentous event; it signifies a renewed commitment to the Masonic principles of brotherhood, charity, and community service. As it continues to grow and thrive, the club is set to make a positive impact on both the Masonic community and the Florida Masonic Home.

Dan C. Tillinghast, PM, 1st Vice President

Quincy High Twelve Club #40 - IL

Tuskegee Airmen/WASP Event Sponsored by Quincy Masonic High Twelve Club #40

Our Quincy Masonic High Twelve Club #40 in Quincy, Illinois, hosted the Tuskegee Airmen/WASP Traveling Exhibit at the Quincy Regional Airport, from October 4th - 8th. On the 4th and 5th, we had students from the Colonel Gorge Iles Elementary school. Colonel Iles was a Tuskegee Airman, who was born and raised in Quincy and the new school was named after him. Also attending the event, were veterans from the Illinois Veterans Home, and the nephew (from Madison, Wisconsin) and cousins of Colonel Iles, which helped make our exhibit come to life. One of the comments of an Iles student was, *"This is a day I'll never forget"*, and another told her mother, after seeing the videos, *"That was inspirational"* and *"It showed I can do anything I want to do"*. These statements made all the planning, time and efforts of our club worthwhile.

The exhibit consisted of a 53-foot semi-trailer, that extended to 40 foot wide and held a 160-degree screen on which two fifteen-minute videos were shown, depicting the adversities the Airmen and WASP experienced while becoming pilots. The women were not big enough and both

African Americans and women were considered not smart enough to fly. Were those mind sets back then, ever proven wrong. Out of 173 combat missions, the airmen lost bombers on 7 missions and of 311 missions, during WWII, only lost bombers on 26 missions compared to the average of 46 of other squadrons.

Also in the exhibit was an 80-year-old, P-51C Mustang plane painted to the “Red Tail” colors. This plane is only one of four left flying today, and flew into and out of Quincy. What a sight to see and hear.

Attending were people living 120 miles from Quincy, as a result of our news coverage and advertising.

While our club was hoping to break even on this event, with the help of great sponsors and generous donations to the event, it appears additional funds were realized to fund some of our community service projects.

A direct benefit to our club was obtaining a new member as a result of hosting this event. Our event was considered a total success, over 500 students, many veterans and an estimated total of over 2,700 people were in attendance.

Clif Weisinger, Secretary, 217-653-3971





The Quincy Masonic High-12 Club #40



In cooperation with the Quincy Public Schools Welcome you to the

Tuskegee Airmen P-51 Display

We indeed thank the following major sponsors for making our event possible!



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GRIFFIN



Montebello High Twelve Club #422 - CA

Donald A. Muller, of the **Montebello High Twelve Luncheon Club #422**, was recently inducted into the **Southern California DeMolay Hall of Fame**. In California Masonry, he is a Hiram Award, Golden Veterans, and Grand Master's Youth Support Award recipient.

In his DeMolay days, having joined Montebello Chapter in 1963, too late for PMC, he has been awarded Chevalier, Cross of Honor, Legion of honor, and Guild of the Leather Aprons-Advisor of the Year. He has served DeMolay Southern California Jurisdiction (SCJ) in many capacities which led to his induction.

*A member of the Montebello-Whittier Masonic Lodge #323 (now Three Great Lights), he is a Past Master of Frank S. Land Lodge #819 (now Glendale #368)

In his service to California Masonry, he has been a long-time Inspector, and served as Junior Grand Deacon in the California Grand Lodge the year of Int'l. DeMolay's 100th anniversary.

He does much to support the Craft and the Order behind the scenes, without any desire for recognition. (other: Pasadena Scottish Rite, York Rite, Red Hat, KCCH, White Hat, etc.!!)



L-R Don Travis, Don Muller

Donald E. Travis, initiated, at age 14, into the Montebello Chapter Order of DeMolay, September 23, 1954. At age 23 initiated, Montebello Masonic Lodge #451*. Past president, scholarship program chair, and for years now, secretary-treasurer of the **Montebello High Twelve Luncheon Club #422**.

