



High Twelve International Update

November 12, 2019

Jonathan P. Dilley, President



It's been an amazing journey these last few months as I have traveled representing High Twelve International in Colorado, in California at the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of California and at a local meeting with the Ruffians, the Widow's Sons and the Masonic Riders of Prince Hall Masonry while bringing the message of Family wherever I go! Freemasonry really is a Family and we have a strong responsibility to share that message with our Brethren, every chance we are given.

My trip to visit with the Colorado State Association was wonderful and I had the chance to see several familiar faces and enjoy some of the best culinary delights at their Friday Night Banquet held at a local Department of Culinary Arts Kitchen, meaning, it's top notch food and high end service! The regular business was then held the next day, including elections and the installation of Officers, however, a special treat the night before was a performance of the Rose Upon the Altar and the special message that that play brings each time it is performed. I was extremely touch at the conclusion of the performance when they called me to the front of the room and presented me with the Rose from the Altar and a certificate of appreciation to High Twelve International signed by each of the participants from the play. I told all present that I have tried to see the Rose Upon the Altar for twenty years and each and every time I had scheduled to see it performed, Masonry called me away and I missed it. This time, I told the High Twelvians of Colorado, Freemasonry Called me to spend time with my Family of Brothers in Colorado where I finally had the pleasure to see the play! Well done Colorado! As the 99th President of High Twelve International, I accepted the Rose presented to me from the play, representing a symbolic 99 year lease as mentioned in the play. How appropriate to receive the Rose as the 99th International President, let's Just hope that we can extend the lease another 99 Years!



I then had the pleasure to attend the Grand Lodge of California where I was introduced at the Grand Master's Gala and where I was able to meet with the Grand Master of the State of California as well as the Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons in California and invited each of them to attend the 99th Convention of High Twelve International on the Queen Mary in June of 2020. They were both excited and were eager to rush back and check their schedules, wanting to be there to join us on such a special occasion!



Other than the 15 new President's Club Members brought in over the Grand weekend, I had the pleasure of becoming an Honorary Member of DeMolay International receiving the full form degree of initiation in both parts and at the conclusion of the degree was humbled as our class of 35-40 Masons each approached the altar to collect a Rose. Red if their mothers are living and white if they have passed. I had a good tear in my eye at least 30+ times as the majority of Brethren grabbed a white rose and only about 5 Brethren collected a red rose. It reminded me of all the Brethren who have lost so much in their journey and how important our Masonic Family becomes when we truly know our Brethren and can be there to support them as Family!

Lastly, this weekend was a special opportunity to host a Masonic Recognition Event at the Hiram Fellowship Center along with the Long Beach Scottish Rite and their Knights of St. Andrew (KSA) with High Twelve International having invited the local Masonic Motorcycle Groups including the Ruffians, the Widow's Sons and the Masonic Riders of Prince Hall. We had a good 30 Brothers show up to retire the old flag on the top of the Long Beach Scottish Rite building and raised a new one, followed by burgers and good fellowship. I then had all the Presidents and Vice Presidents along with their Members, including the Venerable Master of the Long Beach Scottish Rite, say a few words about who and what they are and what programs they represent and support. By the nights end, we not only had a stronger

union with each of these groups, we had several pledges of support to all work together to strengthen the Masonic Family in unity and a cherry on top with 8 new High Twelve President's Club Members and more to come!

It's only the start of this 99th year, however, the year is moving fast and time will not wait for us to do our duty as High Twelvians to spread the Cement of Brotherly Love and invite others to join our Family! As each member of High Twelve is active in all of our Masonic involvements, let's each of us invite new President's Club Members to join us while helping them find out what High Twelve means personally to them and share it with others as we grow our Family!



Let's make this a year to remember!

Fraternally,
Jonathan P. Dilley
President, High Twelve International



The Wolcott Foundation

2020 Wolcott Fellowship Application Process

The Wolcott Board of Trustees have announced the Wolcott Fellowship Application dates for the Fall 2020 class.

Applications will be accepted from qualified individuals from December 15, 2019 to January 15, 2020.

All applications must be submitted on line through the Wolcott website and all supporting documentation must be submitted at the time of the

application. No incomplete, early or late applications will be accepted.

