



# High Twelve International Monthly Update

*August 12, 2019*

## In Memory



**Ross Van Ness Bayer, Past International President 1984-85, 90**, passed away Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at his home. Born in Spring Lake, he has lived in Hopewell for the last 20 years. Ross was a retired Captain for the State Police of New Jersey. He was active with the Masonic Lodge and served as a Past Master of Princeton Lodge #38 F&AM as well as Past Grand Master of the State of New Jersey. Ross was also a member of DeMolay, the Scottish Rite, Shriners and Tall Cedars.

Son of the late John and Mildred Bayer, Ross is survived by his children, John Bayer II of West Windsor, and Brant & Melissa Bayer of Pennington. Ross is also survived by his daughter, Constance Basso and her husband Silvio of Vero Beach, FL, as well as his granddaughters Krista and Jenna Bayer.

Services for Ross will be held on Wednesday, August 7th from 5pm-8pm at the Crescent Shrine, 700 Highland Dr. Westampton, NJ. Masonic services for Ross will be held at 7pm. Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family. In Lieu of flowers, donations in Ross's name can be made to the [Shriner's Hospital for Children](#), 3551 N Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19140. Services are under the care of Pepler Funeral Home, Bordentown.



**Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson, PSP  
Treasurer**

Greetings!

I have made the transition over to treasurer successfully! As treasurer some things that I did as secretary moved with me: all checks, donations, per-capita payments, and fee payments should be directed to me at the 11404 W Olive Dr., Avondale AZ 85392-4210 address as in the past. I am still handling all merchandise orders as in the past.

As with any major change in officers it will take time for the new secretary Tom Bachochin [secretary@high12.org](mailto:secretary@high12.org) and 623.239.6170 to 'come up to speed' with his duties.

The HTI website homepage has been updated with a few convention pictures in a slide show. To view the larger group of photos click on the YouTube link. Additionally, there is a link to the two Wolcott Foundation speakers that addressed the convention at the Saturday luncheon. Please take a few minutes and listen to these excellent examples of what YOUR foundation is doing.

As a result of attempts of 'evil doers' the association and club information pages we 'locked' and the only way you can see those pages along with the membership directory is to log into the website - upper right corner of any page. If you forgot your password just click on 'forgot password' and you will receive an email to set a new password. There must be an email attached to your membership record for you to login to the website.

As webmaster I am doing a snail mail mailing to all club secretary's requesting email addresses for those members we don't have an address for AND to update those email addresses that are no longer valid. We realize that there are members that do not do email and that is okay. For those members their membership record will be updated with that information. **Secretary's please take the time to complete this task and not set it aside for any reason - you have the responsibility to do this!** This mailing went out in the mail 8/12/19. After this process is completed, the adds/changes need to be included in your Monthly Online Report. Questions? contact me by email [treasurer@high12.org](mailto:treasurer@high12.org) or give me a call at 623.760.6147.

There were three clubs that had all members with email and no errors:

- 092 - Shreveport - Al Simms, Jr., Secretary
- 685 - Tejas - Roger Hopkins, Secretary
- 703 - Cochise Masonic - Andy Anderson, Secretary
- 761 - San Gorgonio Pass - Jim Lugenbeel, Secretary

Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson, Treasurer

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In many ways there are vast similarities between High 12, Kiwanis, Rotary & Lions. The majority of the clubs welcome women as well as men to attend. They generally all say the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of our country and a prayer. They all have charities they support. Separate from the meetings, they have social functions. What is the point? We can learn much from each other.

Many of our High 12 members are also members of: Kiwanis, Rotary & Lions. Those other organizations have many great programs and events. Whether it be community service projects or just how to recruit and keep members, share these ideas with your High 12 Club.

I have been a Kiwanian for 44 years and a Mason for 37 years. I have learned much from both organizations, as well as other organizations that I belong to.