Representing his Lodge and Hi-12 Club, for several decades now he has led in recognizing a student from Montebello, Schurr, and Vail High Schools, as their Junior Citizen of the Month selection, ten luncheons per school year. Since the early 1990's, he has led the Lodge's Annual scholarship awards program, one graduating senior at these same high schools. Later is the additional of Trade School Scholarships.

For all of this dedication, October 11, 2023, he was recognized by the City of Montebello City Council's citizen of the month.



One can see that presentation on their YouTube.

In California Masonry, a Hiram Award, Golden Veterans, and Grand Master's Youth Support Award recipient. In DeMolay he has been awarded Past Master Councilor, received their DeMolay Chevalier, Cross of Honor, and the Legion of Honor degrees. He served as an advisor for the Montebello DeMolay Chapter and of the Montebello Rainbow Girls Assembly #240. Many times, a Rainbow Dad and Chair of the Advisory Board, he and his wife are recipients of their Grand Cross of Colors.

Interesting foot note, these two are long time friends, employed together, and shared duties in many of these same organizations and care deeply for each other!

North Central Association - IA & SD

On Saturday October 14, 2023 we held our 76th Mid Year Conference. We met at West Gate Temple in Des Moines, Iowa. Besides the usual business our focus was to find ways to support our local clubs and attract new members. Our next meeting will be the Annual Conference on May 18th 2024, which will feature the election of officers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Russell Royce, President NCA

Conejo Valley High Twelve Club #634 - CA

Brother Adam Tischler, a Master Mason of Conejo Valley Masonic Lodge #807, who works for the movie studios, talked about working on the TV series 1883 and 1923, prequels to the popular show Yellowstone.

Also visiting us at the meeting was Mrs. Elaine Padfield, widow of our 3 time past president Rees Padfield. Rees passed on June 19, and a memorial service held on September 16 at the Pasadena Scottish Rite.

Jerry M. Michaelson, Secretary



Pennsylvania Association

Greetings from Pennsylvania! It's hard to believe that my year as State President will be half over next month. It is so true that time flies by when you are having fun!

Since I took the helm, we have already had an Annual Meeting, a Quarterly Meeting, had our Annual pilgrimage To The Freedoms Foundation for the flower planting, have attended The High Twelve International Convention in Chicago, have visited Liberty High Twelve Club, Donegal High Twelve Club, Valley Forge High Twelve Club, Pottsgrove High Twelve Club, and First Capital High Twelve Club. For November we will be having our 2nd Quarterly Meeting and visiting Buxmont High Twelve Club and Colonial Rose High Twelve Club. I'm pretty sure that there isn't any moss growing under our feet!

The picture below means a lot to me. Jim Woof, President of First Capital High Twelve Club, invited us to their September Stated Meeting. With everyone's busy schedule, what are the chances of all four Line Officers available to attend? We did it! From left to right, Jerry Richards, 2nd VP, Herb Cook, 1st VP, Myself and Russ Combs, 3rd VP. The Guest Speaker was State Senator Kristen Phillips-Hill. Her presentation was very informative. She is one busy lady!



At The First Capital Meeting, I took the opportunity to announce my choice for High Twelvian of The Year. That is Don Whistler, Past International President, Past International Treasurer, Past State President. Don has done an incredible amount and dedication to all things High Twelve.

Unfortunately I will end on a sad note. Richard Dillon has passed away. He was current President of Pottsgrove High Twelve Club where we just visited in June. He was a wonderful man who I also knew through The Red Cross of Constantine. May he rest in peace.

Until next time, all the best,
Christopher M. Gibson, President, PA Association

Oakland High Twelve Club #2

Met on the fourth Monday, October 23, at the Oakland Scottish Rite, 1547 Lakeside Dr. Our guest speaker was a Brother Mason David Arp who is a retired Oakland Police helicopter pilot.