The Wolcott Board of Trustees will meet in Washington, DC from February 27, 2020 to March 1, 2020 to make the decisions on the number of Wolcott Fellowships to be awarded and also make the selections of who will receive Wolcott Fellowships for Fall 2020.

Those receiving Wolcott Fellowships will have their names listed on the Wolcott Website once their official acceptance letter has been received by the Foundation.

Zone 3 Wolcott Trustee Nomination Date To Be Announced

The Wolcott Foundation will be announcing the dates for receiving letters of nomination for any High Twelve International member residing in Texas, Louisiana, Kansas, Nebraska or Colorado interested in running for the position of Wolcott Foundation Zone 3 Trustee. If elected, the individual must agree to serve for a period of 5 years before being able to stand for election for an additional five years.

Responsibilities included, representing Zone 3 as a member of the Board of Trustees, attending Wolcott Board of Trustee meetings, collecting Wolcott contributions within their Zone, making Wolcott presentations throughout their Zone, providing information to all clubs in their Zone and representing the Foundation at State Conventions etc.

If you have any questions about the requirements, please contact Wolcott Chairman, Michael Clark at (616) 818-5820 or mikecofgr@comcast.net.

Wolcott Foundation Names Deputy Trustees in Zone 3

The Wolcott Foundation Board of Trustees have named the following Brothers as Deputy Trustees in Zone 3 until a new Zone 3 Trustee can be elected.

Stanley Gardner -Colorado and Nebraska

Donald Garrido - Texas and Louisiana

George Arnold - Kansas

Please send all Wolcott Contributions from the above states to the named Deputy Trustee.

Mike Haxton, 2nd Vice President



Good Day Twelvians!

I apologize in advance it this is a bit

disjointed. I have a sty on my eye and can only look at this keyboard for a few minutes at a time. I will try to keep my continuity going but bear with me.

By now a fair proportion of you have received the new Pocket Petition for High Twelve. I have passed them out in Arizona, Colorado. President Jon has them for California. Third VP. Mark has some for Illinois. And I have a bunch more on request. These are on the house, but the next batch will cost about \$2.50 per hundred so as to recoup printing costs.

They are something like the Grotto pocket petition, which I shamelessly borrowed from. Thanks, Leroy! They fold to about the size of a business card and can be used both for the President's Club as well as your local Club.

If you cannot get them from an International Officer, you can get some from me. Just email me and I will send you up to ten. If you use all of them, I will send you another ten!

In September I was able to attend the Arizona State Convention, and October I got to be at Colorado.

In Colorado, they meet at the Pueblo Community College, at the Culinary School. As they have for the last 35 years, My Friends, when a High 12 Club and State Association meet at the same place for 35 years, you can bet that the food is going to be superb! If you are within a tank or so of gas from Pueblo, you should think seriously about attending.

State Associations: PLEASE, as soon as your dates are final, post them to the HTI website. That is the only way that we know the when and where of your Conventions. Your International Officers are here to be at your service, and if you build it, we will come.

Life membership is coming along, we are using the Kansas Grand Lodge model as a template for it, because they have an established system that is all legal and stuff

Visitation.

When I was a DeMolay, we visited a lot of other Chapters. Now none of us and a lot of money, so we would pack 6 of us in a car (back when all the seats were bench style), all of us would kick

in a dollar or two for gas, and off we would go. Today that would no doubt be 4 instead of 6, but the principle is the same. Get a bunch of guys together and go visit your Brothers somewhere else! You will be glad you did.

Sharing.

Not everybody reads their emails. Sadly, only about half or less ever open this newsletter, which is the main reason why we went to bi-monthly. So, I'm preaching to the choir with this. You are reading it. But I ask you to print and take a copy to your Club meeting this month and pass it around to the ones who don't get it. There is a lot of sometimes vital information here, and everyone should see it.

I am going to close this now; I hope it found you all in good health and rarin' to go. May you have a great Thanksgiving with all the trimmings and fall asleep from the tryptophan overdose watching football.

Fraternally,

Mike

mike@high12.org



Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson, PSP, Treasurer

Greetings! Fall has finally arrived in the Great Southwest; we have even had the temperature going down into the 40's for the first time since last March!!!

