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STATES PRESIDENT 2017—2018

David Liesen

Review and Update

As we move into the third week of my term as Illinois State President, I find it humbling and challenging to see ahead of us, the many, many opportunities to move Illinois Masonic High Twelve Clubs forward in 2017-2018. I was overwhelmed to experience the support and efforts on behalf of my family and that of Quincy Masonic High Twelve Club #40, in putting together the 73th Annual High Twelve Convention held just a few weeks ago. It is history now, but will forever remain one of the highlights of my membership in High Twelve

International. I assure you I will do all in my power to uphold the high standards of performance as set by our now Immediate Past State President Charles Coffey. He has set the bar high and I will do all I can to achieve the goals set by Brother Charles.

First off though, I would like to announce two important events. My grandson David Casey and his wife Casey, announced that they are expecting twins in March 2018. That will be the second set of twins in our family since my twin brother Dennis Liesen & I were born October 1942. Our family is so excited with that bit of good news. Many of you met David and his wife at the convention. On the other hand we are dealing with additional medical issues with my 5 year old granddaughter, Lucy Liesen, who continues to experience major medical issues with her kidneys and will require major surgery to remove the affected kidney. This is a sad state of affairs, as she had been undergoing chemo treatments these past 9 weeks in order to treat the issues. That effort, we are now told, has failed as we must enter a new treatment regimen in order to resolve the problem. Her illness has been a major burden on our family and resulted in our spending many, many hours commuting to St Louis Children's Medical Center. It looks as if those trips will continue in the near future. As we have more information to share with you, we only ask for your prayers for Lucy.

For now, as part of my plans for Presidential Club visits, I have set aside the following schedule for the month of September & first week in October. As State President, I hope to visit Belleville #35 on September 8th, Quincy #40 on September 13th, Springfield #38 on September 15, Jerseyville #762 on October 4th and the Ohio Masonic High Twelve Club Association convention September 29 and September 30. At that convention I will be part of the installing team for elected State Officers for 2017-2018.

To the best of my knowledge, I understand that the Mid-Year Meeting will be held the 3rd Saturday of March 2018, hosted by Abe Lincoln #38 Springfield, IL at the MCL Cafeteria. Bro Allen, Club President, has assured us that they would be more than willing to host the event. As I am able to look further into the month of October and November, I will advise you for any schedule plans for visitation.

Fraternally,

David Liesen

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT 2017—2018



As I write this note to our membership, Lisa & I ask you to keep families and friends affected by the devastating hurricane Harvey in Texas in your prayers. If you are to able contribute to the various Masonic Bodies gathering items for the relief in Texas, please do so!

*My annual report along with Cornerstone's annual report are included in this publication. I have set the date for our next Annual Convention for **August 10-11, 2018**. The location has not been set, but we are looking to be in the Northwest Suburbs of Chicago. Enclosed is a picture of my first Official Visit as 1st VP: this is Alp, he is the son of our Brother Mason Ali and his wife Ozlem. (Future Mason!)*

Fraternally Submitted By

Mark Nokes

Congratulations to this years awardees!

HIGH TWELVIAN OF THE YEAR **FRANK RUTTER**
FREEPORT #43

HIGH TWELVE SECRETARY OF THE YEAR **DAVID ABT**
CORNERSTONE #772

LADY'S APPRECIATION AWARD **RONNIE RUND**
ROSE PEGORARO

TRAVELING MEMBERSHIP TROPHY **JERSEYVILLE #762**

CLUB OF THE YEAR **FREEPORT #43**

LONGIVITY AWARDS

FIRST	LAST	CLUB	#	YEARS
Eugene	Holfort	Quincy	40	65
Floyd	Marshall	Quincy	35	55
Calvin	Peters	Moline	88	50
Frank	Walker	Freeport	43	35
William	Miller	Belleville	35	35
James	Greenwell	Quincy	40	35
Cyrus	Crothers	Freeport	43	35
James	Tilton	Belleville	35	30
Melvin	Niekamp	Quincy	40	30
James	Am-	Freeport	43	25
John	Costello	Belleville	35	10

STATE SECRETARYS

Edward Rund

Farwell Address

My High Twelvians:

Well, another year is behind us and it's been a good one, except the two new clubs we were expecting to start didn't occur. In fact, it has now been four years since we brought a new club on board. We need to focus on this in the coming year. Our President has had a very busy and productive year, especially with visiting each of our clubs at least twice. Having taught leader skills for many years both in industry and academe, I can certainly affirm that Charlie demonstrates many of these important skills.