Our meetings are open to anyone to attend, but we ask for reservations by the Friday before at noon.

The club will NOT meet in November. Our installation of officers is on the second Monday of December at noon.

At the club's September 25th meeting, Brother Strehlow narrated a presentation of photos from his vacation to Zion National Park, Utah, Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah, The Arches National Park, Utah, locations in Colorado, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Nevada.

Fraternally,
Jim Strehlow, Secretary/Treasurer

Edinburgh Scotia High Twelve Club #803

We are the first Scottish High Club consecrated, initiated and installed in Scotland! It took place at Lady Libertine, Edinburgh on 17th September.

L-R. Br Steven McCann, Br David Lees (Secretary). Br Gary Smith (Vice Pres 2) President Br Allan MacDougall. Vice president Br Neil MacDougall, Br Steve McDonald Master Arms, Br Richard Boa Chaplain, Br Iain MacDougall (Chaplain).

President with both Vice Presidents and our exclusive Banner.

Look forward to sending more events in the upcoming months.

Many thanks and Fraternal regards ,
Allan MacDougall, President



Freeport High Twelve Club #43 - IL

Freeport High Twelve remains the same, as usual. No recent new members. Our attendance at meetings recently has been between 7 and 10 members. We continue to meet at the same place, but not sure how long that will be.

Mrs. Carson continues to provide dessert for our lunch. She also arranges for the prize drawing on the first meeting of each month. (There's no money involved!)

We recently donated money to the Salvation Army Thanksgiving meals. Our donation will cover 18 meals. Later we will be donating for Christmas meals and possibly for children's gifts for Christmas.

As always, we invite you to join us every Thursday for lunch at Logan's in Freeport. We might even buy!!

Something to consider – Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.



Martha Carson Serving dessert.



Bob Geissberger Leading prayer.



Gene Imstead, President & wife Cheryl; Bob Geissberger, Chaplain & friend Friend Timmy; Ken Howard; Calvin Barklow, Treasurer; Roger Carson, Secretary and wife Martha.

Cochise Masonic High Twelve Club #703 - AZ

Hello, All High Twelvians and Friends. WOW, what a program we had at the High Twelve meeting on October 13, 2023. The "Killer Bee Guy,"

Mr. Reed Booth, has managed another crazy bee in his business. This gentleman even has a two-page fold-out in the Arizona magazine this month. This program was great, and Mr. Booth shared many experiences he has had working with the bees for the past thirty years. It is incredible exactly how bad the African bees are; one sting can kill a man, and they are everywhere; they are the dominant bee. Thank you, Pres WB Kenn, for arranging this program.

Lady Doris Millard had the November 10 Honored Ladies meal, Bro Dave Cook won the 50/50 (\$40.00), and the special drawings were won by a special cooler bag by Bro Dave Pickler, a pocket-size notebook, Lady Cathy LeClair and Lady Joan Lopshire won a jar of killer bee honey and also Bro Dave Cook.

The November 10, 2023, Club meeting will again be held at the Manda Le Restaurant, order food at 4:30, and the program will start at 5 PM. We will first conduct nominations for the 2024 Club Officers and then a program on the updated Wolcott Scholarship program by WB Harry Brown, our representative for the HTI Trustees. FYI, our club collects money for the Wolcott scholarship program through the red schoolhouse we pass around the room at our meetings. The installations will occur before the Christmas party on December 8, 2023.

We celebrated birthdays for Bro Carlton & Nicky Buscemi, WB Chuck Fortner, 91 years young, and Lady Doris Millard. Also, the 24th Anniversary of WB Kenn and Lady Lilla.

That's all, folks, stay away from the bees!

WB Andy Anderson 33*
Secretary

East Valley High Twelve Club # 795 - AZ

We have a small number at both in membership, however we have been having great quest speakers at each of our meetings.

