



High Twelve International Update

September 15, 2020



Jerry J. Hamilton, President

Brethren I greet you during this time of pandemic and international uncertainty. This is a time when most Masonic Meetings are cancelled, postponed or held via video conferencing. I pray

that each member of our society is well and continues the necessary good health procedures proscribed by our Grand Lodges and state authorities.

I have the utmost confidence that we will be able to conquer these evils and that we will all soon be able to meet again in person. I hope we can take each other by the hand and sit together at High Twelve to enjoy each other's company... If I were to express one concern that I have it is that men are creatures of habit, some good and some that need correction. By habit we attend religious services, attend lodge meetings, and contribute to charities. If something interferes with our habits, it can be life changing. When this pandemic is over, I pray that you will return to your older habits of attending religious services, Masonic meetings and contributing to our charities. Our very existence depends upon your loyalty.

Here is a picture of our 100th Anniversary Tie Bar



It is a gift for every member who registers for our 100th Anniversary Convention next June. The engraving of "We are 100th alludes to our Anniversary and also to the number of persons expected to attend the convention. When you receive your convention registration information, send it in and the tie bar will be delivered to you by mail.



Mike Haxton, 1st Vice-President

Hello Twelvians,

Well here it is September and the pandemic is nine months old.

There have been some encouraging signs as far as treatment, and in places where the people are using masks and social distancing it has been staying steady or even going down a bit. In my State of Kansas, the difference in being masked and not masked is significant. There are some encouraging signals that a vaccine will be available by the first of the year, and I will say for myself that I will be at the head of the line. I do hope that all our readers are safe and healthy. We want you back.

In Kansas, four of our five clubs are meeting, with social distance and masks on entry and exit. Our Wichita Club is no longer meeting at the Masonic Home, but at the local Shrine. I can certainly understand that.

Onward!

Clubs are starting to meet in a safe manner, some State Associations are going to meet too. I will be at Illinois in late August myself. I hope to see some of you if you are able to be there.

Your International Officers are in place-even if done in an odd manner! Since we, in the interest of safety, cancelled the Long Beach Convention, our Jurisprudence committee issued guidelines that the sitting officers would advance one seat, and since there was but one candidate for Third Veep, that he be declared elected. Unusual to say the least, but it has worked out. Rick Santella is a good guy and a good addition to our ranks.

On a sour note, the Virus has not been kind to our investments, and the fund for Officer travel has taken a terrific hit. Honestly, it is going to get in the way of our ability to visit all the associations, and to be able to promote High Twelve the way we need to. So, we are going to ask the membership for some help. You know, I hope, that we do our level best to keep our income up to match our out go and would never ask for help if there was a way around it. We have kept our per capita at ten dollars for years, while your Grand Lodges in some cases have doubled their assessments. This is cheaper than the price of a hamburger at a decent eatery now. Shoot, when the our per capita went to ten bucks you could get a Big Mac for 89 cents! And we want to keep per capita stable. We are doing pretty well covering most of our expenses even now, except for travel, and I have been told all over the country that you and the rest of our membership want us at your functions. So, and here is the "bite" - when you get the solicitation letter from us, asking you for the price of a couple of fancy hamburgers to support officer travel expenses, I hope you donate the price of a Rib Eye Steak instead. If even half of our Brethren donate, we will be able to come to your functions without creating hardship, and it will allow us to do our main job, promoting High Twelve, and will free up our General Fund for any emergencies.

OK, you have been warned, so can you skip a dinner out and help us out? Please?

Now for some fun. I got to go to the DeMolay State Conclave in Emporia Kansas August First. It was interesting to say the least, to see everybody spread ten feet apart, and behind masks. I even got the T shirt, and glory be, it fit! But the kids are doing their level best to stay connected in these times. They cannot have face to face meetings in our Lodges, because of the rules set up by our Grand Lodge. But they can, and do, have Zoom meeting on a regular basis. And they have been successful. Can you see any reason why our clubs couldn't do this? We did it for our State Association Meeting, and had several Grand Lodge officers, including the Grand Master and Grand Secretary present. They learned about High Twelve and are now discussing ways to extend our reach. I will tell you more about this as it matures, because it has international significance.

I will close this by urging all of us to stay safe. Come to High Twelve is you can but look into Zoom if you don't feel right about it yet.

Remember, a vaccine is coming, probably on early 2021. So things are going to get back to what passes for normal for us old guys. Which reminds me, is your Best Masonic Friend a member of High Twelve? When was the last time you asked him? How about your second-best friend? Of all the guys that you just plain like?



Mark D. Nokes, 2nd Vice-President

The last few months have been a very trying for Freemasonry as well as the entire world due to COVID-19. It is like the world came to a complete stop for a few months. Just recently our Governor in Illinois started to allow businesses and members of the community to start to resume somewhat of a normal routine.

Our Grand Master Steven Oakley allowed all Masonic Groups to meet in July as long as they followed "Social Distancing" guidelines which included wears masks when required.

Most of our Clubs in Illinois are not meeting at the time of this newsletter. Some Clubs are planing to meet via Zoom.

I did have the opportunity to travel in January 2020 to Las Vegas for our Mid-Year meeting. Among items discussed was the President Club, Widows Pin and new potential Perpetual Life Membership. We left the meeting feeling extremely optimistic about the things we were going to accomplish, then COVID 19 blindsided the entire world.