Illinois had an excellent representation at this year's International Mid-Year meeting in Las Vegas. Only nearby Arizona had more participants. Then at the June Annual Convention in Indianapolis, we also had a very good number in attendance. And again, Bro. Santisteban managed to continue to fool everyone and get elected as the First International V.P. Bro. William Haynes became President; Jonathan Dilley, Second V.P.; Jerry Hamilton Third V.P.; Daniel Schauer, Treasurer, and the long-suffering Kevin Hokerk-Robinson as Secretary. However, on an important note, our own Mark Nokes was elected to serve as a Trustee of the High Twelve International Endowment Fund. It is evident Illinois' High Twelve star is shining brightly.

Statewide we continue to struggle with maintaining our membership; yet we had a net loss of only 2 members. We began our year with 348 and currently have 346 members. Four clubs experienced a net increase in members, while five had a decrease. I know the clubs are really trying to add new brothers, and it seems when they do, a current member passes away or relocates. That can be discouraging.

I continue to attend the Chicago-area clubs and my Lady, Ronnie, usually goes with me. We always enjoy the meetings and companionship. All of our clubs are now using the International's online monthly report system and, with one exception, all clubs are maintaining their tax-exempt status and stand in the good graces of the IRS. The Mattoon Club is responding to IRS' request for additional information. They should receive their exemption before long. Each club needs to designate one of its members to be sure and continue filing the 990 e-Postcards. Remember to watch out for the filing deadlines.

Finally, as I announced last year now, I am stepping down as State Secretary. It has been nine years and I've enjoyed the job, but it does take its toll on time and energy. To all those current and past club and state officers who have done so much to support my efforts, I extend to you my sincerest appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward A. Rund, Past Secy.





INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow High Twelvians,

First off, I want to remind everyone to have a High Twelve application with you when you visit your Lodge or other Masonic activity. This is one way to get a prospective member. Also, don't forget to invite him to join you at your meeting, and offer to buy his lunch. You've probably heard this before but repetition used to work for me in school. Really, how many Masons have you met that don't like to eat – especially for free.

I've included an article on the M.A.S.T. program because this program was the brain-child of one of our members. Jay Reed is a Past President of both Northwest and Cornerstone Clubs. This program has earned state-wide attention, and not only at hospital locations. Just goes to show what can happen when a (High Twelvian of the Year) takes an interest in the community. M.A.S.T. has put Masonry in a positive light in Illinois, and may continue to expand.

Masonic trivia: In 1835, a group of Masons met under a large oak tree in Brazoria, Texas (just south of what is now Houston) and took the first step to form Holland Lodge No. 1. The tree, known as the Masonic Oak, has continued to grow and is still in existence. On May 15, 1966, the Masons of Texas made a pilgrimage to the Oak. Grand Master Fullingim dedicated the location by placing a Texas State Historical Marker near the Oak tree to commemorate the start of the lodge. The Lodge is the oldest Masonic lodge in Texas and a founding subordinate member of the Grand Lodge of Texas. The lodge was originally chartered by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana on 27 January 1836, making it older than the Republic of Texas.

Until next time, remember to visit your Lodge often and get the WM's permission to give a talk on High Twelve during the Masonic education portion of the Lodge meeting. Also, talk up High Twelve whenever

the opportunity arrives. You never know when you'll meet a prospective member. And as always, stay safe, have fun, and take care of each other.

Fraternally and Respectfully,

Joe Santisteban

Joe Santisteban

Int'l First Vice President

Some Military Humor:

The Department of the Navy is now assigning females to quarters in a separate private "OFF LIMITS" area on all aircraft carriers. Addressing all ship personnel at Pearl Harbor, CINCPAC advised, "The female sleeping quarters will be "out-of-bounds" to all males.

Anyone caught breaking this rule will be fined \$50 the first time." He continued, "Anyone caught breaking this rule the second time will be fined \$150. Being caught a third time will cost you a fine of \$300. Are there any questions?" At this point, a Marine Gunnery Sergeant from the ship's security detail stood up in the back and inquired... "How much for a season pass?"