At our September meeting we were honored by having Past Grand Master James Rowen who presented the Arizona Grand Lodges Family Survivor's Information Booklet which Brother and his Family members should fill out and have in a safe, but well known, location so that it is easy to find. The family should get it out immediately upon the an individuals demise.

The Booklet includes Whom to notify upon death, including the Lodges

information, spouse and other family members. It, also, what documents you should have listed and there location for easy access.

Included in the Booklet is “What to do about Social Security”. “Veterans Benefits”, “Insurance” and don’t forget any retirement programs.



L. Stith, Pres PGM J.Rowan



L. Stith, Pres. & B. Lehman

At the October meeting we had Brother Bob Lehman, The Chandler Chapter DeMolay Chairman, who spoke on the status of AZ DeMolay, its availability, benefits to the Youth and to the community. And Masonry. He gave a very interesting and inspirational presentation.

FALLEN HEROES WREATH PROGRAM

This program was started by the family of Philadelphia Police Officer John Pawlowski who was killed in the line of duty on February 13, 2009. Johnny was the last of seven Philadelphia Police Officers who had been killed in a two year period in the city. To date, we have functioning chapters in Pennsylvania, Arizona, Delaware, Michigan, New Jersey, Florida, Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Utah, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New York. We also honor Fallen Officers in Alaska, Alabama, Missouri, and South Dakota. Nations Distribution Day is 1st Saturday of December annually. Total Graves to be visited nationally in 2023 = 1882 at a cost of \$26,000 To help support us visit our website at fhwppa@gmail.com or:

www.fallenheroewreathprogram.org 267-240-6173



High Twelve International, Inc.

Registration Form

Mid-Year Meeting

January 12-14, 2023

New Orleans, Louisiana

Registration Fee

Daily Breakfast:

Friday January 13

Members only. _____ \$50.00

\$10 Daily Voucher included in hotel room cost.

Shooting new High 12 Video (All Members Welcome to be a part)

Friday January 13

Number Attending

Total Cost

Box lunch. Pick One:

Celebration Salad – _____ @\$25.00 _____

mixed greens, golden raisins, blue cheese, walnuts, sundried tomatoes, pepper jelly vinaigrette & Brownie.

Or

Girod Sandwich - Brisket Beef Po-Boy _____ @\$25.00 _____

on French Bread, with Leaf Lettuce and Creamy Coleslaw Served with Cajun Penne Pasta Salad & Brownie.

Or

The Basics - combination of baked _____ @\$25.00 _____

ham, smoked turkey, roast beef and Swiss cheese, leaf lettuce, mayonnaise, Kaiser Roll Served with Cajun Penne Pasta Salad & Brownie.

Friday January 13

Antione's Restaurant- Within walking distance of Hotel. Each meal comes with an Antoine's Salad - Spring greens, goat cheese, heirloom cherry tomatoes, shallots, house-made croutons, Acadiana honey Creole mustard. And Desert - Pecan Bread Pudding Leidenheimer French bread, fresh eggs, cream, cinnamon, vanilla, golden raisin, butter rum sauce

Hanger Steak – _____ @\$95.00 _____

Tender Hanger steak, Creole Cream sauce, smashed potatoes, and asparagus.

Gulf Fish Provencal – _____ @\$95.00 _____

Grilled speckled trout with a bright sauce of tomatoes, garlic, olives, and artichokes over cauliflower puree and asparagus

Saturday January 14

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Meeting

Box lunch. Pick One: Descriptions on Friday's Lunch.

Celebration Salad – _____ @\$25.00 _____

Girod Sandwich - _____ @\$25.00 _____

The Basics - _____ @\$25.00 _____

Saturday January 14

Ponchatoula Buffet and _____ @\$50.00 _____

Presentation by Robert Cooper (In the Meeting Room)

Registration will close December 11th, 2023 at 11:59pm. No money will be accepted at the door.

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