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GREETINGS!

High Twelve Monthly Update

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Congratulations to our members and ladies, celebrating their Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event in March. Don't forget to make a contribution to the Wolcott Foundation, celebrating your happy event or occasion! Some members donate \$1.00 or more for every year they have been married. Seems like a very nice gesture on their part and a great tribute to a Happy Marriage to that Special Person!

International President Jerry Saville (PSP, CA): Greetings to all. We, your President and First VP, attended the Grand Masters Conference of North America in Madison, Wisconsin last month. We had a lot of visitors at our Hi-12 display table and a lot of interest from States without Hi-12 Club. For example, the Grand Master of Hawaii is very interested in starting a Hi-12 on the Big Island and by the time you read this article he will have a Startup Kit in hand.

I'm also in communication with Georgia and North Carolina who are very interested in Hi-12. Thanks to PIP Winton for his contact and opening the door with the GM of these two states. I will do my best to get clubs in these States. Ron and I are also working to contact Grand Masters of other States that visited our Hi-12 table. I will include a status report in my next article.

I have the menu for both organized meals in San Diego on 18 June. I will be in San Diego for a couple of days starting on 9 June to meet with, and go over the Convention checklist, with my Holiday Inn point-of-contact for the June Convention.

The Registration Form with meals, prices, an optional tour, etc. will be on the Hi-12 Website in a few weeks. I think you will be pleased with the prices. I sincerely hope you will join us at the Convention - how can you say no to San Diego!

Now that the Grand Master of California, Most Worshipful Perry, has confirmed his attendance for lunch on Saturday, 18 June, we will have a Grand Masters Luncheon. The GM has to return to the International DeMolay Convention immediately after lunch and, upon his departure, we will have the Wolcott Program and Speaker. I tried to book GM Perry as the our Convention Speaker but, as you probably know, the International DeMolay Convention is during the same weekend and their Hall of Fame Banquet is at 7:00 pm on the same night as our Installation Banquet.

More great Convention news: Worshipful Fran Loui, PGM of California and Sovereign Grand Inspector General in California, Supreme Council, 33rd degree, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, USA, plans to drop by sometime during our Convention to say hello. He's a great supporter of Hi-12 and spoke at our California State Hi-12 Convention during his

year as our Grand Master. I'm in search of a Convention Speaker for our Hi-12 Installation Banquet and will report on this in next month's status report. It will be a very busy Saturday - but a Hi-12 Day you do not want to miss!

In closing, I'm asking you - one and all - to invite a friend and/or stranger to lunch at your next Hi-12 Club Luncheon Meeting. I know there are many men that would accept your invitation. Try it - it works. Let's continue our Hi-12 Masonic Journey together as we work to grow Masonry across the land.

Until next month...Fraternally, Jerry Saville, President, jsaville@bak.rr.com or telephone 661-203-5747

International 1st Vice President Dr. Ronald Woods (PSP, IN): On February 14th, I officiated on the presentation of the Charter and Installation of Officers of our new Club in Fort Wayne. Indiana now has six clubs instead of 5. Then on February 15th, I traveled to Noblesville, IN, to meet with Ron Wilson, who is working to establish a Hi-12 Club there. I presented him with much information to help his efforts and he has established a meeting for March 14th, to meet with prospective members. If all goes well we may be able to establish a 7th club in Indiana by April 11th. Then it is time to restart my efforts in Terre Haute and Evansville, Indiana. Also I am in hopes that we can start a Hi-12 Club at the Masonic Home in Kentucky. It was great to meet with Kurt Begue in Fort Wayne and Ron Wilson in Noblesville, who have taken up the mantle to establish Hi-12 in their areas. Their work is greatly appreciated and they deserve all our support.

It is my hope and desires that we will be able to finally increase the total number to 10 clubs in Indiana and also work to establish at least five new clubs in Kentucky by June of 2017. Also with the information that Jerry Saville and I have received at the Grand Masters Convention we will be able to begin to develop clubs in States where there are none. It was great to meet Grand Officers from all over the world, as well as the USA.