Illinois Association Of Masonic High Twelve Clubs 2017 ANNUAL CONVENTION QUINCY, IL PICTURE'S

Saturday Meeting



Quincy Hotel Welcome



Wolcott Foundation Chairmen



New 3rd Vic Pres Robert Mcclerren



Past Editor James Morris
"Appreciation Award"



Meeting Room Setup

Over:

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Saturday Night Banquet

Pictures



2017 Lady's Appreciation Award
 Ronnie Rund, Rose Pegoraro



State Officers 2017—2018 with Wives



2017—2018 Officer Installation

Our apologies, we had over 100 pictures this year. And not all of them made it in the this Newsletter. However, I have include award winner pictures with their club reports.



CLUB NEWS!

BELLEVILLE AREA MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB #35

President; Gene Hardesty
Secretary; James Morris

Meeting
Eckert's Restaurant
Route 15, Belleville Il.
Fridays at Noon



Greetings Brethren All

Belleville club #35 is alive and well! We still have 35 members, although we have lost a few to non-payment of dues, death's etc. We have also gained a few, which keeps us at 35.

We still donate to our four community Food Banks and they really appreciate the help. Each food bank gets \$25.00 a quarter for the total of \$400.00 dollars a year. We don't do pancake breakfasts, or chili dinners, or any other fund raisers, due to the age of our members. All donations come from members' dues and piggy bank collections at our meetings.

We have made a few changes to our meeting schedule as we now meet on the first and third Fridays of each month. We still meet at Eckert's Restaurant, (but this may change also in the future). We have discontinued our lady's night. Instead we will meet at a different restaurant on selected holidays and provide some entertainment for our ladies.

We have had some guest speakers at our third Friday meeting, and hope to continue this schedule.

Respectfully Submitted

Gene Hardesty Club President

James Morris Club Sec/Tres

ABE LINCOLN CLUB #38

President: Allen W. Luttrell
Secretary: Tom Luccheis

Meeting
MCL Restaurant and Bakery
2151 Wabash Ave. Springfield Il.
11:30 am

Abe Lincoln High Twelve Club continues to meet each Friday at the MCL Cafeteria in Springfield, IL. Our Club has 27 members at present. During the year we lost three members due to death. We had one member reinstated with his dues paid for two years and added a new member who is a WWII veteran.

Our Club prides itself on being a friendly and welcoming group, and we give a warm Masonic welcome to all visitors and guests! This year our Club voted to allow wives and widows to attend our meetings.

We hosted the semiannual meeting of the Illinois High Twelve Clubs and have supported the Shrine Circus, Illinois Masonic Charities, and the Wolcott Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen W. Luttrell

Allen W. Luttrell, President
Abe Lincoln Masonic
High Twelve Club #38

QUINCY MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB #40

President: Ray Shortridge
Secretary : Dean Lillis
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Meeting
Sprouts Inn Restau-
rant

2814 N. 12th Street
Quincy Il.

Quincy Masonic High Twelve Club was granted its charter 73 years ago, November 4, 1944 with 59 Charter Members. We presently have 68 members.

June 14, 2017, we held our annual picnic at the South Park Main Pavilion, Quincy, IL. with 42 attending, and our annual Christmas Dinner December 7, 2016 with 52 attending We meet weekly, Wednesday noon, at Sprouts, with average attendance of 23. We enjoy the attendance of our ladies, every Wednesday, & in the evening at 6 PM when there are five Wednesdays in a month. We maintain a strong weekly guest speaker program, drawing from the Adams County area, business, government & medical professionals.

Quincy has year to date donated funds to our community as part of our charitable giving program and participate in donating to The Wolcott Foundation annually.

The club continues to emphasize growth and have reset goals for the coming year, to maintain 68 members and add at least 1 by years end. We are an aging club and need new blood to continue in the steps of those that came before. We continue to work closely with our local Blue Lodges and Consistory, to assist them increase their membership, while at the same time maintain close contacts with Master Masons who may consider membership in International Masonic High Twelve. Our present membership roster represents 19 blue lodges from no less than 4 different counties.