A small tip I learned: If there is a good member who knows some people he would like invite to High 12, but he is too shy to ask; have one of the more out-going brothers go with him on the "ask someone to join mission".

What tips do you have that you can share with your club?

Respectfully submitted,  
**John Peter Curielli, 2nd Vice President**  
Illinois High 12

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### **Thank you for opportunity to serve High Twelve Int'l**

My name is Eric Klienbach; born and raised in Philadelphia, PA and South Jersey. I am married with 3 children. Became a United States Marine in 1983. Became a Mason in 2001, Helped Charter Lake Sumter Chapter of DeMolay in 2004. I am currently the Worshipful Master of Umatilla No. 65 in Umatilla Florida, President of Central Florida High 12 No. 547 and 2nd Vice President for The Florida State High Twelve Association. Additionally, I am very active in York Rite; current Grand Eminent Sentinel for Florida Grand Commandery, DDGIM for the Grand Council of Florida Royal & Select Masters and a Past DDGHP for Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. I serve as an Advisor for both DeMolay (Lake Sumter Chapter 10006) and Rainbow (Mount Dora Assembly 79) all my Children were active in Masonic youth (the future of our fraternity, my youngest was recently elected Florida DeMolay State Sweetheart in addition to being both the current Grand Representative Liaison for Florida Grand Assembly and Worthy Advisor for Mt. Dora Rainbow Assembly No. 79. If I can be

of service, please call on me. Thank you to President Jonathan Dilley for providing me the opportunity to serve and to Merv Harris for recommending for this position of honor.

Respectfully,

**Eric Klienbach**

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### **Greetings My Fellow High Twelvians:**

The summer months have been hot, humid and of course our daily rain showers. I have had a busy schedule as State President of Florida's High-12 Association. I attended the Grand Assembly of Amaranth. Lady Ceal Hemphill as just started her journey in the Grand Line. Congratulation Lady Ceal. We wish you much success in your journey. Meet a lot of great people. Shortly after that we had the Grand Lodge of Florida. The State Association had a High Twelve information table again this year. The team of RW Bob Cunningham, State President; Worshipful Michael Hemphill, PSP, State Secretary and Worshipful. Thomas Clark, Orlando 435 and RW Bob Morrow, Orlando 435 with assistance of WM Eric, Klienbach, State 2nd VP and Bro. Chris Davis State 3rd VP manned the table. We answered many questions. We have our work cut out for us. Most did not know of high-12. We soon corrected that. We passed out petitions and several New Club starter kit.

Our club in Tallahassee will be going dark for a while to reorganize and rejuvenate. We have the possibility of clubs forming in Ft Meyers, Vero Beach, Titusville and Jacksonville. Let's not count our possible new clubs until they officially get chartered. However, it sure is nice to see this happening.

Next I went to the Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly, Lady Ceal Hemphill was there also. It was a great occasion and the Rainbow girls did a fantastic Parade of Flags. Next was the DeMolay State Conclave.

Several Brothers from my district where also present. They left with a petition for High-12. My second VP WM Eric Klienbach was also present. Let's all congratulate Natasha Klienbach for being elected Florida DeMolay State Sweetheart. Congratulations are in order to you. Great Job. The DeMolay young men had an organized opening, and well presented. I was able to give my High-12 speech. After attending both Rainbow and DeMolay. I am impressed with the skills these you men and young ladies are gaining. Visit our youth groups meetings you will not regret it. Let's give them all our support. Also do not forget the The Jobs Daughter, too. In these trying times it's good that our masonic youth group instill Masonic Values, as they are truly our future.

WM Erick Klienbach has accepted the additional duty of compiling our

newsletter. Congratulations on this. I challenge each club President and Secretary in submitting an article on their club for publication

Always have a petition for High-12 with you. Your club secretary has some.

Keep safe and be alert in your travels.

