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# President's Message:

## International President James B. Parker, IV:



From the desk of your International President,

Dear High Twelvian's, Our 2014 International Convention is set for the Heart of Ohio. Dates: Friday June 27<sup>th</sup> gathering at the hotel with the Annual meeting Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>. Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> has been reserved for Church and continuing our meeting if necessary. Two days before and two days following the Convention will be yours to sight see and shop in Southwestern Ohio. There is Cincinnati, Columbus and Dayton all within an hour. A great list of sights will be published on our world class website [www.high12.org](http://www.high12.org). A few of the possibilities include the Air Force Museum and several historical sites featuring pioneers and Indian Nations. I suggest if you are flying in that you rent a car so you can go at your leisure to the sites and several shopping areas of your choice. The room rate is an unheard of \$69.00 + tax per night at the Quality Inn and Conference Center, 383 E. Leffel Lane, Springfield, Ohio 45505. Phone 937-323-8631. Our meetings will all be at the Ohio Masonic Home where first class sit down meals will be \$15.00 to \$20.00. Being the type of facility it is, any special diet needs will be just something they do daily.

A little up-date of the year so far. What a wonderful time my Lady Barb and I have had in our service to High Twelve International. Traveling these United States, meeting with our members and in general enjoying each other's company has been a real treat.

Our Mid-Year meeting in Las Vegas was a great success to say the least. With the generous assistance of Brother Sid LeLuan, PIP and the Plaza Hotel and Casino management and staff made this a great venue for our meetings and FUN. Anything we needed was quickly supplied. As always it is not the few glitches that make the adventure, but the skill with which matters are handled makes or breaks a meeting. Our hospitality suite was well stocked, and busy with many conversations and just enjoying each other's company.

Our Mid-Year meeting moved swiftly through the agenda, no one fell asleep. Our Brother Jon Silver Feather, International Chaplain did his usual great job asking for the blessings of God, that our efforts would prove useful in the advancement of High Twelve.

As a result of the information shared, there were several jurisdictions and a

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half dozen Clubs identified with special needs. To address those needs High Twelve was divided up amongst the Officer to help get feedback and understand the needs of our membership. Each officer is to be in contact with the State Association where they exist, to develop and improve our overall service and membership. Calls or other contacts are intended to focus on the special needs of specific Clubs, and also help the Association roll out our new membership drive.

The video and focus points are to aid Club members in seeking out potential members from around their community. Also, developing great programs where the need exists.

February saw travel to Masonic Week in Washington, DC and the Conference of Grand Master's in Baltimore, MD. At Masonic Week, I found about 75 Brothers I already knew from around the world. Just proves the point, a Mason can't be naughty anywhere. Not saying that I wanted to be, just making the observation. Last year's General Council, Matthew Dupee was the head of AMD and he saw to it that your President had every opportunity to let High Twelve shine.

Our booth, at the Conference of Grand Master's was very well received and I believe we should continue to attend. Winton and I met and spoke with dozens of men who were interested in the High Twelve mission and our Philanthropy.

As I type, Barb and I are again in Washington DC with the Wolcott Foundation Trustees. We spent the evening listening and sharing with the Alumni recipients of our Fellowships. We have some big challenges ahead getting all our Clubs to participate in our philanthropy, helping send the fabulous students to George Washington University.

I am looking forward to hosting all of those who read this epistle in Springfield, Ohio. We are going to have a great time. Fraternaly, Jim

**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

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



Welcome Brethren! President Jim Parker and I were in attendance at the Grand Masters Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. The Conference was from January 15 – 18, 2014. I was unable to stay for the entire Conference but found it to be quite interesting. We had our CD going and the Tri Folds out spreading the word of High Twelve International to those who stopped by to see what we were offering.

There are still a lot of Masons who do not know about High Twelve. We got their information and President Parker will see that they receive information from us. We each attended different breakout sessions where new ideas and suggestions were presented.

International President Parker has decided, that in an effort to have High Twelve International better serve the membership he has divided the States with State Associations and Independent Clubs into zones. Each of the Vice presidents has been assigned a zone of State Associations and/or Clubs that he is responsible for. The Vice presidents will not be making decisions for those Associations or Clubs but will be acting as an interface with them to answer any questions and give them help in resolving any problems that they have or of those that may arise. It is hoped that we will be able to get a better flow of information from and to High Twelve International and the Clubs. We believe that we now have a better understanding of High Twelve Internationals total Membership, but we are not there yet. That is, how many Members are Regular Members and how Members do we have residing at our various Masonic Villages and how many are dual members. This also helps in determining the proper distribution of the High Twelvian Magazine so that we don't have a large number of returned magazines. The Vice Presidents will be looking to the State Associations or Clubs to tell us **what you need from International** but we will also be asking you to supply International with the proper information it needs.