Illinois High Twelve Association was able to have their convention in person, even if we had to limit the participation. Medinah Shrine Temple was gracious enough to host our meeting and provide us with lunch. The banquet dinner and installation was held at Medinah Country Club.

With the help of Past International President Joseph Santisteban and Mike Haxton 1st VP of International High Twelve, I had the privilege and honor of installing John Peter Curielli Illinois State Association President along with the other elected and appointed officers.

When possible and appropriate I will be personally visiting several clubs in the surrounding states as well as State Conventions.

Enclosed are few pictures from the Illinois State Convention meeting and Installation of Officers.

Be safe, stay well, and follow your Grand Lodge & local government guidelines!



Rick Santella, 3rd Vice-President

HIGH TWELVE IS VIRTUAL-LY EVERYWHERE!!

Brethren,

It is an honor to be elected as the 3rd International Vice-President. High Twelve has become such a huge part of my Masonic Life and now I have the opportunity to give thanks and give back. Thank you to everyone who made this possible!

I am committed to spreading the High Twelve word and seeing substantial growth within our Clubs and States. These last few months have been very trying for everyone as we struggle past personal and professional challenges, but as with everything in life, we must find opportunity beyond these challenges. So...let's talk about current opportunities within our High Twelve Family.

What's working??

We are seeing huge success utilizing "virtual" High Twelve meetings. There are several applications that allow this; Zoom, Go-To-Meeting, Join.Me and many more. Many of our Clubs use these venues either because current Covid-19 restrictions do not allow a physical meeting, or, some of the members are not able to meet in person at this time. Virtual meetings are being used for regular monthly Club meetings and for the installation of new Club and State Officers.

We don't know when the restrictions and medical concerns will be behind us, but until then I applaud those Clubs who have found a way to meet safely and forge onward. Some Clubs have actually increased membership due to their efforts!

As I mentioned earlier, no matter what is in front of us, we still have opportunities! The seeds you plant today will be the reason why High Twelve will continue to thrive going forward...no matter what obstacle we may be facing. God Bless and stay safe!

Rick Santella



Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson, SE, Interim Secretary

Brother Secretaries all... The Executive Board accepted the resignation of Brother Donald Joe HIT Secretary on July 26th on a Zoom video conference with regrets. On that same Zoom video conference after much discussion I was re-appointed as Interim Secretary until a permanent replacement is found. To that end there will job description posted in the coming months.

As of 8/6/20 all Online F-200a Monthly Report submissions since last September have been validated. Any new/reinstated member certificates outstanding will be forth coming too.

I sent an email to all secretaries that had ordered Dues Cards and have not received them to place a new order and they are expected to have gone out the week of 8/10. If any club still needs them, please submit a Forms Order.

Other requests for special forms will then be filled.

Keep those Online F-200a Monthly Reports coming even if your club is not meeting due to the pandemic.

Please bear with me as I get things caught up! If you were expecting something and it was not received please let me know at secretary@high12.org Office 623.239.6170

Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson, SE, Treasurer

I realize these past months have been disturbing to say the least. In some states High Twelve Clubs are meeting again! Others still cannot by orders from the state or Grand Master Rulings in the various jurisdictions. We do not know what the new normal will be. Many clubs meet at Golden Coral in their meeting room. The one near me where #567 Sun City West use to meet is still closed and has no date for opening. Like many things in life going to your club meeting became a HABIT and now that habit has been broken. We as members will need to regain the habit of going and get High Twelve back on track! And do not forget your Blue Lodge and that habit too. Together we can keep Masonry alive and regain what we have lost in recent months.

Now for a bit of business... there are as I write this 39 clubs that still owe Per-Capita for 2020-21 in the amount of \$8,350.00. There are also 7 club that still owe Per-Capita for 2019-20 in the amount of \$1,124.00. And unfortunately, 4 clubs that still owe Per-Capita for 2018-19 in the

amount of \$622.00. Add these all up and that amount will pay the liability insurance for the coming coverage year – the insurance that covers all members (trip/fall) at your club meetings or special events (if coverage asked for). Reminder letter went out the end of August.

Any questions please let me know at treasurer@high12.org Home 623.239.6101



Jonathan P. Dilley, IIP

To the Officers & Members of High Twelve International

Due to the COVID-19 cancellation of the 99th International Convention scheduled to have occurred over this weekend (June 12th & 13th) on the Queen Mary in Long Beach, California. The General Council instructed us on the transition of leadership. As a result, Jerry Hamilton was advanced to the Office of International President as the 100th President of High Twelve International on Saturday, June 13th and I wish to be the first to Congratulate him on his new Office and Officially (digitally) pass the Gavel of Office to President Hamilton with the charge to continue to grow High Twelve International by focusing on the needs of each State Association, Local Clubs within the States, Independent Clubs and our President's Club Members.

With the Addition of Newly Chartered High Twelve Clubs, New Members of High Twelve International and more than 100 new President's Club Members during the 99th Year of High Twelve International, it is my hope to see President Hamilton's wish come true to have 100 Members of High Twelve in attendance at the 100th International Convention in Sioux City, Iowa where High Twelve International was Founded and Club #1 was Chartered on May 17th 1921!

Lastly, I wish to thank my High Twelve Family for making my year as International President one for the history books as we built, grew, thrived and accomplished so much in a year stricken by a viscous pandemic. It was heartwarming to receive the countless replies to my message and our concern as International Officers for the well being of our Members. Each reply was personal and sounded a collective voice that High Twelve is Strong, Safe, Alive and Well!