All State High-12 Associations should prepare a plan to examine where new clubs in their state could be formed and then work toward those areas and present information about Hi-12 and strive to locate local Masons to help in that effort. In addition, State Associations must observe where some Hi-12 Clubs are having problems and work to help them solve them.

Jerry Saville and I have discussed developing a new DVD program to present an up dated program on Hi-12. I have discussed this with a person I know who does this for a living and he said in our extended discussion that such a program should not run for longer than 15 minutes, otherwise you lose your audience. However, making such a program is expensive because it takes multiple days of filming and then 3 to 4 days of editing for each day of filming. I note that I reviewed the DVD of the George Washington Masonic Building in Arlington, Virginia. It tells the story in 12 plus minutes. Fraternaly, Ron

International 3rd Vice President David Neal, PSP (FL):

Florida had their High Twelve Day on February 27th, in Fort Lauderdale. It was hosted by 2nd Vice President Sydney King and held at the Moose Lodge.

It was a very good showing of the State Officers. Special guest were the Mayor and assistant Mayor of Fort Lauderdale. Both the President and 1st Vice Presidents presented an excellent explanation of High Twelve in action.

We were impressed with Vice President Ed Smallwood's explanation of what the Wolcott Foundation does with the contributions given by the clubs and members. He explained it so all in attendance understood the importance of the work by the Wolcott Foundation.

We had a great meal catered by the Moose Lodge. After the meal they held raffles for the baskets and other items. Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to High Twelve Day next year...

I have been working with some of the clubs trying to help them update their EIN numbers. If they are having trouble International Secretary Kevin Hokerk-Robinson has a new Form that will assist them. I hope they will take advantage of the Form.

I am making plans for travel to Arizona and Texas to meet with the clubs. Arizona Association is having a Mid-Year-Meeting in March and I hope to make a visit there. Fraternaly, Dave Neal

WANTED - ARTICLES OF INTEREST FOR THE SPRING 2016 HIGH TWELVIAN MAGAZINE!

International Secretary Kevin Hokerk-Robinson, PSP (AZ): The calendar says Spring starts on 3/20. Many places it

is still winter with the white stuff coming down so this months mast head remains winter. At least here in the "Valley of the Sun" we have been running 15-20 degrees above normal and breaking all kinds of records. Now I am not complaining but it makes me wonder what summer will be like...

Club Secretaries: March is upon us and this is the time to do some spring cleaning of your roster if needed. The 2016-17 per-capita is based on your membership numbers as reported on the March Monthly Report. Statements will be mailed to you on April 30th as per our bylaws.

The **2016 Address Label Fundraiser** went into the mail on 2/29 and should be in your mail box shortly. The information that is printed comes from the HTI membership database. If it is incorrect please contact the HTI office and the office staff will be make the update and submit a reprint request. We hope you can support this fundraiser whether it is \$2.00 or \$50.00 every dollar helps and keeps us away from a per-capita increase! Thanking you in advance for your generous donation.

95th Convention information details will be updated soon allowing the online registration to begin. President Jerry and his lady Judy have selected a super location for the convention in San Diego with lots to do in the immediate area. So start planning now to attend. Just go to the international website and click on the link.

A big welcome to the **Ameek Club #723** located in Fort Wayne, Indiana, which was rechartered on February 14th. Thank you HTI 1st VP Ronald Woods for presenting the charter, inducting the members and installing the officers.

Past International President Winton Hewitt, PSP (PA): Greetings Brethren! From the Report that International President , Jerry Saville & 1st Vice President, Ron Woods have from the Grand Masters Conference, it looks like they made some head-way with getting High Twelve into a few of the States that we have been trying to receive permission letters from and the revival of others.