The 2020 version of the pocket planner should have been delivered to the members that have participated in the program the past 3 years in September. Thank you to all those that have made a donation by check or online, it is appreciated. If you have not donated, please take 5 minutes and do it. All donations large are small help. If you would like an additional one(s) or did not receive one please send me and email requesting x number or send in a donation for x number and they will be sent promptly.

This eNewsletter has historically been sent to less than half of our membership. In August I sent to the club secretaries by US Mail a listing of those members without emails and if applicable those members with invalid emails. I have received responses from about half of the clubs and

have noted the following:

- 74 Clubs responded
- 300 added
- 90 updated
- 291 did not have an email address
- 66 members were dropped (not reported)
- 23 members were deceased (not reported)
- 830 members from 50 clubs yet to be heard from

On October 31st I emailed to the outstanding 65 clubs a reminder to send in their information about some 1,081 members. If you as a club secretary received this email and have not responded yet, please do so! There really isn't a valid excuse for this original request to drag out for so many months!

Veteran's Day is coming up on the November 11th and is a time to Armistice (at 11:00 am on the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918) at the end of WW I. During WW II changed the name of the holiday, the US chose Veterans Day in 1954. The day is for honoring military veterans, that is, persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces and discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. I proud to say that I was Honorably Discharged from the USNR in 1986 having served in the Naval Supply Command (NSC) San Diego, DET B519 Tucson AZ. *Go Navy!*

Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson, Treasurer

Greetings My Fellow High Twelvians:

It is just around the corner. November 30th to be exact. Florida High-12 State Convention. It is being held at Lake County Shrine Club in Tavares. Start time is 10.00 AM. We have reduced the costs and went down to 1 day. Get your registration in early. I would to see everyone there. You make it possible for High-12 in Florida. Complete the flyer and return to our State Secretary, Worshipful Michael Hemphill.

See ya there,

R.W. Robert (Bob) T. Cunningham Sr
Florida State President High-12 Association

FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUBS, INC.
59th ANNUAL CONVENTION Saturday, November 30th, 2019
Convention Chairman: Michael Hemphill – State Secretary

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

Convention Site: Lake County Shrine Club, 424 N. Duncan Drive, Tavares, Fla.,
32819

PLEASE PRINT

Member Name: _____ Lady's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Club Name: _____ Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Office Held: _____ Current () Past ()

REGISTRATION FEE (members
only) **\$15.00**
\$ _____

NOTE: GENERAL SESSION STARTS AT 10:00 AM Saturday

Registration in Lobby

(Business Coat or Club Shirt - Officers in Green)

(Every Hi-12 Member in the State is encouraged to attend/bring all your Club
Members)

CONVENTION: Saturday, November 30th, 2019 @ 10:00AM

PRESIDENT'S BANQUET: (following **Necrology** at Noon) 1PM - 4PM
(Members wear business attire - Ladies Church attire)

President's Remarks // HI-Twelvian Award // INSTALLATION of 2020 Officers

Menu will be: Soup and Sandwich. Price will be \$12.00 Per Person

Total Meal Price \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: FLORIDA STATE HI-12 ASSOCIATION

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM WITH CHECK TO MICHAEL BY NOVEMBER 15,
2019

Or Email Late Registration for ability to ensure enough food for all to:

mhemphill@cfl.rr.com

MAIL TO: Michael Hemphill, PO Box 701348, St. Cloud, Florida, 34770-1348

For Questions, Etc., Phone Number: [\(321\) 624-0633](tel:3216240633)

Sincerely and fraternally,
RW Robert (Bob) T Cunningham, Sr.
FL State President

Pottsgrove High Twelve High Twelve Club #321:

Pottsgrove High Twelve celebrated the 100th Birthday of HERB HOUSTON, PM...at The Elks Club in Pottstown, coordinated by Ralph Clemmer, Past High Twelve Int'l President. The celebration was attended by High Twelvians, daughter, Hope Egolf and friends.