I will continue to support High Twelve and the newly promoted International Officers. I will also continue to focus my attention on promoting the Wolcott Foundation and their

programs. I will never forget my experience as 1st International Vice President in Washington DC when I traveled to visit the Fellows at George Washington University and was privileged to witness the strong efforts of Chairman Mike Clark and his winning Team of Trustees!

I have felt so much love in my travels to visit the State Associations in my representation of each of you as your International President. Thank you for the honor and the privilege of service and extend that same love to our 100th International President, Jerry Hamilton.

Never forget, we are an unstoppable force for one simple reason:

HIGH TWELVE IS FAMILY!

God Bless Our Fraternity and God Bless High Twelve!



Wolcott Foundation Fall 2020 Report

Wolcott Chairman Attends Arizona Valentine's Day Dinner - Pre Covid-19

Vacations are made for relaxing and doing things you cannot usually do when at home.

Michael Clark, Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation, and his wife Gayle spent much of the month of February in Scottsdale, Arizona. Brother Jeff Samuelson, President of High Twelve Club No. 567 in Sun City, AZ, invited Mike and his wife to their Valentine's Day Dinner at a local Country Club. The dinner was very well attended and the food delicious and the attendees much fun. Mike was able to make a Wolcott presentation and the club presented him with a generous check for the Wolcott Foundation.

Wolcott Trustees and Deputy Trustees will tell you that one the most enjoyable parts of our job is to be able to attend High Twelve Club luncheons and make Wolcott presentations. Please remember to invite your Wolcott Trustee and/or Deputy to your club meeting for a Wolcott presentation. Oh yes, please have a check ready for the Foundation.



Grand Architect Calls Wolcott Foundation Trustee Ercil Eschbach



The Wolcott Board of Trustees has with deep sorrow, announced the passing of Brother Ercil Eschbach, Zone 2, Trustee. (California, Arizona, Hawaii, Italy, and Japan)

Brother Ercil was a long-time board member and Vice Chairman of the Foundation. He was instrumental in the growth of contributions from Zone 2 and his Masonic history is long and distinguished. Brother Ercil will be greatly missed by not only the Wolcott Board of Trustees and the many High Twelve members in his Zone, but by the Wolcott Senior Fellows whom he met during visits with them at George Washington University. We send our deepest condolences to his widow, Mary Hall.

Mary has requested contributions be made the Wolcott Foundation in Ercil's name in lieu of flowers. A contribution with a Heritage Bond will include a certificate sent to Mary in Brother Ercil's memory.

*Memorial Services will be held at a future date.
If you have any questions, please contact me.*

*Fraternally,
Michael E. Clark-Chairman*

Wolcott Foundation Names New Trustees in Zones 2 and 3

The Wolcott Board of Trustees met in July via Zoom and among the business items decided was the appointment of two Wolcott Trustees to fill the positions in Zones 2 and 3.

Brother William E. Wilkinson Esq was appointed Wolcott Trustee in Zone 2. (California, Arizona, Hawaii, Italy, and Japan) Brother Will is a former General Counsel for High Twelve International and resides in Tucson, Arizona. The Wolcott Trustees are excited to add Brother Wil to our Board. You will find additional contact information concerning Brother Wil, other Wolcott Trustees and all Wolcott Deputy Trustees at the end of the Wolcott Foundation articles.

Brother Stanley Gardner-PIP has been appointed Wolcott Trustee in Zone 3. (Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Texas, Louisiana) Brother Stan was a long time Wolcott Board of Trustee's member and retired several years ago. Always ready to help the Foundation, Brother Stan has agreed to lead Zone 3 following the death of Wolcott Trustee, Brother Roger Hopkins. You will find additional contact information concerning Brother Stan, other Wolcott Trustees and all Wolcott Deputy Trustees at the end of the Wolcott Foundation articles.

Wolcott Foundation announces 2021 Wolcott Trustee Elections

The Wolcott By Laws requires each Wolcott Trustee to stand for re-election, if desired, after serving a five (5) year term as Trustee.

Zone 2 (California, Arizona, Hawaii, Italy, and Japan) and Zone 5 (Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Florida, and the United Kingdom) will hold Trustee elections in 2021.

All High Twelve International/Wolcott Foundation members are eligible for election as a Wolcott Trustee. The term of service is five (5) years and the trustee may serve a limit of two (2) consecutive terms.

All candidates must submit their name along with documents of recommendation from their High Twelve Club and State Association, by March 1, 2021. These documents must be sent to the Wolcott Foundation Secretary. The address can be found in the list at the end of these articles.

Wolcott Trustees Plan for Future

The continuing challenges presented by the effects of the Covid-19 Virus on travel, meetings and educational institutions has led to the Board of Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation to prepare several scenarios for choosing the Fall 2021 Class of Wolcott Fellows.

George Washington University may or may not be available for hosting the Wolcott Trustees at the end of February 2021.

The application process for potential Wolcott Fellows will remain the same, as it is completed on-line. The five trustees will continue to evaluate the applications as in previous years. The trustees will most likely not travel to Washington, DC for the Annual Fellowship Selection Meetings. The trustees will make use of a virtual meeting to discuss and make their selections.

The trustees will also make use of a virtual meeting to conduct the usual business of the Foundation. This includes financial reports, selection of 2022 Wolcott pin and award patch.

