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# President's Message:

## International President James B. Parker, IV:



From the desk of your International President,

In the first three and a half months accomplishments are beginning to show progress. Your Executive Committee has had three successful monthly phone conference meetings. All were on board and participation was high. As the agenda was worked through, decisions and action items were set.

Our new website is up and running. It is truly transparent, with no change in address: [www.high12.org](http://www.high12.org)

- ◆ Plans to change direction with the long awaited database, are in process. We authorized the expenditure of a few dollars to up grade our website capability. These expenses are well within our agreed upon budget.
- ◆ Work is completed on the first round of International Bylaws and Club Uniform Bylaws. They are very readable without long study. The State Association Uniform Bylaws are almost ready for review at Mid-year.
- ◆ Now work begins replacing the Club Manual. This will take the form of a **“How To”** manual. When completed, it will be a very useful tool in the toolbox. The Club, State and International officer manuals will contain helpful hints on just how to do most anything the organization needs to accomplish. As always your thoughts and contributions to the text are welcome as well as necessary. I was taught, “Members support what they help to create.”

Travel is the heart of being your president. Getting around the world, have a High Twelve presence where you live and have fun is the goal. Immediately after Installation I was able to attend the three youth group annual meetings in Ohio. I have been a regular at all three as I passed through various organizations and was able to bring High Twelve greetings. As High Twelve has a focus on youth programs and their future well being, I hope all of you are doing the same in your jurisdictions.

Next stop was Washington DC. I can not begin to share how happy I was to be able to attend the AASR Southern Jurisdiction's Biannual meeting in Washington DC. Much of the joy came from having my Lady Barb be able to make the trip with me. Our hotel was just north of the city on 17th Street. The view of the city and the Washington Monument, on a clear day, was breath taking. Though driving in DC should come with some special training. Their streets run like spokes of a bicycle wheel from one focal point to another with north-south and east-west streets and avenues intermixed. One of my favorite stops is the Vietnam Wall. During our stay, I made opportunities to share High Twelve with other participants. This sharing was truly a highlight at the several luncheons,

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banquets and hallway encounters we attended. Never sitting with the same group, made sharing our "Masonic Rotary" easy and FUN! Business cards were exchanged and the knowledge that this was only the beginning of our friendships. I am beginning an introduction letter to be sent to all Grand Masters where ever dispersed. You will receive follow up as it arrives. I used the term "Masonic Rotary" because few Masons know what High Twelve is, but everyone knows what Rotary is. And a Masonic Rotary was the vision our founder Wally Wolcott had in starting High Twelve.

All Masonic meetings seem to take an inordinate amount of time with introductions and presentations. For those of us in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the AASR, we shared our 200th birthday with the rest of those assembled. 1813- 2013 was nice, but I got a view of the bigger picture when the opening statement we all have heard stated, "**The Mother Supreme Council of the World.**" There were 40+ Sovereign Grand Commanders and almost the same number of jurisdictional Most Worshipful Grand Masters in attendance from around the world. **Now that is a bigger picture.** Kind of like thinking the world is flat, only to discover that is not the case. What a eureka moment that was for me. There were about 100 dignitaries presented in less then 2 hours.

Traveling on: A usual stop is the Ohio Association where thoughts were shared and assisting Bro. Tom Bevington, PSP, PIP install the new officers was again a big treat. Plane travel is not near as much fun as it once was. But renewing old friendships and forming new ones makes the difficulty all worth while. Traveling brings the greatest of benefits.

The Arizona Annual meeting was truly a great event. The great results were a function of teamwork and execution. The hospitality would be impossible to beat. Talking with the members and listening to their ideas was wonderful. After sharing some of my vision and thought I was still asked to install their state officers and consecrating the newest club in Arizona was an extra treat. Bro. Sid LeLuan, PIP acted as Installing Marshal. Together we had fun and still got the job done in a fine manner.