HERB HOUSTON

100th Birthday celebration



Pottsgrove HIGH TWELVE Club



The Elks Club, Pottstown, PA



June 25, 2019

Shawnee Mission High Twelve Club #329:

Open House Meeting and Tour



Attending:

Leavenworth #5, Shawnee Mission #329 and Hutchinson #571 Clubs and Guests

It was a great day to have an Open House meeting of Kansas High Twelve (12) Clubs at the Red Robin Gourmet Burgers Restaurant in Overland Park, Kansas. Jon Robbins, Shawnee #329 President, was the host for this meeting and tour of the Mt. Moriah Mausoleum, in Missouri, and its Masonic Connection. Today is Saturday August 31st, the fifth Saturday in this month. It is Shawnee Mission's open house meeting day where we welcome all guest to enjoy the fun and High 12 fellowship. Every month that there is a fifth Saturday is our open house meeting day.

President Jon introduced International Officers Mike Haxton (2nd VP), George Arnold (Sgt-At-Arms) and (Wolcott KS Deputy Trustee), Nate Nelzen (KS State High 12 President) and guests prior to the start of the meeting. Our meal choices were a selection of thirty gourmet Red Robin hamburgers and Texas fries. If you have not been to this restaurant, you need to try it out.



After Lunch, our group traveled six miles to the Mt. Moriah Mausoleum in Kansas City, MO. This great Temple Mausoleum was completed in 1926. The entrance to the Mausoleum is guarded by two sphinx sculptures. The architectural style of the temple dates from the third dynasty of Egypt; and is based on the Temple of

Karnak. In the center of the mausoleum is the Temple Room, used to this day for Masonic ceremonies. Many of our Brother Masons are laid to rest in this beautiful mausoleum.

George Arnold 913-568-5786

Masonic High Twelve Club of Lake Worth, #316 October Activity:

High Twelve of Lake Worth No. 316 met at the Red Lobster Restaurant in Lake Worth. President Sidney King was absent as his wife Edna is in a Toronto hospital. Brother Donald Bates lit the Ritual Lights, opened the Bible, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and read a prayer.

He announced the birthday of Caroline Strohacker.

Bro. Pentzke is a new member joining Hi-12 and was duly inducted by Bro. Bates. Bro. Sid was presented with a framed membership plaque and pin. Bro. Sid is presently a professor at Palm Beach State College after enjoying a career in international photography.

The concept of the Government Bee, sponsored by Hi-12, Palm Beach County School Department, and the PBC League of Women Voters, was explained. The next committee meeting is on December 11 at 3:00 pm at Panera Bread, Delray Beach.

Secretary Kainer announced that Lester Stinton is the new Program Director of Hi-12 No. 316.

The guest speaker Norbert Bort began his speech on "An Uncommon Man" by stating that he has gone from the Coffee House of Morocco to the Coffee House of Boca, where he met Bro. Kainer. At the time of his birth as an only child, his father was a Resistance Fighter in France. The family moved to Morocco. Norbert was then sent to school in Toulouse, became a teacher, loved racing cars, and then earned a PhD degree. He outlined his work over many years and his three marriages:

- Worked for worldwide seismic company, creating maps for geologists to find oil fields, including Zaire and other countries in Africa.
- Sent to Denver as West Coast Manager (including Alaska) where he invented a system to "go under the ice" to find oil fields.
- Then he was involved in reconstruction in the Amazon and lived in Brazil as Chief of CFF of a French cement company.
- Held a position in Turkey and then Paris.
- In 1996 he was employed in Russia, where he found that there were nuclear shelters built under the plants. The KGB followed him constantly!
- Next assignment was in The Philippines where he lived with his

third wife.

- He went back to France; then restructured cement plants in Africa.
- More recently, he has lived in France and now is in the U.S. on a Green Card trying to arrange for his wife to join him.

We recommended that he write a book of his fascinating life! He was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for participation as a Hi-12 speaker.

Downtown Columbus High Twelve Club #457:



On the left is a picture of our President-Elect John Spoff with speaker Emilie Regula Hancock, Marketing and Outreach Coordinator for the Ohio Soybean Council, and club member Thomas Branscomb on the right. We were provided with an excellent presentation about the Ohio Soybean Council, its purpose and associated research programs.



This picture is of our Chaplain Richard Snow on the left with High

Twelve dual club member Richard Rutter and his wife Carol.

Richard is a member of our club and the Lena Illinois club. Richard and Carol were visiting with us on their way to their home in Lena.

Thank you,
George Kirsch
Club Liaison Officer

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