How is this all possible? It takes **everyone's co-operation** for the system to function as a well oiled machine. This is why the President has divided High Twelve International into Zones. We still have some Clubs who are not passing on the proper information to the State Association Secretaries and State Associations Secretaries that are not passing information to High Twelve International. There are those that feel International is not servicing the Associations and Clubs. That is the job assigned to the Zone managers to resolve these issues. **We need everyone to help on this matter.**

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The International Secretary has reported that the IRS has received the latest update of the subordinates (Associations & Clubs) included in the International group exemption and they have made the corrections that were listed. Kevin has requested an updated listing to verify that they have truly been made.

We are still working with the Tax Attorney and will keep you informed on this. He is addressing the liability issues if State Associations and Clubs do not file annual tax information returns (990 N E-Postcards).

I hope that everyone has received the news by now that the High Twelve International Secretary, Kevin Hokerk, will soon be supplying the clubs with dues cards for their Members. All the necessary information for the Member will be pre-printed so that all the Secretary needs to do is included the date the card was issued. It will also have the information printed on the side for the records of the Secretary. This will be offered at no cost to the Clubs. However, the member information will come from the Monthly Reports which emphasizes the importance of the State Associations and Clubs sending these reports on a regular basis to us.

## International 2nd Vice President: Jerry Saville



Greetings from the West (NO – not the SW).

A couple of nights ago we initiated two EA's and have three more in the queue. Once again I was reminded how fortunate we are to be Masons, and High Twelvians, and decided to drop a few names not to impress but to share a few names from the past.

Names like George Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Howard Taft, Warren Harding, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman and Gerald Ford. These Brothers certainly had something in common other than being Freemasons! Of these Past Presidents I'm sure you can name the only Past President that was not elected. He was also the only Past President that was a High Twelvian and received the International Founder's Award in 1975 – yep, none other than Brother Gerald Ford from the great State of Michigan.

LBJ received his first degree on October 30, 1937 but after receiving the degree

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he found that his congressional duties took so much time he was unable to pursue the masonic degrees.

While Ronald Reagan was not a Freemason he was an honorary member of the Imperial Council of the Shrine and on numerous occasions he was involved in Shrine and Masonic functions throughout this career.

While Abraham Lincoln was not a Freemason he did apply for membership in Tyrian Lodge, Springfield, Ill shortly after his nominations for the presidency in 1860 but withdrew the application because he felt that his applying for membership at that time might be construed as a political ruse to obtain votes. He advised the Lodge that he would resubmit his application again when he returned from the presidency. On his death Tyrian Lodge adopted, on April 17, 1865, a resolution to say "that the decision of President Lincoln to postpone his application for the honours of Freemasonry, lest his motives be misconstrued, is the highest degree honorable to his memory".

Of course all of the above information is online and books but it's always a great reminder of those who have gone before us.

International High Twelve Convention is only 3 months away. As you know, I hope, that the Convention is scheduled at the Masonic Home in Springfield, Ohio. I have visited both Masonic Homes in California and give thanks for these great Masonic benefits - "Masons taking care of Masons". We had a very disappointing turn out at Mid-Year in Vegas last January. Please consider attending the June Convention. It's your organization – join us to plan the "future" of our great organization.

## International Secretary: Kevin L. Hokerk



**Everyone...**take a moment to look at the back cover, I'll wait...above your name on the left, is your new membership ID (8-digits) followed by your home club number and name. Then look at your name and address. I'll wait ... If any of this information is incorrect let you club secretary know or this office.

**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

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doing this but it will soon 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.

**International Per-capita Statements** will go into the mail 5/1/14 to association secretaries and will be based on the March 2014 Monthly Report. Statements are due and payable upon receipt by club secretaries. As in the past regular members are \$10 and Masonic Home members are \$2.

**77** clubs have not adopted the Uniform Club Bylaws yet - has your club? All clubs received a hard copy in the mail in August 2013. The document can also be downloaded from the website. You will receive your approved copy back by US Mail promptly!

**Customized Dues Cards** are now available upon request. Pre-printed is the member name, club number/name, dues period covered and a secretary receipt stub for all members of record.

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.

**International Website** are you using it? If not please do! There is a lot of useful information there!

**Events Listing** on the website - please provide your association meetings/conventions and club special events so all who visit the site can see what is going on and have the current information and documents to attend.