We are proud to note that among our active members, we have three Past State Presidents: Robert Bedell 1996, Nick Weisinger 2002, 2003. & Dean Lillis 2012; one Past Grand Master, John R Loudon Jr. & are pleased to note one of our long-term members and Past Club President, Bro David Liesen, has been elected as State President for 2017-2018. We have four members who have been members of High Twelve International for over 40 years, two of them have been members for 55 years and one has been an active member for 65 years (Bro Eugene Holford).

God Bless you and God Bless High Twelve International.

Fraternally,

Ray Shortridge
President.

Gary Farha
1st Vice President

FREEPORT MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB #43

President: Calvin Barklow
Secretary : Roger Carson

Meetings
Logan's
Freeport Il.
Every Thursday at Noon

Freeport High Twelve Club #43 continues to meet every Thursday at Logan's Restaurant, from approximately 11:45 until 1:00. The restaurant is located at 1805 S West St., on Rt. 26.

We have had good attendance, averaging 15 to 23 members and guests. The meals and prices have been very good. They have even started a salad bar, with different selections every week.

Totally we lost three members this year, one most recently at the end of July. They were all excellent members, and are missed. Our total membership is back to 25. We did get three new members over the past year who have become very active.

The Freeport club meetings always begin with Masonic announcements, with information of what is occurring in the local lodges and at the Scottish Rite Temple. Speakers are varied from people in the medical field to county and city officials, to people from local businesses.

The Freeport club has supported the local Dyslexia Center as well as the Grand Lodge Outreach program. We usually help a family at Christmas with a dinner. However, due to a conflict, it didn't happen this past year. Also, a financial contribution was given to a Brother Mason who had an accident.

The first meeting of each month is our business meeting where we hold a drawing for a prize. (No money is involved.) It has been fun and interesting.

In certain parts of Miami, if everyone happens to be smiling at once, it's automatically declared Halloween.

Our meals are always followed with a dessert made most of the time by our secretary's wife, Martha Carson. Some of the other wives fill in when necessary.

The president acquires the speakers. Our continued plans are to get more new members. However,

the Freeport club considers itself holding its own. We always welcome visitors and look forward to having you visit.

Fraternally,

Calvin Barklow

President, Freeport #43



High Twelve club of the Year



High Twelvian of the Year

OAK PARK MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB #52

President : Salvatore J. DeCola
Secretary: Gerald D. Carlton

Meetings
Sawa's Old Warsaw
9200 Cermack Rd.
Broadview, Il.
3rd Friday, Noon

We continue to meet at Sawa's Old Warsaw, where we have a buffet lunch at a minimal cost. We continue to have the widows of deceased members support us at the luncheon. We hope that meeting at this very popular restaurant that we can gain in membership. Currently we have 8 members.

In July, we had a visit from our State President, Brother Charles R. Coffey. It was a very nice day to have our State President with us.

With the Ladies attending, we have an average of about 9 at the meetings. We are very happy to report Past State President Sal DeCola has returned after taking chemo and radiation. Welcome back Sal.

We continue to have problems getting speakers and are not into that now. We have very interesting conversations about our lives with our family and friends. It is very interesting to learn about the lives of others.

Gerald D. Carlton, Secretary

MATTOON MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB #89

President: Terry Hill
Secretary: Bill Landrus

Meeting
Pagliacci's Restaurant
319 Logan St Mattoon
Every Tuesday at Noon

Brethren of High Twelve,

As the 2017 State Year ends, we at Mattoon High Twelve Club reflect on the wonderful events we have shared. From hosting the 2016 State High Twelve Convention to having great speakers visit.

Since the High Twelve Mid-Year Meeting, activities have been fewer with the hotter weather keeping us on our toes, health-wise. But luckily nothing serious has struck our members except for a fall by one Brother and some surgeries for several others. We have been blessed not to lose any members during this time. We have gained three members.

In May, the Club selected two recipients for our Mattoon High Twelve Scholarships. One of the recipients dined with us and received his check in July. This is really our biggest joy of the year, to see and help a student strive for his or her future.

Third Vice President Steve Hermanson recently visited and we enjoyed dining with him and hearing about his year so far.

The Club got to share State President Charles Coffey with the rest of the State Clubs and he brought back many tales of his travels. And he always reminded us that it was always good to return to his home club.

This upcoming State Year **looks exciting** and Mattoon Club #89 hopes for just as an exciting year as well.