October brought another well orchestrated Annual Meeting and State Convention. This time, it was the California Association of High Twelve Clubs. There were many friends I have traveled with who make there home in California. Assisting me install their officers were Bros. Malcolm White, Wolcott Foundation Chairman and Jerry Saville, 2<sup>nd</sup> International VP. We had a great time fixing all the problems in the world. I am so proud of the progress their Association has made for their future.

You will find information for our Mid-year in the pages of this official publication. Bro. Sid Leluan has been a great help in booking this event. The Plaza Hotel is on the end of Fremont Street, the original strip. Food, shopping and a good time are within feet of the front door. Look over the forms and be sure not to miss this great event in the life of High Twelve International and you.

Fraternally, Jim

## International 1st Vice President: Winton E. Hewitt



Brethren, I was with our International President, Jim Parker at Ohio's Annual Meeting for their Election and Installation of the State Officers for the year 2013 -2014.

The Meeting was held at the Browning Masonic Community Center in Waterville, Ohio. The Browning Center has just recently completed a major addition for the care of the residences in the center and we were able to take a tour of this new facility which is a great addition for Browning and its

residents.

The evening Banquet for the Installation of the new officers was well attended which included visiting Officers from Illinois, Indiana as well as Michigan. Ohio, Illinois and Michigan have a tradition that they make sure that they have a delegation in attendance for each State's installation. This makes for a close bond between these states that shows the true meaning of High Twelve.

I was able to make Ohio's Annual meeting last year and I must say that I received the same warm welcome again this year. Thanks once again Ohio.

I also crossed the river from Pennsylvania into New Jersey the other day to visit the Nelson W. Craig No. 73 Club of New Jersey. I had a very pleasant visit with my good friend, Joseph Sbaraglia who is their President this year. Joe told me that they always have the large attendance that I saw at their meetings. In fact, I think that there were at least four new members introduced. I was happy to see that I knew several of the members from this Club.

It's great to get out to the various club meetings to see how they are spreading the High Twelve spirit and having a great time over a good lunch.

I hope that all the clubs are using the latest tools that have been developed to go out to visit the various Masonic organizations to spread the word of High Twelve. I have found that there are a large number of brethren that still don't know about High Twelve and what we have to offer.

I would like to get a listing from all the 170 some High Twelve clubs which shows the number of different Masonic Lodges represented by each clubs members.

Using this list, I would task the Clubs to set up a committee to see that they present a High Twelve Program to each of the Masonic Lodges of its members during the year. This would require a little work on the member's part but I feel it would show results if it is done properly. I know that this has had a positive effect for the Scottish Rite members because they were able to sign up at least 5 members from my Lodge after their presentation. The results from these presentations at the local Lodges produced a class of 88 members for the fall Class of the Valley of Philadelphia.

We could see similar results if the Clubs follow thru on a set program that is

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tracked by the Clubs. We should not need to get the permission of the Masonic District Deputy to present our program since we are recognized by the Grand Lodge in the States where we have High Twelve Clubs.

More on this as the year goes on. Hope to see all at the Mid Year in Las Vegas, Nevada.

## **International 2nd Vice President: Jerry Saville**



Greetings to All. The California State H12 Annual Convention is now in the history books. I was honored to be part of the installing team along with our International President, Jim Parker, and PIP Merv Harris. Brother Jim served as the installing Officer and Brother Merv served as Chaplain. Merv came all the way from Florida, his 5th consecutive California H12 convention, to pray for us. The State Officers extend their thanks to Jim and Merv for making the trip from Ohio and Florida. The next California H12 Convention is scheduled

for 24-25 Oct 2014 in Bakersfield. Hope to see you at the convention next year.

While attending the California Annual Grand Lodge Communication last month, I met the Deputy Grand Master (Sam Roberts) from Washington State. During our conversation he expressed some interest in our great organization. He asked me to contact his Senior Grand Steward/Public Relations Committee for Washington. Since our immediate PIP Don Whistler was also contacted by a Brother in Washington, we forwarded H12 literature to these contacts in hope of working in Washington. We will keep you informed! By the way, it was also an honor to stand up for International H12 and be recognized by the California Grand Master last month.