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 or ooVoo video call or email.

## Wolcott Foundation News:



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

Following discussions occurring from 1946 to 1950, Dr. J. Wallace Forbes, a professor of Dentistry at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, had submitted a resolution changing the then 'Founders Fund' to 'The Wolcott Fund'.

The Wolcott Foundation Program, as we now know it, came into existence in 1951 as a result of a suggestion by Dr. Forbes, at the High Twelve International Convention in Chicago, to establish an annual scholarship in diplomacy and



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statesmanship in one of the few colleges or universities that offered such subjects submitted.

George Washington University entered the picture when Dr. Forbes and his associates were discussing the work being carried out at George Washington University in Government and Foreign Affairs. The sum of \$1,800.00 was appropriated for the tuition for a student at the University to fund one year of graduate studies. The first student selected was Robert Irvine Warriner of Kirkwood, Missouri.

Moving forward to today, your Wolcott Foundation provides the funds to finance the tuition leading to a Masters Degree in the area of Government Service. The description, requirements and application procedure are all contained on the Wolcott Foundation web page – [www.wolcottfoundation.com](http://www.wolcottfoundation.com), and you are invited to call up this web page for your examination of its contents. The applicant needs not set pen or pencil to paper - the application can be completed and submitted via computer.

The Wolcott Foundation is composed of ALL HIGH TWELVIANS withersoever dispersed; therefore the Wolcott Foundation is YOUR Foundation, as each Member of High Twelve is a member of the Wolcott Foundation. This is apparently not understood by many, too many, Members. Why so? Because, sad to say, less than one half of the High Twelve Clubs contribute to their Foundation. If it were not for the principle capital endowment, we would not be able to fund as many Fellowships as is now being done. I challenge those Clubs that have not contributed recently to do so now. As one may easily observe, we need to have all of the well educated and highly dedicated workers in government/public service as is possible. Don't be a stranger to 'The Little Red School House.' If your Club does not have such an item, PLEASE contact your Zone Trustee, or me, and that lack can promptly be filled – we have some LRSH's to spare and will get one to you!

## **In Memorial**

I would like to inform the organization that Wally McCartney, PIP, 2003-5, passed away January 27, 2014. He put up a good fight but God decided to call him back.

We know he loved serving High Twelve over the years and all the Masonic branches he was involved in. Due to health problems over the past several years he was unable to participate, but never lost his interest in it. He made lots of friends over the years and enjoy remembering the good times they had. He especially loved to talk about his participation in going to England and helping the clubs from there.

The McCartney Family

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

Pursuant to the International Bylaws Adopted June 15, 2013; Article IV - Meetings; Section 2 - Notice of the time and place of holding conventions shall be mailed to the Secretary of each Club at least sixty (60) days before the annual convention and at least thirty (30) days before a special convention. Publication of such notice in the official publication of High Twelve International, Inc. within the time prescribed in paragraph "A" above shall be deemed sufficient compliance as to annual conventions.

**The Annual Convention will be held on Saturday June 28, 2014 at the Ohio Masonic Home, Springfield OH. 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.

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



From the New Club Expansion Chairman: In the Winter 2013 issue of the High Twelvian magazine, I said that contacts had been made with Brother Masons in the states of Nevada and Washington. While we are still hopeful that something will come from those contacts, we have had additional contacts from each of those states.

Brother Yiorgo Aretos, who lives in Las Vegas, NV and started the Las Vegas Freemason Business Association, has expressed interest in High Twelve. Kevin Hokerk, our International Secretary, and I have very recently sent him information on High Twelve and the Wolcott Foundation. I will be doing follow up contact with him.

In the state of Washington, Orville Stoner, Sr, who lives in Bremerton, is very interested in High Twelve and wants to start a club in his area His father, LeRoy Stoner, was a member of High Twelve in Fresno, CA. Kevin mailed a new club kit to Orville and we are looking forward to working with him to open a club in his state.

We have also been contacted by Brother Ethan Wells, who lives in Kentucky. I talked with him on the telephone and mailed him information on High Twelve

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and the Wolcott Foundation. Hopefully, something will come from this contact!

Moving to another country, we recently had an inquiry about High Twelve from Brother Micro Ferrari in Italy. He and I exchanged a couple of emails and I learned that he is a member of a Lodge which is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Italy. Upon inquiry to Brother Mark Haynes, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, it was confirmed that there are two Grand Lodges in Italy, the Grand Lodge of Italy and the Grand Orient of Italy. Brother Haynes informed me that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania recognizes the Grand Orient of Italy and that Brother Ferrari's Lodge, Baruch Sjinoza Lodge No. 227, is not listed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of Italy. I communicated this information to him and he was not upset by it. I do, however, want to obtain a better understanding of the recognition process.