Sincerely and fraternally,

**RW Robert (Bob) T Cunningham, Sr.**

FL State President,

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**Village's Masonic High Twelve Club #674:** Like many of the other High Twelve Clubs around the world, our Club is Dark for the months of July and August. For the last 28 years the club has held a picnic and had entertainment during the summer, but it was becoming difficult to find members willing to do the planning and preparing, so we dropped the picnic.

At that point our Chaplain volunteered to have a waffle and ice cream function at his home. Well, wouldn't you know the idea grew and grew? His wife decided to make it a wonder bust and had pulled pork, turkey and beef sandwiches, plus roasted vegetable, soda, tea, coffee and tea and other items too numerous to mention. Then she proceeded to make the outstanding waffles for us and had several flavors of Ice cream to go with it, plus chocolate syrup and M&M sprinkles. What a great function! Our thanks go to the Chaplain Revered Ted Nace and his Lady Kathy for an enjoyable event.

There were approximately 20 people in attendance and what a great time we all had just sitting and visiting. It reminded us that if you want the members and ladies to really get acquainted, this is the type function to have.

When I say sitting and visiting, I really should have said after the ladies assisted with the lunch, we all visited.

The club will start their regular meetings in September and will have their short meeting and then entertainment. Sure, looking forward to getting started again. If you are ever in The Villages or surrounding area, please join us at one of our meetings. We meet on the first Wednesday at 11:00 am at the Orange Blossom Country Club Restaurant in the Historical Section of The Villages.

Just contact any of the officers or Merv Harris, Secretary/Treasurer and we will give you specific directions.

Happy New Year to your club and we hope to see you in the future. Remember to visit us if you are in Florida in the future.

Fraternally,  
**Merv Harris, PIP**

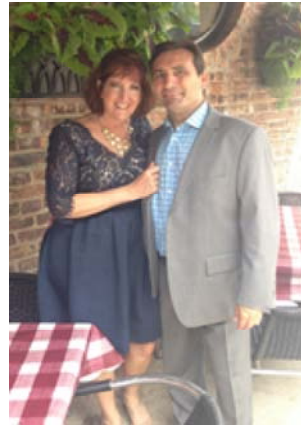
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**Mark D. Nokes, PSP**  
**High Twelve International, Inc.**  
**International 3rd Vice President**

It has been a busy 60 days since I was elected to the International Line of Officers as 3rd Vice President at the Annual Convention in June. International President Joseph Santisteban (now past President) appointed Lisa (my spouse) and I to be his co- chairman for this convention. Also, a very

special thank you to John Peter and Cathy Curielli for their guidance and wonderful gifts for the attendees. The convention was held at the Valley of Chicago Scottish Rite. We could not have asked for a better host facility. The members enjoyed a Chicago Architectural Tour followed by a private luncheon at Club Lucky. Thank you to RW Brother Tom Kleiner for the wonderful food and hospitality (especially the home-made Tiramisu).



While at the International Convention with the help of President Santisteban and Secretary Hokerk-Robinson Illinois chartered a new club: South Suburban Illinois Masonic High 12 Club No. 783. They are in the south suburbs of Chicago. Their President Cornel Darden, Jr. is extremely excited with this opportunity to build a new club while strengthening masonic relationships and build a "Family" atmosphere.

Additionally, I just completed my term as Illinois State President. Lisa and I thank you for all support the last year. We needed all your support since I was International Treasurer and State President simultaneously.

Please welcome our new International Secretary Thomas Bachochin and International Treasurer Kevin Hokerk-Robinson (not new, just new position). When you have the opportunity to see them or visit by phone or email thank them for everything, they do for High 12.

My travel schedule has me traveling to Ohio, Arizona and Colorado for their Annual Conventions in the next 60 days. Looking forward to seeing old friends while meeting news ones.

Again, thank you for electing me to represent High Twelve International. Let me know how I can support your club or state association.

Fraternally yours,  
Mark D. Nokes, PSP 3rd VP

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*(From HTI website; officers)*



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