During our Lodge stated meeting not long ago I counted the number of Lodge Officers that are also H12 members. That number is 10! Our Master is also our Local H12 Club President and State H12 Second VP. As our President would say "Go Fish"!

And finally, our Mid Year conference in Vegas is only a couple of months away. As I mentioned in a previous article there's "something there for everyone". I hope you will join us!



The image to the left is called a QR Code - a matrix barcode readable by QR scanners and smart phones. If you scan this code with your smart phone (a free app is needed) you will be taken to the International web site (yes, we are tracking the number of visits!). Expect to see this 'code' on all promotional materials going forward!

## **International 3rd Vice President: Richard A. Kessler**

Greetings from the Great State of Arizona and your International Third Vice-President and AZ State President for 2012-2013. We are doing just fine. Our State Convention was a huge success. We had a total of fifty people attending at one time or another. Some could not stay for the whole day's doings at our one-day Convention. Those that did stay said it was one of the best Conventions they had attended in quite some time. We were very fortunate to realize a nice profit for our Club and our State Organization.

We had the honor of having International President James B. Parker, IV; Past International President Sidney J. Leluan, III; International Third Vice-President Richard A. Kessler and International Secretary Kevin L. Hokerk, PSP as our guests. There were also a large group of Past State Presidents, Past Club Presidents and many other notables present. After the opening ceremony, Brother Parker instituted the NEW CLUB Old Pubelo No. 773, and installed their Officers. Brother Hokerk presented the Charter Members the pins to the Officers and Charter Members present. Brother Kessler presented the Charter Member Certificates to those Brothers in attendance.

Then we broke for lunch. The meal was fantastic and enjoyed by all. A spirited talk was given by Job's Daughters Queen Sarah Naessig and equally as well by the Rainbow Girls Maddison Sherman. They were each presented with a check by Brother Rich to help with their plans for the coming year.

After the lunch and presentations were over, we resumed the meeting. We took care of any business to come before the meeting and held the Election of Officers for 2013-2014. Walter H. Williams was elected Arizona State President. He is from Sahuaro Club No. 523 in Tucson. A full slate of Officers was then elected to the positions available for election. President Elect Walter would appoint the balance of the Officer Line after being formally sworn into Office.

After all business was taken care of, we broke for the annual Banquet. All meals were made by the Southern Star Chapter #71 Order of Eastern Star Ladies. They did all the planning, cooking and serving of the delicious Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings. Brother Kessler made all the introductions of all the notable Brothers present, asked all to give the Star Ladies and their helpers a big round of applause for their efforts in handling of the food and its preparation. He then introduced the Ladies of his Harem and several friends from our Sister Organization, the Grotto, who had attended the banquet in his honor. He gave a short talk pertaining to the membership of High Twelve and announced that they were working already on hopefully two NEW CLUBS in Arizona during the coming year.

After the banquet, the Ladies and guests were invited into the Lodge room for the Installation of Officers for 2013-2014. State President Rich discharged the officers of 2012-2013, presenting them with Certificates of Appreciation and a gift. He also presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Blue Lodge, the Eastern Star Ladies, his Wife, Bebie, for her help in making his year an out-

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standing one, to his daughter, Michele, who made the two cakes for desert at the banquet and last but not least to Jackie DeHart who served as his phone contact person and general all round helper during his year as President. Michele's cakes were decorated with our Logo and in the colors of High Twelve.

A great time was had by all.