Finally, Winton Hewitt, First Vice President, and I have two possible new club opportunities in Pennsylvania. Winton, at a recent Masonic meeting, talked with a Brother from the Pittsburgh area about High Twelve. As a result of the conversation, he had Kevin mail him a new club kit. I have had conversations with a couple of Brothers from the Camp Hill/Mechanicsburg area. A new club kit was sent to the one Brother earlier this year and a presentation to his Blue Lodge was canceled due to the weather. It now needs to be rescheduled for April or May. We never know when these contacts will bear fruit but we need to keep getting the message out there, if we expect to grow High Twelve!

Brother High Twelvians, there are opportunities out there to expand High Twelve. Brother Aretos in Las Vegas said that he just recently learned about High Twelve. Just think about the thousands of Masons who do still not know about it. I want to renew my efforts of contacting those states where we do not have High Twelve Clubs at this time. Once I have completed this project, I am going to recommend to the Executive Committee that we form a committee to strategize how we can best contact Masons in those states where the Grand Lodges are favorable to us. We also need to address those states where we have clubs but were there is still lots of opportunity. In other words, we need a good marketing plan.



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!

## Association and Club Happenings

**The Masonic High Twelve Club of Lake Worth No. 316 FL**, founded 55 Years ago in Lake Worth, celebrated happily 50 years of membership of its member Seymour Beninson. Shown receiving his 50 Year Certificate of Recognition from William Staple, are from the right : the immediate Past President of the Masonic High Twelve Association of Florida, William Staple, Honoree Seymour Beninson, and Sydney King, the



**Northwest Masonic High Twelve Club No. 769 IL**—Our February 25, 2014 meeting was called by President Bruno Fabris with the Pledge of Alliance and opening prayer by Brother Joe Santisteban. Minutes of our January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting was approved as emailed to members. Thirty-four dollars was donated to the Wolcott Foundation and a check for fifty six dollars will be sent in representing our quarterly commitment. The Wolcott Foundation is our main yearly commitment but three charities will be discussed at our two next meetings as a special commitment. Last year our special commitment went to DeMolay, Job's Daughter and Rainbow Girls (\$50 each).



**East Valley Masonic High Twelve Club #765 AZ - George Rusk, President** - Upcoming events that the club will be participating in: The City of Mesa Memorial Day Rose Ceremony at the City of Mesa Cemetery and the City of Mesa Veterans Day Parade. We continue to present to businesses that fly their flag proudly and correctly a certificate attesting to that. The next group of certificates will be presented on Flag Day, June 14, 2014. These activities keep us in the 'public eye' and has been successful in helping us obtain new members for the Masonic fraternity and for our club.

**The Villages (San Jose, CA) President, Michael Baudghn, PP - Secretary, David Fullerton, PP**

We are at the corner of winter and spring, the weather will be changing, warmer and longer days. Our next event, Ladies Night, is on March 22. I hope everyone is looking forward to a good meal and entertainment. Be sure to let your caller know that you and your favorite lady will be attending. Special Sweethearts will be guests of the Club. Mark your calendars!!! Good fellowship, good food a nice evening for everyone. Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

March is always Ladies Night with our Special Sweethearts as guests of the Club—good company, good food, and a good program. The program is Ms. Kellen Perry, Harpist and Vocalist.

Regular Luncheon Meeting & Board Meeting, March 25th - Special Ladies Day Dinner with Entertainment March 22nd. Social at 5:00 - Dinner 6:00 PM. The Villages meets in a Country Club setting overlooking a beautiful Golf Course. Great Food!



**I know its working!** Before Kevin Hokerk took over the International Website I did not receive any requests from any members requesting their name be added to the Monthly Update Mailing List for over a year. Since Kevin has been involved, I have received over 20 requests in just the past two months to have the Updated emailed to them.

If you are interested in having the Monthly Update, the Official Monthly Publication for International High Twelve, emailed to you, please visit our Website at [www.high12.org](http://www.high12.org) and start receiving your own copy. You are also requested to submit articles and photos of your club's functions, such as social events, awards, installation of officers, etc.

We are currently providing over 1,200 copies each month to our members, Lodges, Associations and clubs. Jump on the band wagon and join us for some good ideas and news!