Additional agenda items will be discussed as required.

As conditions change over time, the Wolcott Board of Trustees will make appropriate decisions on in person meetings and business items.

Please remember to pass the [Little Red School House](#) at every High Twelve Club Meeting and send all contributions to your Wolcott Trustee or Deputy Trustee on a regular basis.

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Thank-you.

I was thinking of the Wolcott Foundation and my promise to continue community work. My MBA, International Business & Finance, George Washington University would not have been completed without your help plus my many hours of hard work.

I followed and submitted comments to several Congressional Hearings. I will summarize and perhaps, provide visuals before the deadline.

Stay safe & well.

Regards,
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August 7, 2020
To: Whom It May Concern
From: Phyllis M. Chestang, MBA, PhD student

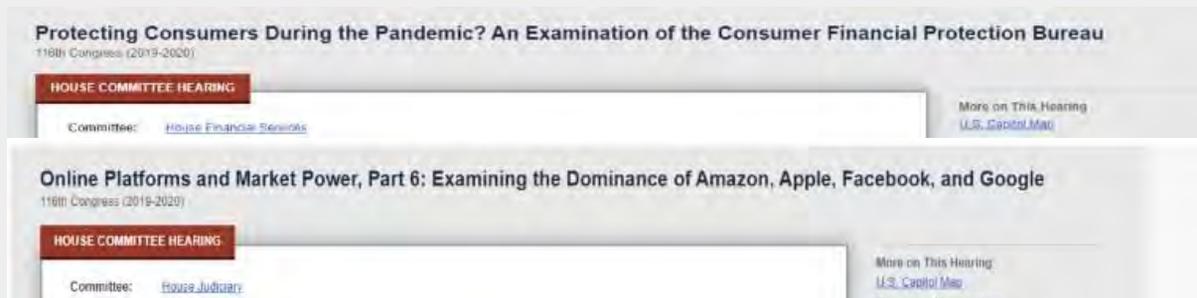
Thank-you reaching out. I have been very busy expanding my writing, publishing and marketing my 80+ eBooks. I have polished and acquired new ZOOM skills for virtual meetings.

I am even, multi-tasking by taking notes, chatting and texting in this new virtual business space. This week, I attended two simultaneous virtual business expos- in US and International that included networking plus business tips for success from AT&T, Verizon and Amazon.

The technology gave me new hope and so many new business contacts --- as we all waded through COVID19 recession/pandemic.

COVID19 has serious dangers and consequences so I am following the guidance of skilled and trained health care professionals & government officials in public health, local cities.

I continue to find ways to 'keep my promise' to help local communities, county, regional, state, federal while expanding international business horizons. For example, I provided comment to a critical Congressional hearing regarding COVID19 health impacts and monitored the following virtual sessions:



Here is a snapshot of my most recent engagements and pictures from 'then & now.'
Thank-you, Wolcott Foundation & High Twelve. Your fellowship helped me make this all possible.

- Airlines- International Travels US Foreign Service/US Agency for International Development (USAID) & George Washington University, Washington, DC, MBA.



- Virtual Business- writing, publishing and marketing



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2019

Audio/podcast excerpt from 80+ eBooks on sale globally via Amazon, Lulu, Dymocks (Australia), Loot (New Zealand), Adlibris (Sweden), & Google. STEAM SHORTS.

FL Association of High Twelve Clubs - Eric W. Klienbach, President

Greetings:

From the Sunshine State where it has rained liquid sunshine nearly every afternoon this summer.

Some of Our Clubs have started meeting in person again; and others are still doing Zoom Meetings.

Just last I visited The Villages Hi 12 Club No. 674 along with our 2nd State VP Brian Zeppa and represented them the trophy with a corrected name plate for the most new members by a club in the state of Florida, trophy was received by Past Club President James Hawkins. Additionally they had 4 petitions turned in at the meeting for membership. And just last month I visited Orlando Club No. 435 with close to 30 people in attendance; no worries proper social distancing procedures were in full effect. Next week will be visiting Central Florida Hi 12 Club No. 547 for their meeting at the Lake County Shrine Club. The Lake County Shrine Club in Tavares, Florida will host our annual convention again this year in the Palm Room on Saturday 28 November 2020 at 10:00 am – 2:00 pm; all are cordially invited, \$15.00 registration and \$12.00 for the meal, please R.S.V.P.. You can make a weekend out of it: The Shrine Club host a fish fry on Friday nights 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM \$12.00 and on Saturday night after the convention Mt. Dora Chapter of OES No. 102 is having a dinner at the Donnelly House (roast beef) \$15.00. Our Club in Lake Worth Florida is have a Zoom Meeting on the 18th. We are starting a new club in



Des Moines High Twelve Club No. 4
Meets Wednesdays at 11:15 A. M.
Downtown Holiday Inn located at 6th Avenue and I-235
Chartered Saturday; April 18th, 1925
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September of 2020 & PLEASE SHARE!!!

A special Bulletin will be published whenever needed to update information.



Hello Brothers,

Thanks to all the members that showed up for the meetings or do the stuff that keeps us going.

Please make suggestions for speakers or programs or volunteer if you want to make one yourself.

Our first ZOOM meeting went pretty well. I don't think they should ever stop the in-person meetings. Maybe we could do both once in a while. *Please let me know what you think*

Stay safe and well.

Fraternally, Dave Ashby, President.