Norman Greene, III, V. P, Pennsylvania State Association has at this point about 26 names for the new club in the Philadelphia area. This has been on the burner for some time now and we are waiting to get the kinks worked out.

The snow kept a few of us from making it to New Orleans but we were able, with the help of ooVoo and our International, Secretary, Kevin Hokerk-Robinson to be present at the meeting. It was great to see that Darrell Russell was also able to be with us on ooVoo for the meeting. We were on at odd hours for him but he stayed right with us.

We in Pennsylvania are working to keep our membership strong but it is a tough struggle to get some of the members to bring in new members.

WANTED - ARTICLES OF INTEREST FOR THE SPRING EDITION OF THE HIGH TWELVIAN MAGAZINE - please email your article and photos, with members identified to the international office at secretary@high12.org or you mail them in too. Deadline for submission is **3/25/16**. Any member can submit an article!

Wolcott Foundation Trustee Mike Clark, Zone 5:

Wolcott Foundation Trustees

The responsibilities of a Trustee for the Wolcott Foundation are first and foremost to raise money for the Wolcott Foundation from contributions to the Little Red School House, Wolcott pins, Heritage Bonds, Certificates, bequeaths and other activities in conjunction with local clubs and state associations.

This responsibility takes many forms, such as visiting clubs and state conventions, giving presentations to the members of the Wolcott Foundation. The Trustee must keep track of and recognize each individual and club contribution in the trustee's zone of responsibility. Once a year in the month of January, the trustee spends many hours evaluating the sometimes several hundred applications for the Wolcott Fellowships. This activity culminates in a trustee meeting in Washington, DC to select the current years Wolcott Fellows.

This year 2016, we received over 270 applications for Wolcott Fellowships. Each trustee must evaluate every application for eligibility and then evaluate additional information including three essays in determining the best applicants for a Wolcott Fellowship. These young people are the best of the best, and the decisions are often difficult and gut wrenching

when you have to choose one over another when there are so many outstanding applicants.

Invite your Wolcott Foundation Trustee to visit your club. Most certainly each states annual convention should include a presentation by the Wolcott Trustee concerning the work of the Foundation and presentation of special Wolcott Awards. Many clubs also use their state convention to present their clubs checks to the Trustee for use by the Foundation.

While the trustee's expenses for travel and housing are covered by the Foundation for the annual trip to Washington, DC and to the Annual Wolcott Foundation Meeting during the International Convention, the trustees cover their own expenses when they travel to clubs and state conventions. A small stipend is given to the trustee for postage and printing.

As a member of High Twelve you are a member of the Wolcott Foundation and thus you should be sure that your Wolcott Trustee is providing you with the information, recognition, reports and support needed to motivate club members to support the Wolcott Foundation.

Give your Wolcott Trustee a call. Remember that your Wolcott Trustee works for you. Fraternally, Michael E. Clark-Trustee - Zone 5 - Michigan and Ohio - Wolcott Foundation

The Wolcott Foundation, Contributions by Zone 2015-2016

Qtr	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8
1	551.50	1,6114.00	275.00	1,619.75	2,073.06	951.00	1,156.00	368.00
2	280.00	0.00	275.00	93.00	869.45	441.00	1,194.15	170.00
3	161.88	1,604.00	781.00	2,520.00	937.00	881.00	1,429.00	173.00
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Y-T-D	10,993.38	3,218.00	1,056.00	4,232.75	3,879.51	2,273.00	3,370.15	711.00

Grand Total: \$29,733.79

* Tolbert Trust Donation

Contributions for 2015-2016 must be received by your Zone Trustee no later than (NLT) April 15, 2016 to receive credit for this Report Period. Zone Trustees must ensure all funds are submitted to the Wolcott Trustee NLT April 29th.