Merv Harris, PIP & Editor, The Monthly Update [mjhh12@centurylink.net](mailto:mjhh12@centurylink.net)

## The Cochise Masonic High Twelve Club #703, Sierra Vista, Arizona

The Club hosted for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a Masonic Widows Luncheon on February 15, 2014. All local Lodges were represented to sponsor the fifteen Widows who attended to luncheon. Each Widow received a delicious schnitzel lunch, transportation, a beautiful rose, and special pen as a gift and a red heart box of candy. After the fine meal everyone enjoyed a very special cake. The program included each sponsor introducing his date, talking about her late Mason Husband and then offering the widow a chance to give a short talk about her husband and herself which they all love doing. We had two special drawing for stuffed teddy bears with a Valentine theme. Our next social event with our local Masonic Widows will be in July with an ice cream social. Several of our Masonic Widows attend regularly the club's monthly meeting and are treated special.



The picture on the left is Club President Gino Guzzi, in the middle Andy Anderson secretary /treasurer and on the right is AZ State President Walter Williams shown during a presentation of a certificate to the High Twelve Club for supporting the Masonic Widows in the area for twenty-years. The picture on the right holding the teddy bear is PGM of AZ Eastern Star Sister Jo Ann Lophshire and along side is Lady Connie Giese. Finally, the Club was awarded the second Wolcott 2012 – 2013 Best In The Zone award for outstanding support.

**RALPH CLEMMER, Past International President**, was honored at a surprise presentation during a meeting of Pottsgrove High Twelve Club, #321, for more than Twenty-Five Years of service as Club Secretary. He has also served Pottsgrove #321 as Treasurer and Club President.

The presentation was made by Conrad Heimbach, 33 degree mason, and Stichter Lodge #254 F&AM, Past Master and served for more than 20 years as Lodge Secretary. Fellow officers, whose pictures appeared on the certificate, were present and signed his plaque.








**Oakland High Twelve Club No. 2 - Alan Fliaui, President; Spencer Sargent, PSP, Secretary**

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, we were privileged to have as our speaker Bro. and Past State President Art Walton who gave us a most informative lecture on the history of the California Santa Clara Valley an Agricultural mecca of early California, which is on the Mission Trail of Father Juniper Serra. To say that we were all impressed is an understatement. Pictured below is Bro. Art receiving a Certificate of Appreciation. also, pictured is new member Bro. David Shull receiving the International New Member Certificate. Oakland High Twelve meets on the fourth Monday at the Oakland Scottish Rite Temple at High Twelve. Come and visit us! All Master Masons, their wives, widows and accompanied guests are always welcome.



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# Proposed Uniform Association Constitution & Bylaws

The following Uniform Association Constitution & Bylaws were submitted to the Governing Board at the January 2014 Mid-Year meeting and were approved to move forward to the 93rd Annual Convention for consideration:

## **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS [Insert Name] ASSOCIATION OF [MASONIC] HIGH TWELVE CLUBS [, Inc.]**

### CONSTITUTION

#### ARTICLE I - NAME

**SECTION 1.** The name of this organization shall be "[Insert Name] Association of [Masonic] High Twelve Clubs [, Inc.]

#### ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

**SECTION 1.** This Association acknowledges the supreme authority of the Grand Lodge(s) of [Enter Grand Lodge Name] in all matters of Masonic law, tradition and ethics. It pledges never to interfere or meddle in the affairs of any Masonic Lodge nor to engage in or sponsor any activity prohibited by said Grand Lodge, nor to permit its members to engage in unseemly, conduct which might reflect adversely upon the institution of Masonry.

#### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1.** Members of the Association shall be those High Twelve Clubs that have been chartered by High Twelve International and are under the jurisdiction of the [Enter Association Name] of [Masonic] High Twelve Clubs [, Inc.] Membership in any High Twelve Club in this Association shall be a Master Mason from any jurisdiction that is recognized by the Grand Lodge.

#### ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

**Section 1.** There shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President (optional), Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers shall be elected and installed at the Annual Meeting of the Association. Upon installation, each officer shall assume the duties of their office for a period of one (1) year or until his successor is duly elected and installed.

**Section 2.** Eligibility -Any member of a local club holding membership in this State Association shall be eligible to hold office.

#### ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**Section 1.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall appoint the standing and other committees as he may deem necessary.

**Section 2.** The Vice Presidents, in order, shall perform the duties of the President during his absence, inability or vacancy.

**Section 3.** A vacancy in the office of Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled by appointment by the President. The title of the appointment shall be Acting Secretary or Acting Treasurer.

**Section 4.** The Secretary shall perform the usual duties of a Secretary at all meetings; and shall provide a permanent written record of the Association's activities. The Secretary shall have possession of all permanent records of the Association.