Topics

- 2 - China Missionaries
- 9 - Iowa Hall of Pride
- 16 - Fellowship & Board Meeting
- 23 - Every Step (Ladies Day)
- 30 - Iowa's Drug Problem

Speakers

- Taylor Anderson
- Brethren
- Leeann Tharp
- George Becker, PP 270-7012 for reservations
- Dale Woolery

Prayers & Pledgers

- Phil Enabnit, PP
- Bob West, PP
- Dr. Tom Gruis, PP
- Richard Anderson, PP
- George Becker, PP

EVERY MONTH our ladies are most welcome on The (4TH) Wednesday!

From our bylaws:

14. Annual Meeting

“The annual meeting of the corporation and its election of officers shall be held on such Wednesday of October of each year as the Board of Directors may determine.”

This has usually done on the second Wednesday and it includes the selection of officers for the next year. All of you are able. What will YOU be willing to do?

Two deaths in August

Pete Taggart, on August 18, 2020, was a member of our club up until this year.

Everett Mauch, on August 20, 2020. I don't think he was ever a High Twelve member. He was well known and liked in many of our organizations; excellent in ritual and gentle in helping others learn. (I appreciated him very much! – TEHG)

REVIEW - Information about joining our club: a.k.a. ve fine print:

You must be a Master Mason in good standing to become a member of High Twelve. Remember that there is a petition in your Roster booklet – and you can copy it to your heart's content! All members MUST be current on dues in their lodge. **Any objections to the candidate must be received by the President or Secretary within five (5) days and it takes two (2) negative votes to preclude him from joining.** The dues are \$75.00 per year and there is an initiation fee of \$12.00. The fee to join decreases each month by month as per the number of meetings in the previous month. **The total fee to join in September is \$33.00 including 2020 dues!** Members transferring to # 4 or initiated dual members do not pay the \$12.00. Article II, Section One of our Bylaws (Page 6) states: "A former member of the Club may be reinstated as an active member by action of the Governing Board and the payment of a fee of \$7.00." **Those elected in one month can be installed at or following the second (2nd) meeting of the following month.** \$3.00 is payable to High Twelve International for each new member.

→ The fees for joining are in the table on last page of the January Bulletin.

The Des Moines Club #4 Officers for 2020 are:

President, David Ashby (636)

Vice Presidents: Jerry Carlson (592),
Terry Vrieze (592), and Ron Hicks (22 & 370)
Treasurer: Doug Stephenson * (654)
Secretary, Richard Anderson * ** (577)

International & Masonic Rep: Richard Anderson * ** State Representative: Jerry Carlson *
Trustees: (Last three Presidents): Robert West (407), Jerry Carlson (592), And George Becker (633).

Appointed:

Assistant Secretary: Dr. Tom Gruis * ** -2 (633 & 205)
Parliamentarian: Ken Brickman * ** IL (632 & IL 296)
Legal Counsel: William Clark, Jr. (110 & 632)
Hospital Visitor: Dr. Tom Gruis * **

* = Past President ** = Past State President (Lodge Number)



North Central Association of High Twelve Clubs

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The NEW State Officers for N. C. A. for 2020-2021 are:

President, Frank Swallow Waterloo (46)

First V. P., Gerald Edgar, Garner (119)
Second V. P., Steve Libby, Cedar Rapids (7)
Third V.P., VACANT
Treasurer, Steve Smith *, Marshalltown (617)
Secretary, Phil Enabnit * Des Moines (4)

Legal Counsel, William Clark, Jr., Des Moines (4)
Int'l Rep., David Patton, Dubuque *, (119)
Youth Director, Richard Anderson *, Des Moines (4)
Masonic Rep., Roger Hansen, P.I.P. * Sioux Falls (91)
Magazine Editor, Phil Enabnit *, Des Moines (4)

SGT at Arms, B. O. Bryngelson *, Marshalltown (617) \ Jr. Past President, Roger Hansen, P.I.P. ** Sioux Falls (91)
Assistant Secretary & Chaplain, Dr. Tom Gruis **, Des Moines (4) & Marshalltown (617)

* = Past State President (Club Number)

PLEASE have bulletin information to the Assistant Secretary by the *THIRD Wednesday!* *

Please send Bulletin information to dsm.hi.12.4@gmail.com. - ***Thanks!***

From Tom:

SO, my birthday is in a couple of weeks and Donna got me an internet radio that I have wanted for a long time. Its brand is Sangean and it is a component unit to go with a FM HD radio. Many FM stations broadcast two or three programs at once but it takes a special receiver to get to them. And I have a very small FM SCA pocket size receiver. SCA is yet another different program channel and some FM stations program these with music, instruction, and agricultural up to the minute market reports and weather information. The Iowa Radio Information Service, IRIS, is heard on WOI, 90.1 FM, where volunteers read for persons with a variety of handicaps.

The internet radio gives direct access to some 15,000 stations around the world by way of the internet. It is much more convenient than doing this on a computer and it has a built-in data base to help you find a station by location, genre, and others. After forty years in broadcasting and now in my 64th year as a radio "ham" these are relatively new systems and somewhat new to me.

Again, SO, what does this have to do with anything? These systems, all available for free, are more sources of news (BBC is my favorite), entertainment, and information.

In this duration of the covid 19 confinements and restrictions, new stuff is not all bad. Too many folks think that you have to throw out the olde when you look at new things. New stuff can perhaps open up new ways of understanding the traditional forms. Neither new or olde has a monopoly on being positive, neutral, or negative in expression or implementation.

