



High Twelve International Update

April 6, 2022

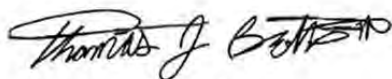
OFFICIAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the International Bylaws Adopted June 26, 2021; 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 beginning on Friday June 24, 2022 at the Double Tree Hotel in Overland Park KS. The Governing board shall consider and act upon all business properly brought to the floor. Registration can be done online via HTI website or see the following page.

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.



Thomas J. Brotherton III, Secretary
High Twelve International, Inc.



Mike Haxton

2021-2022 International President

High Twelve International

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Fraternal Greetings!

This is my last communication to you as an International Officer. It has been quite a run, sadly interrupted by the worst pandemic since the Spanish Flu. Since March of 2020 many, if not most, of our Clubs have faced involuntary closures, our eating places closed, and even more sadly, the loss of some to Covid 19. And that is the worst part of this ordeal. My heart goes out to those who have had these losses. Indeed, my family suffered the loss of my Mom-in-law, who was my Mom for more years than my own Mother was. Dorothy Jean Aylsworth was fully vaccinated, but not boosted, and age 94 contracted Covid induced pneumonia and passed at age 94 last November. So, we truly understand the losses we have had as a group.

On a happier note, Covid is waning, and in most areas has become less virulent, and vaccinations have reached the lever where we can live without the fear of infection. People are coming out as the weather warms, and we are free again!

I don't know about you all, but I am so sick of the four walls of my house that I can't wait to get our and meet and greet friends and Brothers again! I am certainly looking forward to being with you all in June.

Now for the good things.

There was a nice crowd for Mid-Term in Houston. Many thanks to Texas President Roberto Sanchez for his hard work in putting it together. We were there and sharing dinner with the Texas Grand Lodge, so we were able to give several Masons High Twelve petitions at dinner. Here is a suggestion for Associations. Try to have your Annuals in conjunction with your Grand Lodge. Or Grand York Rite, Scottish Rite, Grotto, Shrine, etc. You never know what you may find.

We now have a new Club in London, as well as Rio de Janeiro – with another Brazilian Club in the offing.

The last four years have gone by quickly for me. I have a lot of people to thank for my even being here. First, Past International President, Judge Charles F. Burkin, who invited me and a few other DeMolays to be Pages at his Convention in Kansas City Kansas in 1965. That was my first encounter with this great organization. And Brother Jon Robbins, who hit me up to join. We traded petitions that day. He got a Grotto petition from me. Then the Kansas State Officers, who saw me coming a mile away, and voted me in as State Second Vice President eight days after I joined. David Patton, PSP in Iowa, for sharing hotel rooms with me for three years in San Diego, Indianapolis, and Philly, and thought I should run for the line. He is one of the truly good guys in this group.

To Bill Haynes, who came to my Kansas Annual Communication and then called me and asked me to run for the line. Thank you both for your encouragement. Jonathon Dilley, who taught me a lot about High Twelve's inner working, and took me with him to the Grand Masters Conference, where I learned even more. Eric Klienbach and Rick Santella, our Third and Second Vice Presidents, Eric, for his avalanche of good ideas, one of which I am wearing on my finger as I write this, and Rick, for his steady hand and cooperative nature. My job has been made easier thanks to them. Secretary Tom Brotherton, who has settled into being Secretary like he has had it all his life, and Treasurer Kevin Hokerk-Robinson for keeping us solvent.

And lastly, my "Right-Hand Man", First Vice President Mark Nokes. The guy who has gone when I couldn't, supported High Twelve in general, and myself in particular. As some of you may know, the months of October 2021 through early March of 2022 I was laid up most of the time. The trip to Houston for Mid-Term in January cost me more physically than I was prepared for. Mark during that time was my surrogate, my Designated Hitter, and my confidant. I will be eternally grateful to him for his efforts, which were far beyond expectations. I am proud that he is my friend. We don't always see what he does, but we all benefit from it.

I have been a Master Mason since March 18, 1968. I am the Senior Past Master of my Mother Lodge and KYCH in York Rite. Past everything it seems. But this year as your International President is the culmination of my Masonic Journey. Not the end of it, I hasten to add, I'm Senior Warden of my Daylight Lodge, and I'm not planning on assuming room temperature any time soon. But being chosen as your President humbles me every day, and I am grateful to you for having faith in me.

Our International Convention this year will feature a tour of the Liberty Memorial, the National WWI Museum, on Thursday. Then Authentic Kansas City Barbeque at Hayward's Pit, a Kansas City landmark for over forty years. I can absolutely guarantee that no one will walk out of that place hungry! We are taking over the place for the afternoon and getting some of the best ribs, brisket, and turkey, in KC.

And Ladies! You have not been forgotten. Lady Becky has a tour just for you and the kids on Friday to the Riverboat Arabia, along with shopping and lunch in the historical River Market. From the River Market, there is a free trolley to the Union Station, the home of Science City, and Crown Center, the home of Lego Land and the Aquarium as you prefer. See the information on the registration form, and we will be updating you on the High Twelve Facebook page for any other goodies that may come our way.