## International Secretary: Kevin L. Hokerk

1. **Everyone**...take a moment to look at the back cover, I'll wait...above your name on the left, first number is your membership ID, next is your state association, then the primary club you are a member of. Then look at your name and address. I'll wait ... If any of this information is incorrect let your club secretary know or this office.
2. **Club Secretaries** you should be using the F-200 Monthly Report, *monthly*. The reasons are several fold - to keep addresses up to date, club officers changes, donations made, membership changes (add/drops/reinstates/address changes) and the split between Regular Members and Masonic Home Members. My brothers, it may take a few months to get use to doing this but it will become a habit after your last meeting of the month. Send them into your Association Secretary who will update his records and forward them to me. This document keeps the information about your club current including the website. Please do not neglect this important task that needs to be done monthly.
3. **All Secretaries**: There will be a EIN validation that you will receive via your association secretary buy the time you receive this edition. There is a due date on it of **12/31/13**. The group exemption update has to be filed with the IRS by 1/28/14 and I need the time for follow-up on questions, non responders etc.
4. **All Secretaries or Treasurer's**: All associations and clubs are required by the IRS to file the 990-N ePostcard annually, are you current?
5. Two thirds of clubs have not adopted the Uniform Club Bylaws yet - has your club? All clubs received a hard copy in the mail in August. The document can also be downloaded from the website. You will receive your approved copy back by US Mail promptly!
6. This office is pleased to continue to supply your new member, guest speaker and presentation certificates along with the other items available on the web site for your club and member needs.
7. Have you looked at the International website? If not please do! There is a lot of useful information there—look closely at the Reference Tab information.



It continues to be a pleasure to serve you as International Secretary. If you have any questions or concerns please give me a phone call, Skype video call or email.



## Wolcott Foundation News:



By Malcom S. White, Chairman, The Wolcott Foundation:

Do remember that the Wolcott Program, designed to produce BETTER government workers – NO, NOT POLITICIANS! We are all aware of the sound and fury emanating from the Washington, D.C. Politicians, doing everything that they can to better their own condition and ignoring the will and need of the People! Via the Wolcott Program we have

the opportunity to help produce government SERVICE people who will better the condition of this country.

I have previously alluded to the price of a Starbucks Latte Mucho, or whatever it may be called, as a possible minimum monthly or weekly contribution to the Little Red School House at your next Club meeting. Just the other day I became aware of a person purchasing a package of cigarettes - \$7.00! Now to all of my friends who smoke, consider NOT buying one pack a week or month – what it would do for your health, and for the health of our Country, were that money to be deposited into the LRSB instead of into the nearby cash register!

It is indeed irksome to be continually harangued for donations and contributions; I understand and sympathize – it happens to us, too, BUT, again consider all of the smoke and noise coming out of Washington, D.C., and to me it seems that now, more than ever before, the need for dedicated, productive government service workers is at an all time high. YOU can affect this need by your continued and continuing support of Your Wolcott Program.

I hear, directly and indirectly, things like this; “that as a member of High Twelve, I do not know where the money I contribute goes or what it does; and I don’t like to give money to something or somewhere that I know nothing about.” So be it! But that person cannot be unaware of the plethora of information existent about YOUR Wolcott Program – certainly it is mentioned at Club Meetings, State Conventions and the International Conventions, in Brother Harris’s Monthly Update, in THE HOUR, and many other publications Masonic oriented. Speakers are available via your Wolcott Representative or Zone Trustee.

Regretfully, it is not possible to provide a real live Wolcott Fellow to be at your Club meeting, but their message is available to you in varied forms – see your Wolcott Representative. A number of State Associations will have a Wolcott Fellow as a speaker at their Conventions – have you attended one to hear them speak? If not, you have missed an electric experience.

I do wish that it were possible for each one of you to hear the messages from your current Wolcott Fellows (those still at academic work) or your Senior Wolcott Fellows (those graduated and at work in their chosen discipline, and in some cases retired). It is near a religious experience! What a remarkable group of young, and in the case of the senior fellows, not so young people, and what they are doing and have done, in service to our Country.

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**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

Pursuant to the International Bylaws Adopted June 15, 2013; Article III - Administration; Section 1 - International Governing Board; Meetings: Regular—*The Governing Board shall hold two regular meeting in each calendar year, the annual convention and the mid-year meeting held as nearly as possible midway between annual conventions.*

**The Mid-Year Governing Board Meeting will be held on Monday, January 20, 2014 at the Plaza Hotel & Casino Las Vegas, Nevada. The Governing board shall consider and act upon all business properly brought to the floor.**

The administrative body of High Twelve International shall be the International Governing Board. It shall consist of the officer's of High Twelve International, Inc. together with the President of each State or Multi-State Association or an alternate person, designated by him in writing, who shall serve for the term of such officer.