Please recall the High Twelve motto: "To reflect upon truth, to talk little, to hear much." Do we? (Asking for a friend.)

In these new to us times, what ideas or suggestions might you have to help Masonry or our club to get through this time? Brother Enabnit suggested that maybe the four Tuesday night lodges could get together for a social time.

I have floated a couple of ideas before and here we go again. One is to get a new Masters and Wardens Council going. Another is to use this monthly bulletin as a kind of billboard for the lodges in this area. There might or might not be much to share, but "You can't win if you don't play!"

BE SURE TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE TO THE HOLIDAY INN AND TO OUR GREAT SERVERS!

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→ ANY AND ALL INPUT AND SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME! ←

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→ Not enough of you Brothers are York Rite Masons! ←

Please feel free to comment or suggest things about the Bulletin! ~I feel lonesome, still!, Tom.

Travel safe and God Bless.

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From Tom:

As I start this month's item, I am reflecting on my son Tim's death one year ago in the morning of Saturday; 27 July 2019. He was 58. I started this article on the evening of the 27....

And with that the outpouring of care from so many individuals and groups. That evening my wife, Donna, went to a HyVee deli and ordered food for my olde family and went to get some other things. A friend of hers for some forty-six ± years and her husband were also in the store – and they paid the entire bill! At the service, folks came from, family from several states, friends,

our church, the Gideons, Masons, retirees from KCCI, Donna's former employed Heska. My labor union sent flowers. And more. So meaningful!

And that was the first and only time this Bulletin was late. I have been putting the Bulletin together since shortly before the death of Jack Richard on September 10th, 2002. It was Jack who was responsible for getting me into High Twelve. I came as a visitor and joined right away. One of my far better decisions! Thanks, Brothers!!

Being an olde history teacher, I have read a theory like this several times and in divers ways:

"The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history, has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, these nations always progressed through the following sequence:

"From bondage to spiritual faith;
From spiritual faith to great courage;
From courage to liberty;
From liberty to abundance;
From abundance to complacency;
From complacency to apathy;
From apathy to dependence;
From dependence back into bondage."

Brother Ben Franklin said when asked by a person shouting out: when someone shouted out, "Doctor, what have we got? A republic or a monarchy?":

You have a Republic, if you can keep it."

A long time ago, a gentleman, Jens Grothe, was on the Des Moines city council, Ward 1. I knew him from church and had a few conversations with him. One was about the troubles of the times, probably the early 1950's when I was in High School. His answer "We live in perilous times!"

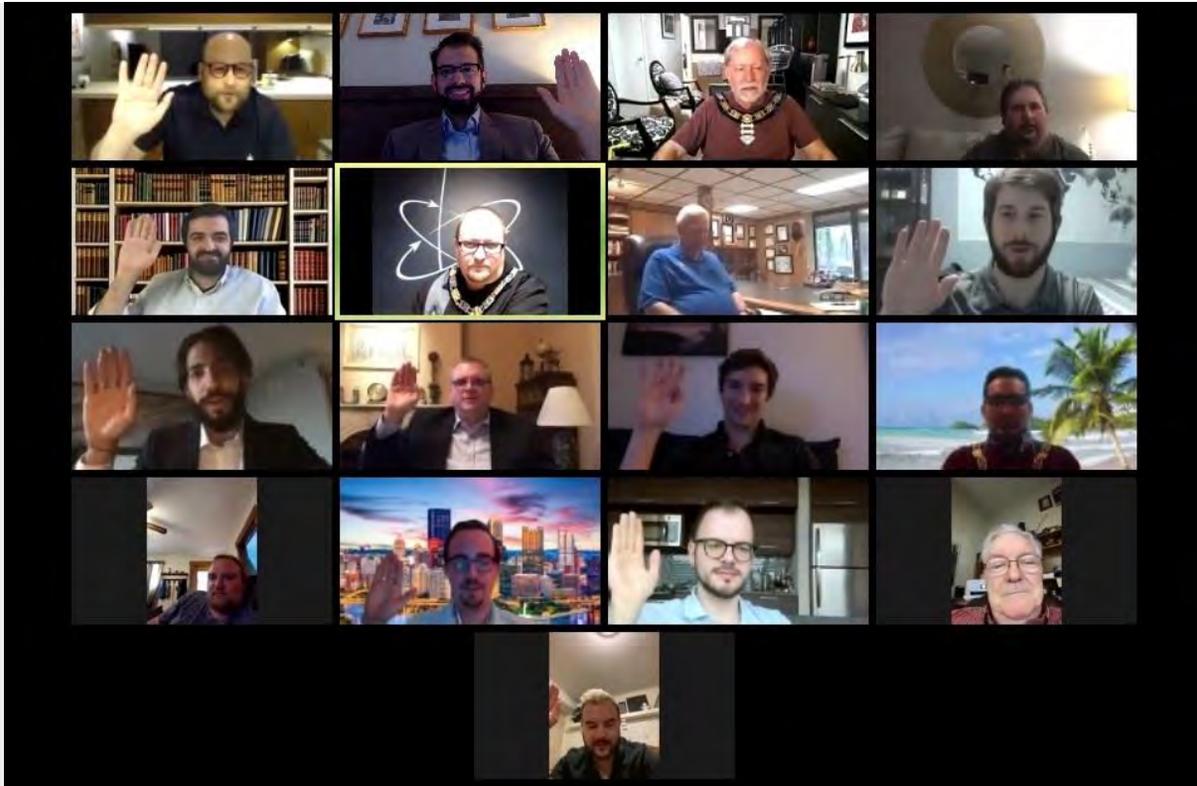
Then (Another time one of the TV stations filmed the council meetings. Mr. Grothe was clear on his thoughts. As I recall a particular discussion was about to be closed. He shouted out something like "I have an opinion on that" After a few seconds he must have changed his mind as he said "I have no opinion on that." Just a memory from decades ago.) Mr. and Mrs. (Helen) Grothe were fine people!