I will close this out, since Mark is going to tear his hair out trying to fit this into the High Twelvian-year, he's doing that too. Again, I thank you for your support, and please take out an ad in the Yearbook. The more ads, the better the hospitality room is going to be. And until then, try to figure out what a Ruby Slipper is.

Fidelitas

Michael Eugene Reeser Haxton, but you can call me Mike

International President, 2021-22 High Twelve International



High Twelve International, Inc.
101st Annual Convention
Overland Park, KS – June 23-25, 2022

Intent to Run For HTI Elective Office

President

Mark D. Nokes, PSP, IL
Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson, PSP, AZ

1st Vice President

Americo "Rick" J. Santella, PSP, PA

2nd Vice President

Eric Klienbach, PSP, FL

3rd Vice President

Roberto Sanchez, PSP, TX

Treasurer
Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson, PSP, AZ

Secretary
Thomas J. Brotherton III

3 Year Endowment Fund Trustee
Jim Hogg, FL

Additional nominations can be made 'from the floor' of the convention as described in the International Bylaws R V 6/26/21;
Article II - Officers; Section 4;

Please see me at the break for a form, that must be turned in to the International Secretary before 9:30am Saturday June
25th 2022

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Convention and other projects, offering
leadership and brotherhood to all members.



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If you need a photo for your copy, email us and we will provide, or you may go to high12.org and download an official picture. Artwork will only be submitted to the printer after payment is received for your submission.

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2022 High 12 Convention

Mail checks to:
Ron Pfeiffer
12808 Hubbard Rd.
Kansas City, KS 66109

Questions? Need more info?

Contact:

Mike Haxton or Philip Gicalone
816-830-8383 or 816-225-2258

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: MAY 25, 2022

CANNOT GUARANTEE PLACEMENT AFTER THIS DATE!

Submitted By: _____ Responsible: _____

CANDIDATE for HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT***MARK D. NOKES, PSP of ILLINOIS******CURRENT 1ST VP of HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL***

LISA AND I WANT TO THANK ALL THE INTERNATIONAL CLUBS, INDEPENDENT CLUBS, STATE CLUBS AND STATE ASSOCIATIONS FOR THEIR WONDERFUL SUPPORT AND HOSPITALITY THE LAST 3 YEARS. IT HAS BEEN A JOY TRAVELING TO DIFFERENT STATES AND SHARING THE WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP THAT HIGH TWELVE HAS TO OFFER. IF ELECTED PRESIDENT OF HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL, WE WILL CONTINUE TO VISIT CLUBS, INDEPENDENT CLUBS, STATE ASSOCIATIONS, INTERNATIONAL CLUBS, AS WELL AS GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATIONS PROMOTING HIGH TWELVE.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE WOLCOTT FOUNDATION THOROUGH OUR DONATIONS TO THE LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE.

AS IN THE PAST, I WILL CONTINUE TO HELP START AND NURTURE CLUBS SO THEY CAN REACH THEIR MAXIMUM POTENTIAL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO GROW OUR ORGANIZATION, HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL, BOTH IN THE USA AND INTERNATIONALLY.

HIGH TWELVE HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE OVER 100 YEARS. WE WANT TO SEE THIS ORGANIZATION THRIVE AND GROW FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS. WE CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF OUR MEMBERS, CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE IN OVERLAND PARK, KS. JUNE 24-25, 2022. PRESIDENT HAXTON HAS PLANNED A WONDERFUL CONVENTION FOR US. THIS WILL BE LIKE GOING HOME, BEING FROM KANSAS.

Fellow High Twelvians,

At our annual convention last June, it was decided and agreed to raise our Per Capita. This has been the first raise in about thirteen years. Some of you have questioned why this was necessary.

It is never a good time to ask for more money ...that's a given. However, let's look deeper into why this was addressed:

Thirteen years ago, we had over ten thousand members. Today...just about three thousand. Thirteen years later expenses in general have in some cases doubled and tripled.

Any member in business, running a home, providing for loved ones, knows that you cannot keep to a budget with double and triple expense costs and one-third the income. Unfortunately, the small increase was necessary.

Let me clarify where the largest expenses are coming from since many of you have asked:

Our largest expense is Insurance. High Twelve International covers ALL members coming to and going home from their respective Club meetings regarding slips and falls.

HTI also provides postage and mailing costs for dues cards, stationary, new Club kits, sympathy cards, High Twelvian Magazine printing and bulk mailing, website/database costs, GoDaddy (mass email), etc.

We do not pay for rent, electricity, or internet.

By the way, postage costs have increased TWICE since our Per Capita increase approval in June.... just to give you an idea of what is happening out there!

Hopefully this addresses and answers some of the questions as to why this was necessary.

NEW MERCHANDISE OFFERED

I reached out to a local brother recently who has an imprint company. He put together some fantastic looking 15 oz mugs that are now available on our website for purchase. We needed to update our inventory and bring to you more items that are attractive and what you, our members were asking for. Grab them quickly. I am happy to say they are a "hot" item and going fast!

While there, take a minute to look at other new items offered as well. We are really stepping up our game!

