

## STATE HIGH TWELVE ASSOCIATION INSTALLATION CEREMONY

*(Optional)* Will all outgoing officers please stand. *(Thank them, by name for duties well performed and state that they are relieved from their former offices then seat them with 1 gavel rap.)*

*(Directed to the audience)* High Twelve is a non-political, non-sectarian organization, composed of representative business and professional men, who feel a keen interest in the welfare and progress of their community, their state, and affairs of the world, and who desire to strive to live the ideals taught in Freemasonry in relations with all mankind.

A candle is but a mass of wax until fire ignites it, making light for all to see. A light-house is but a desolate structure until shining rays of light emanate from its windows guiding the seaman safely on his way. So too, my brother, is Freemasonry but a form, void of purpose, until the inner light of each member reflects the active teachings and principles of the craft.

Bro. Marshall, please light the golden candle.

The golden candle which we see before us may well represent that golden thread of divine inspiration that will be found woven through the warp and woof of all fraternities, all religions, all creeds, and philosophies that have stood the test of time and have been found worthy of the support of men and Masons alike. Like that divine golden thread which takes nothing away from any fabric through which it runs, but adds brightness by its presence, we discover that we may light our candles of red, white and blue

representing the most excellent tenets of Masonry without suffering any of the principles of Masonry to be compromised and without diminishing the pure light of the golden candle which still shines as before.

Bro. Marshall, please light the red candle.

We light our red candle first, to represent the principle of brotherly love, for Masons are sworn to help, aid, and assist even to the extent of shedding the red blood of free men, if deemed expedient in the defense of the honor of a worthy brother.

Bro. Marshall, please light the white candle.

The white candle is lighted in memory of the charity or relief which we helpfully extend to a brother upon all necessary occasions. Charity of the spirit as well as of material needs, aids in protecting the reputation of a brother at all times.

Bro. Marshall, please light the blue candle.

To be good and true is our first Masonic lesson and the blue candle is lighted to represent the spirit of truth, which is a divine attribute and the basis of all Masonic trust.

Bro. Installing Marshall, please open the Holy Bible.

The Holy Bible upon our Altar is also filled with these same great lessons of brotherly love, relief, and truth and through its pages runs also the golden thread of divine inspiration and the spirit of the Golden Rule upon which our fraternity is founded.

Bro. Marshall, as I read the names of the officers to be installed please escort them to their proper places.

*(Read names and titles of all to be installed Afford ample time for the Marshal to gather each officer up and place him in his respective station before reading the name of the next officer. Marshall will place each officer as called, in his respective place (per diagram) facing the dais)*

*(Directed to the new officers)* My Brothers, you have come to be installed as the officers of the Arizona State Association of High Twelve Clubs and so we ask that you first be reminded of the symbolism used in this installation ceremony. As officers elect, you have been elected to serve this Association for the ensuing year. Much of the peace, happiness and prosperity of this Association rest upon your shoulders.

Before inducting you into your office, it will be necessary that you take a solemn obligation that will pledge your loyalty to Freemasonry and to High Twelve and its objectives. These objectives of High Twelve are:

1. To unite Master Masons in the fraternal bonds of a social hour.
2. To inform ourselves of the progress and truths of Freemasonry.
3. To inspire and encourage the practice of those virtues which aid in civic betterment.
4. To uphold the principles of good government.
5. To aid in the advancement of public education.

6. To help the up-building of its members in honorable and successful living.
7. To encourage and participate in such activities as shall tend to enhance the livability of our communities.
8. To aid in and encourage the development of our youth
9. To support our primary philanthropy, the Wolcott Foundation.
10. (Optional - for use at discretion of Installing Officer)

Therefore, I ask each of you to place your right hand over your heart, pronounce your name in full, and repeat after me:

I, before these witnesses — do acknowledge and affirm — that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office — to which I have been elected or entrusted — to the best of my ability. — I will conform to and abide by — the Constitution and Bylaws of this State Association and High Twelve International — and take an active part therein. — I will endeavor to promote — true fellowship and friendship among its members — and endeavor to lead the Association — in rendering true service to the community — to our country and to the Masonic fraternity — so help me God and keep me steadfast.