Arizona High Twelve Association, East Valley Masonic High Twelve Club #765: Meeting every Third Saturday at 8:00 am, at Mimis Cafe, 1250 S. Alma School Road, Mesa, Arizona. I'm sure glad that the weather is turning out much nicer now. I moved here because I much preferred the heat to the cold. Even the summer heat I can survive and have yet to complain about. If you were unable to make it to the February 20th meeting of the Club, you missed an excellent informative and educational presentation by Marvin W. Haines, Jr., Marine Corps (Ret.), and current Commander of East Valley Chapter No. 8 of the D.A.V. (Disabled American Veterans) which has their regular meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 655 N. Gilbert Road, Mesa. Dinner at 5:30 pm and Meeting at 6:30. They do a great job with and for our Disabled Veterans, and they do not have to be a member of the DAV to receive their services. Contact their Office at 480-890-2424 or via email at adminoffice@azdav08.org.

TOMORROW'S LEADERS - Need you today. DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls instill leadership skills and confidence in their young members. They also represent the future of this Masonic family. But to survive and succeed, they need **YOU - GET INVOLVED**. Fraternally, Editor, Frank Alger 480-835-1929.

Florida High Twelve Association Cortez High Twelve Club #538: The Club is going strong and great things are happening. Last month several of our members and their ladies assisted in Sahibs Hospital Day Collection at Publix at the corner of 301 & Old Tampa Road in Parrish, helping to raise funds for Sahibs Transportation Fund.

We also had speakers come and fill us in on various subjects including two from the Sheriff's Dept. and a gentleman from Goodwill. Found out several things that Goodwill is involved in that we had no idea they did. We also had a field

trip to Real Rail, a model train show that was really a great experience and was enjoyed by all. We also had our usual monthly auction that gets us going and looking for a bargain.

Some of us made a weekend adventure over to Tamarac, near Fort Lauderdale, to attend the Florida State Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs Annual High Twelve Day for a day of companionship, great food and entertainment plus several other enjoyable activities.

On March 23rd, we will be having our Annual Picnic. It will be held at Emerson Point in Palmetto. The funds raised at our auctions pay for this activity.

The only requirement to become a member of Cortez Masonic Hi-12 Club #538 is to be a fellow Mason (3rd Degree). Your lady is always invited to come and share the day's festivities with you, which helps make our get-togethers even more enjoyable. If you have friends staying with you bring them along. Many of our brothers are also members of Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shriner's, etc. Some brothers and sisters are members of Eastern Star, Amaranth, etc. and some of our ladies are members of the Daughters of the Nile. As you can see we are a much diversified group. However, we all have one purpose. That is to have fun and enjoy each others company.

We support DeMolay, Jobs Daughters and Rainbow for Girls as well as the St. Petersburg Masonic Home. We also promote the Wolcott Foundation. Please come and find out more.

We meet each Monday from November through April at Duffs Original Buffet at 6010 14th St. (Route 41) in Bradenton; arriving between 10:30 and 11:00 am to socialize. Lunch is at 11:00 am where we continue to socialize and then around 11:45 to Noon we start the festivities of the day. We usually finish around 1:00 to 1:30 pm. Several even stay after for more food and more socializing. Look forward to having you with us. Fraternally

Bob Rodd, President and Wolcott Representative.

Florida High Twelve Association, Tri County High Twelve Club #674, Lady Lake, FL:

At the March club meeting, we were fortunate to have the Villages Elementary School of Lady Lake entertain us. The chorus, led by Rosemary Pilonero with students in grades 2-5 gave an OUTSTANDING performance of Irish, current and old time songs for our enjoyment.

There were 49 young singers in the chorus and in addition to signing, used hand gestures to emphasis the music. The members, ladies and guests really enjoyed the performance. A donation and Certificate were presented to the Director in appreciation for the program. We hope to have them again in the future.

Our Annual Club Picnic will be held on Saturday, April 16th at Hickory Pont Park in Howey-in-the-Hills, on S.R. 19. The Committee will be discussing our plans for the picnic at the meeting. Picnic chairman and Picnic Advisor John Erb and I will brief you on what will be happening and passing out sign-up sheets. Please be sure to attend this month's meeting and start your own planning for this great event.