**Section 5.** The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the Association. He shall be a member of the Budget and Finance Committee.



**Section 6.** The Chaplain shall be appointed by the President. He shall perform the duties usually assigned to the Chaplain and he shall be Chairman of the Necrology Committee.

#### ARTICLE VI- AMENDMENTS

**Section 1.** The Association may amend this Constitution by a two-thirds vote at any Annual Meeting, provided that thirty, (30) days written or electronic notice has been provided to each Officer of the Association and to the President and to the Secretary of each Member Club. The notice shall specify in detail all proposed changes to the Constitution. Amendments shall not become a part of this Constitution until approved by High Twelve International.

#### BY-LAWS

#### ARTICLE I - MEETINGS

**Section 1.** The Annual Meeting or Convention of this Association shall be held [between ---- and ---- or on the \_\_\_\_\_] of each year. At the first meeting of the Board of Directors held following the Annual Meeting the selection of the place and date for holding the next Annual Meeting or Convention shall be determined. The decision of the time and place shall be sent to the Member Clubs.

**Section 2.** Special meetings of the association may be called by the President. A special meeting requested in writing by three (3) Member Clubs must be held within thirty (30) days of receipt of the request.

**Section 3.** The Secretary of the Association shall give Thirty, (30) days written or electronic notice of the Annual Meeting, which shall be provided to each Officer of the Association, the President and Secretary of each Member Club and to the Wolcott Zone Officer of High Twelve International.

**Section 3.** Executive Board quorum shall be a simple majority of the elected association officers.

**Section 4.** Governing Board quorum shall be a simple majority of the elected association officers and elected Presidents of the Member Clubs of the Association in good standing, or their proxy.

#### ARTICLE II –NOMINATION COMMITTEE AND ELECTIONS

**SECTION 1.** The Nominating Committee, appointed by the State President, must be composed of not less than three persons, who shall be active members of a Member Club. The Member Clubs in this Association shall be advised by official publication of the Association or other media of the names of such Nominating Committee members and the name and address of the Committee Chairman. The Nominating Committee shall consist of not more than one individual from any one Club. The Nominating Committee shall present a report at the State Convention of this Association, placing in nomination at least one candidate for each office to be filled by election, and may include the qualifications of each candidate. The acceptance of the Nominating Committee report shall automatically place such names into consideration for election by the delegates in attendance.

At the prerogative of the presiding officer nominations in support of a candidate may be permitted, however; such nominations shall not exceed five (5) minutes in duration. Seconding of nominations will not be permitted.

**SECTION 2.** Not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the annual State Convention, the Nominating Committee shall submit to the State Secretary the list of nominees for each elective office. The State Secretary shall in turn, notify all members of the State

Governing Board of such nominees. All nominees must be approved and recommended in writing to the State Association within fifteen (15) days of the State Convention by their own Club.

**SECTION 3.** In addition to the method for nominating candidates to elective office in this Association, nominations may be made from the floor of the annual State Convention providing (1) that the Nominating Committee does not recommend an individual for an office, (2) there is a declared vacancy in that office and (3) such nomination is seconded by a person entitled to vote at the annual State Convention who is not a member of the same Club as the person who made the nomination.

**SECTION 4.** State Vice Presidents need not be advanced in line. Insofar as possible each State Vice President should be from different geographical areas.

**SECTION 5.** The candidate for each office receiving the majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected and shall be installed in office at the annual State Convention. A motion to accept each nominee for an office may be made by proclamation at the prerogative of the State President. If an elective officer is absent for legitimate reasons he will be installed with a proxy representing him.

#### ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors for this Association shall consist of the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President of the State Association, and the President of each Member Club.

**Section 2.** Each club president or proxy shall be entitled to one (1) vote on matters brought before the Board of Directors.

**Section 3.** The Board of Directors shall constitute the Administrative body of the Association, and shall transact all business necessary to fulfill the objectives of the Association. At least [three (3)] meetings of the Board shall be held each year.

#### ARTICLE V – FINANCES

**Section 1.** The fiscal year for this Association shall be from [Enter start month] through [Enter end month] each year. The Association Budget and Finance Committee, with the input from the State Secretary and State Treasurer, shall submit an annual budget for adoption of the general membership at the annual state convention.

**Section 2.** The Association shall invoice each Club for their **annual per-capita assessment** (this annual per-capita assessment maybe adjusted from time to time as necessary) of the Association as approved by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Association, on a per member basis in good standing of each Member Club as shown on the [Enter Month] Monthly Report of each Club. Payment of annual per-capita assessment shall be remitted within thirty (30) days after date of the invoice.