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Warren Bolten, one time Wolcott Treasurer, closed all of his communications with; "SEND MONEY!" So, I too, on behalf of better, and improved government service workers provided via YOUR Wolcott Program, ask you to: "SEND THE MONEY" God Bless the USA, and each one of you, and all whom you hold dear.

**Immediate Past President: Donald M. Whistler**



International Past President, Donald M. Whistler: When I stepped down as President, I picked up the responsibility as Chairman of Club Expansion from Past President Merv Harris. This position is responsible for follow up on inquiries received by our International Secretary Kevin Hokerk from Brothers asking about starting new clubs. In addition, I want to contact the Grand Lodges of the states where we currently do not have High Twelve Clubs. The purpose of this article is to provide you with a status report on these efforts to date.

**States:** The first Grand Lodge which I contacted was Alabama. I talked with Grand Secretary Jerry Underwood. He told me that there had been High Twelve Clubs in Alabama years ago but that they just faded away over time. In fact, he said that some of the Lodges still have High Twelve plaques hanging on their walls. Jerry said he did not believe that there would be any reason why a new club could not be started there if a group of Brothers wanted to start one. He

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said that they should write a letter to the Grand Lodge asking for permission to do it.

**Nevada:** Mike Clark, Past State President of the Michigan State Association and Wolcott Trustee, met Brother Robert Taylor, Secretary for the Scottish Rite Valley of Las Vegas, when he was a guest of the Furniture City High Twelve Club No. 236 in Grand Rapids, MI. Mike said that Robert enjoyed the luncheon and program and expressed interest in learning more about High Twelve. Mike told him that we will be having our Mid-Year Meeting in Las Vegas in January. Mike sent an email to Kevin Hokerk about meeting Robert and Kevin forwarded it to me. I talked with Robert and had a very nice conversation with him. He indicated that no one in his area knows anything about High Twelve. He also said that he would come to our Mid-Year Meeting and would bring some of his contacts from the Grand Lodge with him. I followed up our conversation with a letter to him and include information on High Twelve and the Wolcott Foundation. I plan to call him the week before the Mid-Year Meeting and learn if we can schedule a time on Monday, January 20th for them to visit with us.

**Washington State:** This is an interesting one! In early October, I talked with Brother Paul Waadevig, who is a District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington. He is very interested in High Twelve and is trying to get other Brothers interested in it. He did say that things are in a state of transition at this time but that he will pick up the effort when he finishes his term as District Deputy in a little more than a year. I followed up our conversation by emailing Paul some High Twelve information. At almost the same time, Jerry Saville, Second Vice President of High Twelve International, was attending the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California and met Washington State's Deputy Grand Master, Sam Roberts. Sam also expressed interest in High Twelve. He told Jerry to contact the Chairman of his Public Relations Committee, Steve Pennington. Jerry emailed Brother Pennington, introduced himself, told him of his discussion with Sam Roberts and attached information about High Twelve. Now we need to keep in contact and follow up until we have clubs in Washington State again.

**Cubs:** I talked with Brother Raymond Kozor, who lives in **Maricopa, AZ**, and who expressed interest in High Twelve. I learned that Raymond lives within driving distance of Kevin Hokerk's club, West Valley Masonic High Twelve Club No 605. After talking with Kevin, I forwarded a copy of the club's meeting notice to Raymond and told him that Kevin would be happy to have him as a guest for a meeting and gave him Kevin's telephone number. We will follow up with Raymond.

One of the names which Merv Harris turned over to me is Brother Cory Hunt who lives in **Charlotte, NC**. I talked with Cory and thought that he seemed very interested in High Twelve. We had a general discussion and he said that he would be seeing the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina at a Masonic function the coming weekend and would discuss it with him. I tried to

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call the Grand Lodge office a number of times but kept getting a recorded message that they were either out of the office or on another call. I have since made two calls to Cory and have left messages for him but have not received a return call from him. I am going to continue to try to reach the Grand Lodge office until I do talk with the Grand Secretary.