Yours Fraternally, **Br. Terry L. Hills**
2017 Club President Mattoon Club
#89 Mattoon, Illinois

MIDDLE CHAMBER MASONIC HIGH TWELVE #725

President John R. Jorgenson
Secretary: Brian Robson

Meeting
Just Like Home Restaurant
8501 West Dempster St. Niles
1st Tuesday Noon

1. We have had an interesting program at all our meetings. We send out monthly meeting Email notices announcing our upcoming meetings and programs. Variety seems to work well with the membership and we always encourage them to bring along a guest or prospective member. Attendance averaged 18 to 24 members and guests per meeting this past year. Our current membership stands at 17.
2. Our current dues are \$30.00 per year. Our luncheons are at the "Just Like Home Restaurant" in Niles, IL. Our ladies are always welcome and are a great addition to the meetings.
3. The Club has had the honor to have had three of our members serve as President of the State High Twelve Masonic Association. They are Brothers Gerald Carlton, Edward Rund and Joe Santisteban. Brother Rund is presently serving as the State Secretary and Brother Santisteban as International 1st VP. They all should be commended for their service to this great organization.
4. Our Club continues to support the Wolcott Foundation. Contributions to the "Little Red School House" are always a part of our monthly meetings. A check of those contributions is mailed into International annually.
5. Objectives for the year consist of having a program at each meeting, increasing our membership by 4, promoting increased attendance of existing members and having fun and fellowship. We have had the good fortune to have had a speaker/program at all our meetings this year. We have inducted 2 new members at this writing. Not what we had hoped for but a gain and not a loss. In the fun department, we have a "Who said that?" challenge at our monthly meetings. It can be a quote anywhere from Mickey Mouse to Moses. Not so much fun if you never know the right answers.
6. Thanks, to all my serving officers and more especially to Brother Brian Robson for his outstanding performance as our Secretary/Treasurer. Sadly, we must report the passing of our 3rdVP, Brother Michael Rothman.

Respectively and Fraternaly Submitted,

John R. Jorgenson, President

DUPAGE MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB #754

President: Thomas Hastings
Secretary: Emil Novak

Meeting
Hi-View Restaurant
425 W. St. Charles Rd.

Greetings to all officers and members from the DuPage Masonic High Twelve Club # 754

We continue to meet on 3rd Wednesday of the month at the High View Restaurant 425 W. St. Charles Road, Villa Park, IL. 60181 at 11:30AM Visitors are always welcome.

Our club started the year with 10 members and we have lost one member and added a one new member. We are presently at 10 members. The club got off to a slow start in fiscal 2016-17. Our election of officers in May was late in building a slate. We managed to arrive with a first-class corps of officers:

PRESIDENT: **Thomas Hastings**

1st Vice President: **Ray Blum**

SECRETARY /TREASURER: **Emil Novak**

CHAPLAIN: **Bud Parker**

WOLCOTT REPRESENTATIVE: **Edward Rund**

We were off and running in July with a wonderful installation of officers by Illinois State High Twelve secretary and President Brother Charles R. Coffey.

JERSEYVILLE MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB #762

President: Floyd Alexander
Secretary : Ron Thomason

Meeting
State Street Bar and Grill
Jerseyville, Il.
1st Wednesday at Noon

Greetings to everyone from the Jerseyville Masonic High Twelve Club #762. Our meeting location has recently changed. We now meet at The Olive Branch Restaurant, 1668 South State Street, Hwy. 67 in Jerseyville. This location is where we started our club in 2009. As of this date our membership stands at 29, welcoming 4 new members since our 2016 Convention, Marlin Woodring, Don Huber, Lindell Blumenberg and John Bonn. These 4 brethren are certainly assets to the Jerseyville Club, being very active members in their community and Masonic activities. Our meetings are usually attended by 17 to 22, including members and guests. Our ladies are always invited to join us for lunch and fellowship. We normally have a very interesting speaker every month, thanks to Brother Bill Thiel. Our club was well represented at the Mid-Year Meeting in Springfield with President Floyd Alexander, Brother Ron Avery, and Secretary Ron Thomason in attendance, along with their ladies.

In May we had our Installation of Officers, which is the same slate as the previous year. Past State President Ron Thomason installed the officers. We also had a nice club social evening in May at Bluff City Bar and Grill in Alton. In June, we once again sponsored our annual Red Cross Blood Drive, collecting 25 units.