Now, back to the theory – could this sequence, in a sense, be applied to our beloved fraternity? Could it? Masons have well passed the 300-year mark, based on the 1717 founding of the Grand Lodge of England What to do about it? Eh?

AND the attacks on religion in this United States is without precedent!

CONFESSION – *but do not tell anyone at all*: Some several of these items started out as devotionals or tuned into devotions.

Cornerstone Club #786 DC



Attached is a photo from the Zoom chartering of DC's new and only High Twelve Club - Cornerstone #786. Cornerstone met immediately following our chartering to start our (digital) business and get to work laying the foundations of High Twelve in Washington, D.C. for years to come.

Pictured are the officers and members of Cornerstone together with the international High Twelve officers who attended that first meeting.

If you need any other information, please let me know.

Elijah C. Mills, Treasurer / Secretary

Arnold Page High Twelve Club #298 UK

Hello Brother High Twelvians!

Well, this lock down has put our club along with the rest into a dark period, but with the advent of modern technology (Zoom) and some quick learning, (Hopefully) and with a few mistakes along the way, we have managed to get a percentage of our members on-line to communicate through Zoom. A very handy tool.

The APHTC had our first unofficial meeting in June just to see how everyone would cope with this new format and for a "Virtual Drink and a Chat". Some had a local beverage while others, depending on your time zone, had their first coffee of the day. At least that is what we were told!! It was interesting and educational to say the least as everyone had to adapt to looking at a camera and getting used to getting the positioning just right.

Brother Kevin Hokerk-Robinson, High Twelve International Treasurer, joined in as a guest, having his first coffee of the day. I have had reports that some translation of US/UK verbiage was required to clarify some of the things said



Arnold Page H12 Club UK – 8 July 2020

Left to Right :Darrell C Russell-Secretary; Roger Florey-Chaplin; John Shaw-President; David Hedges; Kevin Hokerk-H12 Intl – Treasurer; Michael Jessett; Allan Warnes-Almonor; Jeff Rafftree-Charity Stewart; Peter Kerley PP, Entertainment.

As is the case everywhere, things like internet connections, video links and learning a new skill are a challenge. Our second meeting, held in June was a formal business meeting and the Zoom invite was sent out to our two US members, with one joining in from the USA. It was the first time Hank had been able to attend a High Twelve meeting for 12 years. It was an immense pleasure to finally see and talk to Hank in person. As now of the current members had ever met Hank, he gave a brief synopsis on his career since leaving the UK. For everyone’s benefit and how much High Twelve means, the APHTC 298 has two long serving members living in the USA but have continued their support of the club, the earliest having joined in 1994 and then 1998.

As working and hold business meetings for clubs and businesses in a virtual format is becoming the new norm, and no one know when things will improve where we are allowed to meet again in a group, President, John Shaw, requested that we observe our normal agenda for our meetings.

As usual, in all club meetings, a collection for the “The Little Red School House” was conducted and after the meeting, a raffle was held. The prize being provided and held as such time we can meet again, by the President for the winner. The Treasurer puts a list of member initials attending the meeting a bowl and draws one out. Through a general agreement, all the members are making payments and receiving funds from our Treasurer with on-line bank transfer. This is done with the members banking sort code and account number. This is working well on the honor system. Works ok so far.

As the COVID-19 has everything in a state of flux and having to adapt to a new norm, whatever that is, we have changed the way we depart as Bothers and Fellow Masons. Now, instead of saying, “See you next month” or “Until we Meet Again” we say “Stay Safe and Well” but as High Twelvians and Brother Masons we will have that hope of “See you Later” and “Stay Safe “ .

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East Toledo High Twelve #324 OH

You ask for information on the clubs etc. Here is a little about our club. The picture below is our "night out" on August 11th. Shown are a few of our members.

East Toledo High Twelve We meet every Tuesday

First - our name - Way back when - we did meet on the East side of Toledo, Ohio - but have not met there for some time! Our current meeting location is Paragon Lodge #788 F.& A.M. - located near Millbury, Ohio.

We gather (Members and Ladies) around 11:30am - and ring the bell at precisely 12 Noon or "High Twelve" After prayer and the pledge, lunch is served! After lunch - a business meeting - sometimes with a speaker or entertainment. We always close with prayer.

The highlight of the meeting is always the conversation, stories, jokes, and the comradely! Makes for a tight knitted group!

We were lucky enough to start our meetings again - but July and August are normally "Dark". However - on August 11th - we all met at "Cusino's Steak House - for a night out - no meeting.

Any Master Mason and their Lady are always welcome to join us!