I have initiated communications with two more Brothers. One is in Newport News, Virginia and the other one is in Littleton, ME. I will report on them in a future article.

Finally, if anyone one has any contact with any of these prospects for club development or other prospects, please contact Kevin Hokerk or me.

### **Article submitted by Senior Fellow, George Washington University Alumni Phyllis M. Chestang, MBA, PhD Management Decision Sciences Candidate, Adjunct Faculty**

As a recipient of the Wolcott Foundation Fellowship, I completed my MBA in International Business & Finance and graduated early from George Washington University in Washington, DC. I have kept my promise to perform 'government' service according to my principles.

The Fellowship opened doors and permitted a career in government service as a US Foreign Service Officer (FSO) for the US Agency for International Development (USAID)/US Department of State, International Business Specialist for the US Department of Commerce, providing statistical analysis for the US Trade Representatives during the Tokyo round of trade negotiations representing automobiles, textiles, steel, agriculture, etc. US industries requested protection from foreign imports in the International arena.

The fellowship opened doors and gave me a lifetime of professional contacts that supported my growth personally and professionally. The Wolcott Fellowship also has provided an opportunity to mentor students (K-12) and at the university as they pursue their education and career goals. I host students from UCLA each year at the "Dinner for 12 strangers". I have presented to students at Mt. Sac College regarding 'Non-Traditional Accounting Careers'. I am currently teaching Macroeconomics, and completed teaching finance courses at three international universities.

I have been active volunteer - supporting voter/polling activities in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. I also, provide professional financial advisory services including local, state, county and federal transportation related audits. I have worked for KPMG and PriceWaterHouseCoopers.

The MBA credential and certification (candidacy) as a professional accountant gave me an opportunity to work on compliance audits of 89 jurisdictional transit contracts. The Wolcott Fellowship allowed career options as a federal disaster assistance financial consultant for over twenty years including providing finan-

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cial advisory services for the \$1 Billion Community Disaster Infrastructure Lending program (CDL) for the recent hurricane recovery efforts. I recently presented at a university research symposium on my biostatistics research supporting hip & knee replacement surgery investigations, "Innovations in Math & Statistics". I also collaborate with Caltech at their monthly "Entrepreneurs Forum" in science and technology.

I have been a docent for the City of Pasadena's, "Art Night" providing special access (mobility challenged passengers) to visitors who love art museums, dance venues, music/symphony performances twice per year - at no charge. The City normally has over 18,000 visitors.

I was recently considered to work on a Metro link/SCRRRA forensic fraud related audit to trace approx. \$50-\$60 million so far unreconciled by their system. The Wolcott Fellowship has helped me answer these questions, "Where's the Money?" as an auditor, financial analyst, and supervisor/mentor/educator.

I am an active supporter and member of the Pasadena Senior Center. I provide training in collaboration with Kaiser Permanente to prevent severe injuries from falls and imbalance titled, "A Matter of Balance". Your fellowship has fueled and financed all of these public-private partnerships and community service at a professional level.

I began working my way through college at UCLA as an airline employee. I took an educational leave of absence to complete my MBA, and then continued my work in the aerospace industry with Boeing/McDonnell-Douglas, TRW, Inc. and Jet Propulsion Laboratory/Caltech. The fellowship funding fueled my graduate and continuing education including completion of two years of law school, over 3,000 hours of professional continuing education and now, PhD in Management and Decision Sciences. I have worked as an on-call educator for over twenty years, provided financial advisory services, ensured that my son completed college and also, served in local/city government. I have worked with C-level executives and all levels within organizations.

Thank-you gentlemen for the 'gift that keeps on giving.' Sincerely, Phyllis M. Chestang, MBA, PhD

**International Website:** [www.high12.org](http://www.high12.org)

A place to find out:

- ◆ State officer contacts
- ◆ Club meeting location, times and club officer contacts
- ◆ Events - Association meetings, club/special events
- ◆ Useful information for association and club secretaries
- ◆ Wolcott Foundation information
- ◆ High Twelve jewelry
- ◆ Subscribe to the Monthly Newsletter

## Association and Club Happenings

### DOWNTOWN LOUISVILLE HIGH TWELVE CLUB #105 - KY



On Nov. 1st it was our pride and pleasure to have the new Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of KY, Richard T. Nation, as our guest speaker.