We continue to be a very active small club, supporting The Wolcott Foundation, The Scottish Rite Dyslexia Center, Shriner's Hospitals for Children, our Masonic Youth Organizations, and the Illinois Grand Lodge Charities Fund, along with other worthwhile projects that may come to our attention. We continue to be a contributing sponsor to the Pere Marquette Kids Fishing Fair.

Jerseyville strives to leave a positive footprint in our community in the name of Masonry and High Twelve. Our club is alive and well as we continue towards improving our club, keeping current members interested as well as seeking out new members. We welcome everyone to visit us in Jerseyville for lunch, fellowship and lively conversation on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

In closing we would like to congratulate and thank State President Charles Coffey and Donna for an outstanding year at the helm of the Illinois Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs. Thank you for all your time and effort, it is sincerely appreciated. We would also like to offer our congratulations and our support to our new 2017-2018 State Officers as they lead us forward into the new year.

Fraternally,

Floyd Alexander

Floyd Alexander, President
Jerseyville Masonic High Twelve Club #762



2017 Traveling Membership trophy Winner
Jerseyville #762



ILLINI MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB #768

President: Steve Guess
Secretary: Darin Lahners

Meeting:
Urbana Garden Restaurant

Illini No. 768 ended June 2017 with 38 members. We will be purging several members who had not paid their dues. Illini continued to have outstanding guest speakers from the community such as Dan Sadler, who brought his collection of antique colt firearms and spoke about their history. Angie Marker from Crisis Nursery in Champaign spoke about their charity. Our own member, WB Raymond Cummings, shared his pictures and memories from his visit to Blechly Park in England, and spoke about the breaking of the Enigma Code Machine. Ray Cunningham, who is the Mayor of Homer, Illinois, shared his pictures and stories from his multiple trips to North Korea. Andy Larson, superintendent of Unit 7 Schools, shared his knowledge and concerns over the lack of state funding at that time. We had two of our members share their experiences and pictures from placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. Also, we were very lucky to have a member of Illini 768, Charlie Coffey, serve as the High 12 state president, and can give us regular updates of what was occurring at the state level at every meeting he was able to attend.

Our club held an open Installation of Officers at Western Star Masonic Lodge in July. For the coming year, we hope to continue to enjoy the fellowship we have at every meeting. We also hope to continue to have wonderful speakers. The club utilizes social media with a Facebook page, a webpage <http://illinihightwelve.blogspot.com/> and a regular email list.

Our officers for 2017-2018

Steve Guess	President
Denver Phelps	1st Vice President
Todd Greason	2nd Vice President
Ray Cummings	3rd Vice President
Greg Knot	Treasurer
Darin Lahners	Secretary
Paul Noerenberg	Chaplin
Todd Buhrmester	Sargent at Arms

If you are ever in Champaign-Urbana on the 3rd Thursday of the month.
Please come join us for lunch.

Respectfully submitted:

Darin Lahners, Secretary.

NORTHWEST MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB #769

President; Jay Reed
Secretary; Don Van Cleave

Meeting
Red Apple Restaurant
2121 S. Plum Grove Rd.
Palatine, Il.

(July 2017 Meeting) Our speaker in July was Dr. Denise Casey, Founder and Director, Barrington Behavioral Health, and Wellness. Dr. Casey complemented the gathering for our outside activities and highlighted the importance of having life purposes and involvement. The importance of personal attachment with people and organizations strengthen your purpose in life.

Our attendance consisted of thirteen High Twelve members and eight special guests, namely Mrs. Rosemarie Pegoraro, Mrs. Sandra Chapman, Mrs. Cathy Curielli, Mrs. Cheryl Aronson, Mrs. Linda Masny, Mrs. Patt Maris, Mrs. Joan Rogers, and Mrs. Jan Van Cleave. Our special dignitaries were High Twelve International First Vice President, Joe Santiseteban and Brother Edward Rund, State Secretary. Brother Willie Meir, Secretary and Zone 4 Manager for the Wolcott Foundation has elected to retire and his elected position is open. The thirteen Illinois Clubs will be involved in the selection of Brother Meir position at the Quincy Annual Meeting on August 11th and 12th. Brother Ed Rund is our official representative for Club No. 769 at the Illinois Annual Convention in Quincy.