- ◇ The Board of Directors shall act on an individual basis on any Club applying for reinstatement or waiver of monies in arrears.
- ◇ Payments for the Association per capita shall be remitted to the State Secretary.
- ◇ The State Secretary shall receive and forward High Twelve International's annual per capita invoice to the State Association clubs for payment. Payments for International per capita shall be remitted as indicated on the invoice.

**Section 3.** The books and accounts of the Association shall be audited once a year by an

Auditing Committee selected by the President. The report of the Committee shall be read at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting.

**Section 4.** The Treasurer shall disburse such sums for specific purposes as ordered by the Board of Directors or the Executive committee. He shall keep books of account showing receipts and disbursements. Upon receipts of funds he shall deposit them in a federally insured financial institution designated by the Board of Directors. He shall make payments by check or electronic means.

ARTICLE VI – LOCAL REGULATIONS

*(Under this article the Association may provide laws for definitely exclusive local matters not in conflict with the High Twelve International By-Laws, Regulations, Edicts or Decrees. The Association may make as many sections under this article as may be required to meet the needs of the Association. Provisions to be included within this section must be set forth in an Addendum and approved by International Secretary prior to taking effect. **If this article is not used, then it should be left blank and marked NOT USED.**)*

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

**Section 1.** The Association may amend these By-Laws by two thirds (2/3) vote at any Annual Meeting, providing that thirty (30) days written or electronic notice been provided to each Officer of the Association and to the President and Secretary of each Member Club. The notice shall specify in detail all proposed changes to the By-Laws. Amendments shall not become a part of these By-Laws until approved by High Twelve International.

ADOPTED AND ATTESTED

**ADOPTED ON:**

**State President & State Secretary**

**Approved as to form: International Secretary**

*Please note this information has been formatted to fit this limited space!*

**INTENT TO RUN FOR OFFICE**

The following members have submitted the necessary paperwork indicating their intent to run for the indicated international office and agree to serve in that capacity if elected at the 93rd Annual Convention to be held June 28, 2004.

President	Winton E. Hewitt (PA)
1st Vice President	Jerry Saville (CA)
2nd Vice President	Richard A. Kessler (AZ)
3rd Vice President	<b><u>No candidate</u></b>
Secretary	Kevin L. Hokerk (AZ)
Treasurer	<b><u>No candidate</u></b>

**Nominations will be received from the floor per International Bylaws:**

Article II - Officers; Section 4; Other Nominations: Candidates for office may be nominated from the floor, provided that such nominees are a member of a High Twelve Club in good standing, endorsed by their State Association, if any, and co-sponsored by a minimum of 10 (ten) authorized individual voting delegates at such convention, and also agree to serve.

## Proposed Uniform Club Bylaws Change

The following amendment to the Uniform Club Bylaws was submitted to the Governing Board at the January 2014 Mid-Year meeting and was approved to move forward to the 93rd Annual Convention for consideration:

Submitted by Michael E. Clark PSP, Michigan - January 18, 2014

**Current Bylaws—Article III, Section J.** Eligibility for Office – Any regular member in good standing shall be eligible for nomination. The President may not succeed himself more than Two (2) successive terms, and no other officer may hold the office for more than three (3) successive terms with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer.

**Proposed Amendment** Eligibility for Office – Any regular member in good standing shall be eligible for nomination. There shall be no limitation on successive terms unless the local club shall limit the same.

**Reasoning:** Many High Twelve Clubs are made up of 10 or fewer members and many of them are for various reasons unable to hold office in their club. Many of these clubs have the same officers for more than two years and some for many years. If this is the wish of the local club, International should not prohibit their determining their own Bylaws. Limiting the number of years officers may serve may have an adverse affect on a club's ability to exist.

### NOTICE OF ELECTION OF THE WOLCOTT FOUNDATION TRUSTEES FOR THE TERM OF 2014-2019 FOR ZONES 1 AND 3

Each year the Members of High Twelve International have an opportunity to nominate and elect a Trustee to the Board of Trustees of The Wolcott Foundation, Inc., as a representative for a respective Zone with The Foundation. These Trustees are elected for a staggered term of five years commencing at the close of the Annual High Twelve Convention. There are eight Trustees elected, one for each geographical zone. This year a Trustee is to be selected for Zones 1 and Zone 3, each to serve the term for 2014 to 2019.

The process required to participate in the selection of a Trustee for a Zone for the next ensuing term is set forth in the By-Laws of The Wolcott Foundation which may be obtained by providing a self-addressed, stamped 6x9 envelope to George W. Tracy, Trustee, in care of The Wolcott Foundation, Inc., P O Box 890, Lansdale, Pennsylvania, 19446.