Maps and other information will be provided, so you will know how to get to the Park, if you haven't been there before. Just a little advance information may assist you in your planning. The committee members will arrive about 9:00 am and start setting up for the event. Coffee and donuts will be ready around 9:30 and we will start things rolling at 10:00.

There will be a Chines Auction, Bingo, Drawings and other events from 10:00 and Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be served starting around noon-time. As in the past those who attend are asked to bring their favorite Hot or Cold Food Items for a Pot-Luck Meal to go along with the Meats provided by the club. Coffee and Hot Tea will also be provided by the club. Also, we are asking for donations for the Chinese Auction. (New or serviceable items only please.)

Utensils and dinnerware will be provided but you will need to bring your own cold drinks. Just a reminder, Alcoholic Beverages are not allowed in the Park.

Upcoming Masonic Events: All Masons and friends are invited to attend these events. If you have any questions about the events, please see Merv Harris or contact him at 352-753-3505 or email mjghi12@centurylink.net

Villages St. Patrick Day Parade - Saturday, March 17, 2016 - Bahia Scooter Club (Cooler Guys); Villages Shrine Annual Veterans Remembrance Party - Saturday, April 2, 2016 (All Masons/Shriner's/friends); (Brochure attached); Villages High Twelve Club Picnic - Saturday, April 16, 2016 (Club members & guests); Paddle Boat Trip out of Sanford - Wednesday, April 20, 2016 (Club members & guests) (Brochure attached); Leesburg Bike Fest - April 22-24, 2016

(Shrine Club & Scooter Club - Refreshment Tent); and Villages Shrine Club Charity Golf Tournament - Saturday, May 28, 2016 (Brochures attached)

Finally, the club enjoyed a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with all the trimmings at the March Meeting. Those in attendance agreed this was the best meal served up-to-date.

Illinois Association, North West High Twelve Club #769, IL:



President George Rogers opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance, followed by our Chaplin Marvin Selock with the opening prayer. Introduction of special guests attending the meeting were Brother Joe Santiseban, High Twelve State President and Mark Nokes, 3rd Vice-President. Each member proceeded to introduce their wife's, namely, Mrs. Joan Rogers, Mrs. Julie Selock, and Mrs. Cathy Curielli. Our membership is very appreciated of these special guests.

Photo: Brother Joe Santiseban, Illinois High Twelve State President addressing the club members.

Attendance was fourteen with our special guests and David Abt, Cornerstone High Twelve Secretary, plus Mark Nokes mentioned earlier. The Wolcott Fund was increased by twenty-two dollars and additional seven dollars went into our special other fund. A payment of \$22 will be paid to the Wolcott Fund later. Our special fund for other charity is now at \$88. In June, 2016, membership voting will determine the use of other funds. Our checking balance is \$490.05.

Our own Joseph Santisteban, State President discussed his involvement within the State and International High Twelve organizations. His personal visit to the International Mid-Year-Meeting was highlighted with new Clubs potential with Prince Hall Masons, Bloomington and Illinois Masonic Hospital as the potential Clubs. Brother Santisteban stated his charity (Masonic Charities) goal for his fund raiser is \$1,200. On March 12th, Illinois Mid-Year-Meeting will be held in Bloomington and every Club member is encouraged to attend.

We have also confirmed a visit to Cornerstone High Twelve on April 6th at noon, which will be followed by a visit on April 13th to the sponsored Sunshine Club.

In sickness and distress: Please keep Brother Kokalis (new Hip) and Brother Colditz for his on-going chemo treatments in your prayers. Brother Prakash Naik will have another work session on Saturday, February 27th, at Kokalis home, to make the home access ability for handicap persons (Soter) and it will involve three hours (9 to Noon) of packaging up items to clear a handicap pathway. Brother Soter address is: 1476 Dennison Rd, Hoffman Estate. Call Prakash at 847-885-4761 for more information.