He outlined his program and goals for the forthcoming year to promote and improve Masonry in Kentucky. He stressed the program "Masonry Matters" and the obligations of all "Masons Helping Mason", to aid and assist

all wives, widows, orphans and members of the fraternity. He covered proposed change in ritual rules and regulations subject to approval of individual lodges. A Veteran's program is being activated for Masons to support all those who have served. His presentation was well received by all present.

Included in the audience was a delegation from Ohio which included Int'l Treas. Rollin Furnas, PIP Tom Bevington, Robert A. Barnhart and Bill McMann. We were honored to welcome Bro. Furnas as our newest member of Downtown #105.

At the end of our meeting Pres. John A. Cauley presented Grand Master Nation an honorary membership in International High Twelve and the Downtown club which he expressed his thanks to the club for this honor. We hope the Bro. Na-

### ARNOLD PAGE HIGH TWELVE CLUB #298 - UK

This High Twelve year is quickly coming to an end after one of the best summers that we have seen in a few years. Our annual Club BBQ at the Santon Downham Village Hall, was a great success with 37 attending. After the meal President David Hedges greeted everyone and said how it was really great to have members from the First Essex #729 Club and hoped that we could return the visit in the future. President David Hedges then proceeded to present Travelling Scrolls to President George Mann, PP John James and Bro. Will Fulford who were accompanied by their Ladies. Afterwards a raffle was held raising a total of £139.00 pounds or (\$214.00) for our Charity Funds which will be distributed in December of this year.

Our annual Cromer Lunch/Theatre outing was again a great success with a 20 in attendance. Although dry, this being the England, a very dense sea mist managed to make the day somewhat overcast.

Traditionally, the Arnold Page Club honours the patience and support that our ladies give to our endeavours by putting on a Dinner or Lunch. This year a

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Roger Stabley, Secretary #668 PA  
Darrell Russell, Secretary #298 UK

Luncheon was held at the Wentworth Hotel, located in Aldeburgh, Suffolk on the Coast of East Anglia which has been run by the same family since 1923. At one time Aldeburgh was a very important ship building port but due to silting of the River Alde this has gone and is now a very popular tourist and holiday site. The oldest building in Aldeburgh, Moot Hall, houses the local museum and is still used for council meetings and dates from the first half of the 15<sup>th</sup> Century. Toasts were presented to President David Hedges and his Lady Julie. Bro. Roger Stabley, Secretary of First Capital H12 Club #668 of York, Pennsylvania, was introduced and welcomed by all the members. Roger had made a supreme effort to come to the lunch while traveling in the UK. The President was pleased to present a Traveling Scroll to Roger who then entertained the members with a few words and thanked everyone for their hospitality.

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## **OHIO ASSOCIATION OF HIGH TWELVE CLUBS**

Ohio held its 64th Annual Convention at The Browning Masonic Community in Waterville, Ohio on Saturday, September 28, 2013.

In attendance were International President - James B. Parker IV, First International Vice President - Winton E. Hewitt, International Treasurer - Rollin Furnas (Ohio State President). Also there were Representatives from Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

President Rollin Furnas presented The High Twelvan of The year for 2012 to Past State President Robert A. Barnhart. He then presented Robert N. Sears The High Twelvan of the year for 2013. Other awards were then passed out by Brother Furnas who had served the State of Ohio as State President for two years.

The officers for 2013-14 are as follows, President - J. Thomas Foor, First Vice

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President - Victor C. Russo, Second Vice President - George E. Brainard, Treasurer - Robert A. Barnhart PSP, Secretary - Gary A. La Roche PSP, State Chaplain - Robert N. Sears, State Parliamentarian - Thomas S. Bevington PIP, Sargent-At-Arms David W. De Moss, Historian - Richard Snow PSP, State Associate Chaplain - Charles Ottney, Credentials - Robert A. Barnhart PSP.