Lower your hands.

Brother \_\_\_\_\_, you have been elected to serve this State Association of High Twelve Clubs as its State President during the ensuing year. You have been elected to this exalted office because of the confidence that the High Twelvians of your

State have in your integrity and ability. This is no mean responsibility and it is an honor of which you may well be proud. They confidently look to you as their leader. They believe that you possess those cardinal virtues, the exercise of which in your administration will build them into an edifice of strength and beauty. Having been selected to this position of trust, will you accept the responsibility of this office and will you perform the duties of the same to the best of your knowledge and ability, God helping you? (*Wait for his response of I will.*)

(*To the audience*) I ask that you withhold your applause until **all** the officers have been installed).

Bro. Marshall, you will escort the newly installed State President to his seat of honor on the dais.

Brother's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, you have been elected to the offices of Vice-Presidents. In this office, there reposes a responsibility akin to that of the State President. Your past honorable record particularly fits you to assume the aforesaid responsibility as a moment's notice. You are to familiarize yourself with the policies of your superiors and stand ready to support them in the accomplishment of their duties at all times. Do each of you agree to carry out your individual duties to the best of your ability? (*Wait for their response of I will.*)

Bro. Marshal, your will escort the newly elected Vice-President(s) to their appropriate places.

Brothers \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, your  
have been elected in this Association to the office of State  
Secretary and State Treasurer respectfully for the ensuing year.

Bro. Secretary, it will be your duty to keep an accurate record of  
all actions taken by the Association, to attend to all  
correspondence, to keep exacting membership rolls and submit  
the necessary reports requested by the State and International  
officers.

Bro. Treasurer, it will your duty to receive all monies from the  
Secretary entrusted to your care, keep a just and accurate account  
thereof and pay the same out only upon competent authority.

Brothers Secretary and Treasurer, you both will also be required  
to keep the State President and other officers informed of  
activities, finances, correspondence and other actions of the  
Association and that of High Twelve International, when the  
knowledge of which reaches you. Next to your State President  
and Vice-Presidents, the future of this Association rest upon your  
shoulders. With the admonition of the foregoing, do you agree to  
accept this office of trust? (*Wait for their response of I will.*)

Bro. Marshal, you will escort our newly installed State Secretary  
and State Treasurer to the place whence they came.

Bro, Marshal, you will declare by proclamation the officers duly  
installed.

## **Proclamation by Marshal**

By the power invested in me as your Installing Marshal, I now and do hereby declare and proclaim that the officers of the \_\_\_\_\_ State Association of High Twelve Clubs be duly installed.

Bro. Chaplain, will you please ask for the divine guidance for the newly installed officers and then close the Holy Bible. (*3 raps of gavel.*)

## Installing Chaplain

Grant, Oh Lord, our God, that the brothers who have been installed in their respective offices may be imbued with the wisdom to properly perform the duties of their office and to guide all members in their duties as Masons and High Twelvians. May they be impressed with a comprehension of their duty to thee and this Association that it may be a lasting instrument for good, and to thee we shall ascribe all the honor and glory.

May brotherly love, relief and truth always prevail among them and all High Twelvians, and may the bonds of union continue to strengthen this Association. We commend to thee, all members of High Twelve, may they increase in grace, in knowledge, and in brotherly love of each other.

May we finish all our work here below with thy approval and then have our transition from this earthly abode to thy heavenly temple above, there to enjoy light, glory, and bliss, ineffable and eternal.  
*Amen (1 rap of gavel to seat audience.)*



Bro. Marshall, you will know extinguished the lighted candles in reverse order in which they were lighted. (*Done.*)

Brother President, I now place this gavel in your hand as an emblem of your office and its authority. Use it with discretion and understanding for on your shoulders more than any other brothers rests the success of this Association for the ensuing year. Do not treat this responsibility lightly. May I wish you and your officers a most successful year in your office as State President.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in giving **all** our newly installed a rousing round of applause and to show our support for them in the ensuing year. (*Hand meeting and gavel over to new State President.*)