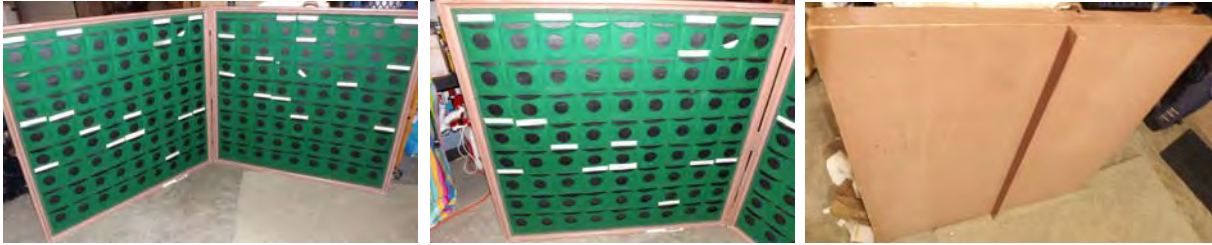
FREEPORT MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB #43: President - Calvin Barklow; Secretary - Roger Carson.

Meeting every Thursday at Noon! There has been a change in our meeting place, so please take note. We are no longer meeting at the Freeport Eagles Club but at a local restaurant called Logan's. It is located just off Rt. 26 on the south edge of Freeport. Great food and you order off the menu. Each Thursday they have a \$5 Special as well. Come and join us for some good food.

We have had some excellent speakers, including the Superintendent of Freeport Schools, the County Board Chairman, and the State Officers Official Visit. Freeport continues to look for new members without any luck. Our attendance has been steady, but we could use more members. There is still an open invitation for all visitors. Better take advantage of it because you never know when that invitation might close! Fraternally, Calvin Barklow, President

Kansas Association - Ron Pfeiffer, State Secretary: We have a hand made badge case that is looking for a new home! This case holds up to 144 of the large round badges. It is 38 1/2" wide and 36 1/2" tall in the closed mode. It is

solidly made and heavy. Any club that would like to have it please contact me at contactronusc@hotmail.com.



Now for some humor:

A man is dining in a fancy restaurant and there's a gorgeous redhead sitting at the next table. He's been checking her out since he sat down, but lacks the nerve to talk with her. Suddenly she sneezes, and her glass eye flies out of its socket toward the man. He reflexively reaches out, grabs it out of the air, and hands it back. Oh my, I am so sorry, the woman says as she pops her eye back in place. Let me buy your dinner to make it up to you, she says. They enjoy a wonderful dinner together, and afterwards they go to the theater followed by drinks. They talk, they laugh, she shares her deepest dreams and he shares his. She listens. After paying for everything, she asks him if he would like to come to her place for a nightcap and stay for breakfast. They had a wonderful time. The next morning, she cooks a gourmet meal with all the trimmings. The guy is amazed. Everything had been SO incredible! You know, he said, you are the perfect woman, are you this nice to every guy you meet? No, she replies . . . You just happened to catch my eye.

One day on the golf course, a golfer accidentally overturned his golf cart. A very attractive woman, who lived in a villa on the golf course, heard the noise, came out onto her balcony and called out to him, hey, are you okay?

I'm fine, thanks, he replied. You look frazzled, the woman said, Come up to my villa for a drink and I will help you get the cart up afterwards. That's mighty nice of you, he answered, but I don't think my wife would like that. Oh, come on, the woman, a gorgeous brunette in a sexy bikini, insisted. I can see you've cut your head. It could be serious. Let me take care of that right away. I'm a nurse. She was very persuasive....and he was weak. Well okay, he agreed, but added, but my wife won't like it. After she bandaged his wound, she gave him a most welcome brandy. They talked a little about golf and he discovered she was an avid golfer with a four handicap. When he confessed to a weakness in his putting, she gave him a putting lesson holding him close and intimately as she did so. Finally he confessed, I feel a lot better now, but I had better get going. I know my wife is going to be really upset with me being here with you. Don't be silly, the woman said with a smile, she won't know anything. By the way, where is she? Under the cart, he replied.