A BIG thank you goes out to Rollin Furnas and Ken Hershberger.

## CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF HIGH TWELVE CLUBS

A personal note of thanks to our International President, Brother Jim Parker, for making the trip from Ohio to speak to our California H12 member and serving as our Convention Installing Officer - great job Jim. Also thanks to Merv & Pat Harris, for making their 5th consecutive trip to the California State H12 convention and serving as the Convention Chaplain - great job as Chaplain for the Memorial and Installing Chaplain. And to our Convention Chair, Brother Bob Moss and his daughter Bonnie, SUPER job and many thanks. Also Bob, thanks for volunteering to serve as the State H12 Convention Chair in 2014. Submitted by Jerry Saville.



The quartet, **Four Goodness Sake**, (left to right) are Linda Stivers (Baritone), Judy Saville (Lead), Ann Layton (Bass) and Bernie Anderson (Tenor), with Adam Buttons (left picture) and with Cleveland Valrey (right picture).

## 2013-2014 CA Association Officers and their Ladies





## CHESTNUT HILL HIGH TWELVE CLUBS #50 - PA



On July 11, 2013 a High Twelve Award of Merit was presented to Dr. Timothy G. Reekie M.D., Medical Director at the Masonic Village, Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania. Brother Reekie, pictured at right, belongs to Friendship-Williams Lodge No. 400, Jenkintown, PA and also to Chestnut Hill High Twelve Club No. 50, which meets at the Lafayette Hill Village. Ellis Adams, Past President of Club No. 50, was the presenter. The award citation states, "This certificate is awarded to Bro. Timothy G. Reekie M.D. in recognition of val-

uable contributions to the health and well being of the residents of the Lafayette Hill Masonic Village".

## ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF HIGH TWELVE CLUBS



The IL Association held their 68th Annual Convention August 9-10, 2014. The following is a group shot of the State Officers for 2013-14.

**Message from Merv Harris, PIP, Editor, Monthly Update:** Brethren, We want to thank you for submitting your articles & photos on events and happenings in your Club and Associations to the Monthly Update. Without your great articles on Installations, entertainment, Awards presented and trips and picnics, we could not have a monthly newsletter dedicated exclusively to High Twelve.

We hope you enjoy the articles submitted by the Senior Wolcott Fellows and those submitted on a monthly basis by the Wolcott Foundation Zone Trustees. We have only a limited way to get the word out to our members and it really is important you know what is being done with your Wolcott Program.

Thank you once again for your support to the High Twelve Monthly Update. We would appreciate receiving your article and photos by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please send to Merv Harris at [mjghi12@centurylink.net](mailto:mjghi12@centurylink.net).



## High Twelve International Governing Board Meeting

### Plaza Hotel & Casino

1 Main Street

Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

January 19 through January 21, 2014

Plaza Hotel Reservations are made through the International Office, do not contact the hotel! Rates are \$30/night weekdays and \$55/night weekends. Room rates are valid January 18-22, 2014. **High Twelve rate cut-off is January 15, 2013**. After this date regular hotel rates may apply.

You will need to provide your name, address, contact phone, email address, date of birth, arrival & departure dates, 1 or 2 beds, smoking/non-smoking room and if you are a Royal Rewards Player Club Member on the registration form on the next page. *If special room requirements are needed please include that information with the registration or contact the International Office.*

Meals will be “on your own” as there are many restaurants conveniently available.

Complete the registration form, include the member registration fee of \$25.00 payable to High Twelve International and mail to:

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Avondale AZ 85392-4210  
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Email: [secretary@high12.org](mailto:secretary@high12.org)

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High Twelve International ~ Governing Board Meeting

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1 Main Street

Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

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Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Will your lady be attending? Yes \_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Lady's: \_\_\_\_\_

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Royal Rewards Player Club Member? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\$25.00 Registration Fee Enclosed, Check # \_\_\_\_\_**

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