Springfield Masonic Community (SMC) High Twelve # 483 OH

At the Springfield, OH, campus of the Ohio Masonic Home, has been on hiatus since mid-March. We meet at the SMC Community Center and the Home has been "closed" to visitors and to most congregate gatherings since that time. Our 1st Vice-President, Phil Hoffman, has recently been working with the community helping residents learn how to use iPad Tablets. The OMH Foundation has been providing iPad Tablets to residents so they can stay in touch with family, make virtual visits with their doctors, order groceries, etc. But a lot of the residents have never used a computer. Phil, along with the Resident Council officers, have held "social

meetings" on Zoom and he's been helping residents so they can participate. The program is being carried out at all 3 OMH campuses in Ohio and all the residents have really been pleased to be able to connect online. Thanks, Phil, for this timely and very much needed direct application of you time and technical skill in helping the residents ward off isolation. Thanks also to the OMH Foundation for the "spot on" donations.

Fraternally,
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New Castle Pennsylvania High Twelve #767 PA



From right Marvin Leby, Richard Sabbaro, Levi Harding
Submitted by John Stuart, Secy & Treas

Kansas Association of High Twelve Clubs, Inc.

Mike Haxton, PSP, 1st VP HTI

We will be putting out a news magazine to each member on the rolls twice a year for Kansas. All who wish to have an article send it straight to me, editor and publisher @ merhaxton@gmail.com

I anticipate that it will be 8~12 pages long and will mail out to the homes,

I plan for it to be an official voice of HTI with a more local vein

Look for the first Issue of High Twelve Kansas in early October.

I hope this to be one of many in the future.

Albany Berkeley High Twelve Club #8 CA

Charter Date: September 19, 1925

Greetings, High-Twelvians.

Brother Clark Johnson and I had a phone call this morning and agreed that I could send out the following information.

In April, a virtual meeting, open to all inquirers, was hosted on the internet via ZOOM. It is a discussion about the Masonic Life of Harry S. Truman, hosted by The Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees, USA. The Freemasons for Dummies blog is where I found this video.

Here is a link to the YouTube video:

[Harry S Truman, the Freemason: A Discussion with Clifton Truman Daniel](#)

The video takes about an hour.

Have you found any interesting books or videos you have read or viewed during this time when we are spending a most of our lives in shelter in place? I would be happy to share your ideas with the group the next time our communication gets sent.

As you know, we have having no meetings in restaurants nor are we doing any High-Twelve business other than the paying of bills, during the time that *there be no Masonic gatherings of any kind in this state*, as directed by Grand Lodge.

Thanks for your support of the ideals of High Twelve. Let's stay in touch.

Sincerely,
Brother Joe Collignon
Secretary-Treasurer
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Euclid High Twelve Club #205 OH

This is Tommy Lengel,(Past Pres) and member of Euclid High Twelve Club #205. My wife and I are A-OK...staying in as much as possible. I am in contact with other members by phone and e-mail. Certainly hope that this finds You and Yours in Good Health.

Blessings Tommy 32nd and Carol Sue Lengel

Funny Joke I found from a Facebook page:

Jeff's bait and tackle shop, April 29, 2018 · Oxford, ME

A man gets stopped by a Maine game warden with his bucket full of fish.

Warden: do you have a permit for all these fish?

Man: no sir. These are all my pet fish.

Warden: your pet fish? How's that?

Man: well, every night I take all my pet fish for a walk to the lake, I let them swim for about half hour and then I whistle and they all come back and jump in my bucket and we go home. We do this every night.

Warden: Well that's just a crock of lies!!

Man: here I'll show you... (Releases the fish in the lake)

Warden: well this I got to see!! 5 minutes later...

Warden: well??

Man: what?

Warden: the fish!! Where's your pet fish??

Man: what fish??

Central Florida High 12 Club No. 547 FL

Fellow High Twelvians,

Greetings from Central Florida High 12 Club No. 547! From myself, Officers, and members we bring you warm greetings from the state of Florida! We all are staying safe down here, and we have ZERO confirmed cases of COVID-19 within our Club... Thank goodness! Things are starting to make a turn for the better down here, and the State is starting to open back up in phases... With this we are in hopes to be meeting and enjoying each other's fellowship at a meeting very soon! We hope all are safe and well and are here for support through these times.

Fraternally,

Bro. Brian J. Zeppa, President

Villages High Twelve Club #674 CA

After being shut down since our March Meeting, the club held their September Meeting with 17 people in attendance. We had ample room for those in attendance to leave a comfortable space between them and still have a great time.

At our August Board Meeting, we discussed changing the format of the meetings, so the members and officers could spend more time socializing and less time on reports. Wow! It really worked out at our table. We enjoyed conversation and set-up pinochle parties with three couples. They expressed that what they were looking for was doing something together and not being at a meeting. Our hunch played out and we think the club will be more interesting in the future.

At the meeting, we were also presented the State New Member Trophy for the most new members brought into the club in the past year. Along with the Trophy, we received Applications for three new members and Applications were provided to two other potential members.



(L-R) Emmett Mills, Club President; Eric Klienbach, FL State President; Jim Hawkins, Past Club President; Brian Zeppa, Florida State Vice President; and Merv Harris, Club Secretary & Treasurer.)

NOTE:

Emmett Mills is a Retired US Navy Seal
Eric Klienbach is a former US Marine Force Recon and Heavyweight boxing champion
Jim Hawkins is a former US Army Company Commander in the 82nd Airborne Infantry
Brian Zepper is a retired Military Police Officer in the US Army
Merv Harris is a retired US Army Officer.

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