At our meeting, we authorized to send fifty dollars to each youth organization, namely, Sunshine Rainbow Girls; Job's Daughter No. 14; and DeMolay Chapters in Barrington and Bloomingdale.

Our official election yielded the following new officers: David Truax, President, Joe Pegoraro, 1st Vice President; John Chapman, 2nd Vice President; Prakash Naik, 3rd Vice President; Lou Aronson, Secretary-Treasurer; Marvin Selock, Chaplain; Gene Pratt, Masonic Representative; Don Van Cleave, Wolcott Representative; John Riggs. Sergeant of Arms. Brother John Peter Curielli was recognized for an outstanding year and received his Past President title. All officers will be officially appointed at our August 22nd meeting. During President Curielli year, the Club representatives visited two youth organizations and at least two High Twelve Clubs and provided excellent meeting speakers.

Brother David Truax was pinned with Northwest's Club Presidents pin and Don Van Cleave was recognized as Secretary with a plaque. (Picture below left) Brother Prakash Naik was officially thanked for setting up and conducting the tour at BAPS Temple in Bartlett on Saturday, July 22nd. (Picture below right). No sickness and distress was reported and it was good to see Cathy Curielli walking with the big shoe. Brother George Rogers gave a summary of the Wolcott Fund as he recently gave a talk on the Wolcott Fund to Job's Daughter.

Fraternally, **Don Van Cleave**, Secretary Treasurer.



CORNERSTONE MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB # 772

***President: Mark Nokes
Secretary; David Abt***

***Meeting
Golden Corral
1455 N. Dilley's Rd.***

Time has passed by sooner than it should. Here we are at our Annual meeting. We currently meet the 1st Wednesday of each month at Golden Corral in Gurnee. We currently have 12-14 members each month. We collect \$2.00 from each member for Wolcott: any additional donations are used to support **Toys for Tots**. At our last meeting in August, we voted to donate \$50.00 to the Grand Lodge Charities. Additionally, I matched the donation.

Currently our by-laws do not include our spouses joining us for our meeting. Personally, I would like to see a change and our spouse and/or significant another join us when possible. The ladies would add beauty, wisdom, and charm to each meeting. We increased our dues allow the club to have another social event and/or support a Youth Masonic Group.

We had a social event at a local restaurant with several members and their spouses. The gathering was small but, the conversation was good and the food outstanding. (Yes, Brother Joe had a few things to discuss)

It has been a hard year health wise for several members of our club. The good news, several of our members have been able to return to our monthly meetings. Additionally, Brother Jay Reed introduced MAST (Masonic Assistance for Service and Therapy Dogs) a wonderful program. Call Jay for details. Brother Robert McClerren was ordained as a Methodist Pastor and was elected as the 3rd Vice President of Illinois High Twelve State Office. I guess he thinks we are lacking a little in the Spiritual area) Just saying!

While attending the Annual Meeting for Illinois Grand Lodge, I had the opportunity to join our Illinois High Twelve State Association President Charles R. Coffey in Springfield on October 7th & 8th in manning a booth for our Association during and between the general sessions.

We are still working with our Prince Hall Brothers in starting a new club in the Chicago area. We are close and Secretary Ed Rund has agreed to help move this opportunity along. Along with Secretary Rund, we are hopeful to have a new club to report at our Annual Convention.

Fraternally submitted,

Mark D. Nokes, President, Cornerstone #772

EDITORIAL MESSAGE



Greeting fellow Illinois Twelvians

By now, if you got to this page, you hopefully read the Newsletter and enjoyed it as much as I enjoyed putting it together for you. James Morris our past editor, retired, I will do my best to fill his shoes. I just ask that you be patient with me as I get comfortable in this new role. Also, if you have any suggested, please email me as my contact information is on the lower half of (page 2), but in case you missed it my email is roman.i.segal@gmail.com. Please also note on (page 2) for article deadlines.

The holidays are just around the corner and I am looking for some great food recipes to include in the next issue, so ask your wives and fellow brothers for some please. If we get enough recipes, next year our state officers will consider putting a cook book together state fund raiser for the Wolcott Foundation or for your local club fundraisers.

Please enjoy reading this issue and other issues to come!

Eat well, Be well

Roman Segal

Editor