Please note that Malcolm White, Trustee for Zone 1, (Northern California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska and Japan) and Stanley Gardner, Trustee for Zone 3 (Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma) have each expressed a desire to serve for an additional five-year term.

# Official Registration Form

## High Twelve International ~ 93rd Annual Convention

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_; Departing: \_\_\_\_\_; Hotel Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of \_\_\_\_\_ High Twelve Club

Number \_\_\_\_\_; Current office: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE (High Twelvian's only, each) \$ 25.00**

Saturday, June 28, 2014

1. **Past International Presidents Breakfast** (PIP's Only! \$10 each)

Will be held at the Masonic Home @ 7:00 AM

Menu: Omelet bar, bacon strips & sausage patties, home fried potatoes, assorted juices, coffee, tea, assorted pastries, muffins, fresh fruit salad

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. Members and ladies breakfast ***on you own at the hotel***

3. **Wolcott Luncheon** Noon at Masonic Home \$15 each

**Main entrée choice #1** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Menu: Stuffed pork loin with yams/apples and Key West blend veggies

Dessert choice: \_\_\_ Towering raspberry/white torte OR  
\_\_\_ Strawberry shortcake

**Main entrée choice #2** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Menu: Saltimbocca chicken (stuffed with prosciutto/cheese) with lemon-white wine sauce, mushroom risotto and Key West blend veggies

Dessert choice: \_\_\_ Towering raspberry/white torte OR  
\_\_\_ Strawberry shortcake

Both meals include sweet dinner rolls with butter, Caesar salad, ice water, coffee & tea

4. **President's Banquet** 6:00 PM at Masonic Home \$20.00 each

**Main entrée choice #1** \$\_\_\_\_\_

Menu: 8 oz. cut of prime rib demi-glaze, redskin mashed potatoes and green beans with bacon/water chestnuts

Dessert choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Deep dish caramel apple pie OR  
\_\_\_\_\_ Fresh fruit salad

**Main entrée choice #2**

Menu: Baked salmon with wild rice & asparagus spears \$\_\_\_\_\_

Dessert choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Deep dish caramel apple pie OR  
\_\_\_\_\_ Fresh fruit salad

Both meals include sweet dinner rolls with butter, house salad with choice of ranch or raspberry vinaigrette dressings, ice water, coffee & tea

**REGISTRATION AND MEAL TOTAL: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**Registrations must be received by: JUNE 16, 2014**

Send this registration (pages 1 & 2)

with your check made out to **High Twelve International** to:

High Twelve International  
11404 W Olive Drive  
Avondale AZ 85392-4210

If you have any special dietary needs please indicate here:

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## **93rd Annual Convention**

**June 27-29, 2014  
Springfield, Ohio**



The **Ohio Masonic Home**, 2655 W National Rd., Springfield OH 45504 — Phone 934-325-1531 — will be the location for the meetings and meals. It is about 7 miles to the host hotel via Route 68 and I-70. Springfield is located approximately 40 miles west of the Columbus (Port of Columbus International) airport.

Hotel reservations are through the **Quality Inn & Conference Center**, 383 Leffel Ln., Springfield OH 45505, phone # 934-323-8631. Please do not use the 800 number for reservations! Room rate is \$69.00 per night + tax. Check in time is 4:00 PM, check out time is 11:00 PM. Your arrival date should be planned for Friday June 27th with a Monday June 30th departure. Hotel accommodations include: Daily managers reception, exercise room, game room, safe, heated indoor pool/hot tub, ping pong table, pool table, free wireless internet service. This is a pet friendly hotel (2 max.) however, a pet deposit is required!

The two days before and two days following the Convention will be yours to sight see and shop in Southwestern Ohio. Cincinnati, Columbus and Dayton are all within an hour of Springfield. You might consider seeing the Air Force Museum, historical sites featuring pioneers and Indian Nations a list will be provided on the international website.

### **General Convention Timeline**

#### **Thursday – Friday, June 26-27, 2014**

Arrival days and/or sightseeing on your own

#### **Saturday, June 28, 2014**

Breakfast on your own (hotel)

Past International President's Breakfast (Masonic Home PIP's only!)

Wolcott Luncheon (Masonic Home) Business attire

President's Banquet & Installation of Officers (Masonic Home)

Officer's formal (white) attire, others appropriate attire

#### **Sunday, June 29, 2014**

Church Service (Masonic Home)

Convention wrap-up



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