Shortly after take-off on an outbound evening Air Lingus flight from Dublin to Boston, the lead flight attendant nervously made the following painful announcement in her lovely Irish brogue. Ladies and gentlemen, I'm so very sorry, but it appears that there has been a terrible mix-up by our catering service. I don't know what happened but we have 103 passengers on board and unfortunately, we received only 40 dinner meals. I truly apologize for this mistake and inconvenience. When the muttering of the passengers had died down, she continued, anyone who is kind enough to give up their meal so that someone else can eat will receive free, unlimited drinks for the duration of our 5 hour flight. Her next announcement came about 2 hours later: If anyone is hungry, we still have 40 dinners available.

There's a little old Christian lady living next door to an atheist. Every morning the lady comes out onto her front porch and shouts Praise the Lord! The atheist yells back, there is no God. She does this every morning with the same result. As time goes on, the lady runs into financial difficulties and has trouble buying food. She goes out onto the porch and asks God for help with groceries, then says Praise the Lord. The next morning she goes out onto the porch and there's the groceries she asked for, and of course, she shouts Praise the Lord! The atheist jumps out from behind a bush and says, Ha, I bought those groceries - there is no God. The lady looks at him and smiles, she shouts Praise the Lord, not only did you provide for me Lord, you made Satan pay for the groceries!

This is no Joke! Over the years, High Twelve membership has declined drastically. Many other fraternal organizations

have also declined in membership. Who or what is to blame? Anyone you ask will give you a reason and many of the reasons are correct. But, we have fraternal organizations that are gaining membership!

How are they doing it? Well, I can tell you it is not because someone set a goal and the potential members came running to join. It is not because someone placed an ad in the newspaper announcing they are looking for new members! It is not because a relation belongs and they want to join in!

It is because someone has talked to them about joining the organization and explaining what they stand for and why they want the person to become of member of the club/Lodge/church/other organization.

The responsibility for new members is YOU! You can find these men you are looking for at the Lodge, if and when you attend; when you play golf or tennis; or bowling or attend a dance. Don't forget that when you attend church, there are many Masons also attending the Service.

When I attended a Baptist Church in Indiana, the week after I submitted my petition to the Lodge for membership, the Pastor came to me after the service and said, I understand you submitted an application to join the local Lodge. He then went on to say, I am a Mason also and I want to introduce you to the man sitting next to you, who is also a Mason and to the man sitting behind you is also a brother. He then introduced me to several other Masons. Masons are everywhere, you just need to talk about Masonry and there will be someone, who is a potential candidate.

We have a 93 year old member, who turned in an application for a member of his church, whom he had talked to a few weeks ago. He invited him to our club meeting and we now have a new member because he talked High Twelve and asked him to visit our club. The example goes on and on but what you, I and all members need to do is talk High Twelve and ask those already Masons to join you at a meeting and show and tell them the advantages of being a member.

Just remember to also discuss it with his lady, so she feels a part of the new adventure for the both of them. On a personal note, I have been able to bring in seven new members by asking; and we have two new members joining the club at our April meeting.

I might add that your club must be organized and you have some reason for those you are attempting to bring into your club to want to be a part of the group. We find that when a potential member attends the first meeting that the person bringing them in, introduces them to as many people they can before the meeting and then seat them with someone, who will make them feel a part of the membership. There is nothing worse than having a new person feel like they are outsiders and not included into the group and club.

Just a reminder, you are the person that will keep your club going and that High Twelve will be around for a long time. All it takes is to talk High Twelve to those you meet and you will have new friends and new members.

Read the article submitted by the International 1st Vice President and you will see that what I am talking about is working for him in Indiana.



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