SPREAD THE WORD

I have a team of four that has been very active giving High Twelve Presentations to many Lodges and Appendant Bodies. The four include myself, Past Pa State President Frank Lorine, Pa Youth Representative Kenneth Shinn and our International Secretary Thomas Brotherton. Each of us have a designated topic we speak on: I give the History of High Twelve, Brother Lorine gives the history and current activities on the Wolcott Foundation, Brother Ken talks on the Youth Groups and how we must engage with them and brings us to date on Youth Activities, and Brother Thomas talks about how to start a New Club and what High Twelve International offers to its members. Each and every time, we hear "I wasn't aware of High Twelve" or "I heard of High Twelve but wasn't sure what it was all about" But it is very rewarding having several approach us afterwards and engage with questions, positive feedback and asking for petitions!

AND THE RESULTS ARE:

We have opened new Clubs and these Clubs are getting very creative: A Cigar Club, Traveling Brewery Clubs and we just gave out New Club Packets for a Saturday Club. New Members are signing petitions to existing Clubs as well. All the results are because we are spreading the High Twelve Word.

Now is an opportune time to take advantage of all that High Twelve International offers. We can meet any time day or night, weekdays, weekends, at any venue of your choice, our ladies welcomed and encouraged to attend, programs only limited by the imagination of our Club Members. We can meet monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly. We can prepare members for leadership in our Clubs with more emphasis on fellowship and fraternal support and less on ritual.

We need you to continue to invite Master Masons, especially those that have been dormant these last two years. I am sure many of them are yearning for fellowship. Let them experience for themselves all we have to offer. Keep spreading the word of what High Twelve offers, get your State Officers involved. Prepare your Club Officers for what is expected once they take office in your Clubs. Getting the word out is crucial and if possible, step up in a State Association role yourself. Keep the momentum growing!

What can your International Officers do to help??

High Twelve's greatest thrill is contributing to The Wolcott Foundation and assisting our Youth Groups. These young men and women are our Future Leaders and one day they will carry the torch of freedom and leadership in our Country and the World. So, the question isn't Why should I join

High Twelve, the question should be: WHY NOT?

Stay safe and God Bless and I hope to see many of you at our Annual Convention in Kansas this June 2022.

Rick Santella

2nd Vice-President

High Twelve International



Thank you!

Thank you!

Thank you!

**For the opportunity to serve High 12
at the International Level**

It has been an honor to serve for the past year. Getting to meet so many decent people all across the United States and I am looking forward to meeting those from around the globe that are members of High 12 as well.

I feel like there are many of you whom I already know from having been the update editor for a few years now.

I would like to believe that you have enough confidence in me from what I've been doing and as I move forward; getting more involved as I have given up several responsibilities within the Blue Lodge. I can and will focus on becoming the best possible candidate to one day be the President of High 12 International. I have found that being an active member of York Rite has also expanded my ability to help start new clubs. With the recent new legislation only requiring seven Masons to start a new club. I would like to believe that every club in every jurisdiction could help create a sister club within 50 miles of their club. I have a goal of helping existing Clubs create one new club a year in addition to expanding the membership of their own club.

Many hands make light work of large goals. Let us work together to grow High 12 back to levels of 5, 10 & 20 years ago.

Hope to meet you at one of the conventions over the next few years.

Be the spark that ignites a new club for High 12.

Respectfully,

3rd Vice President High 12 Int'l

RW Eric Klienbach KYCH

R:W: Eric W Klienbach KYCH

352-636-8875



**Annual Convention
High Twelve International**

Overland Park KS. June 24-25

The 101st Convention will be held at the Doubletree Overland Park Hotel, 10100 College Boulevard, Overland Park KS 66210 Telephone 913-451-6100 and tell them you will be there with High Twelve to receive a room rate of \$ 119.00.

The program for the convention will be as follows:

Wednesday, June 22 Travel to Overland Park KS.

Thursday, June 23 Tours of WW1 Memorial and Museum with lunch at Authentic Kansas City Barbeque at Haywards Pit Barbeque, one of Kansas City's top five. All you can eat. *Alcoholic beverages charged individually.*
Dinner on your own (If still hungry after Haywards)

Friday, June 24 Convention Opens
Lady's Tour of the Steamboat Arabia and the River Market. (Lunch on your own)
Members Luncheon
Grand Masters Banquet
Hospitality Room

Saturday, June 26 Convention Continues
Wolcott Foundation Luncheon
for all members and ladies.
Wolcott Foundation Meeting
International Presidents Banquet
Installation of Officers
Hospitality Room

Welcome to the 101st Convention of High Twelve International! We are beginning our Second Century with a program we know that you will enjoy.

Our Thursday Tour will be to the National WWI Memorial and Museum. The Liberty Memorial is the recognized authority on the events of the First World War and is a fascinating place. When we are finished there, we will be having authentic Kansas City Barbeque at Hayward's Pit BBQ, one of the top three places in the KC Metro.

While the Guys are at meetings all day Friday, the Ladies get to tour the KC River Market and the Steamboat Arabia! The Arabia sank in the Missouri River in 1854 and was recovered in a Kansas cornfield in the latter part of the 20th Century, with the cargo totally intact. It will be a fun afternoon.

For those with young kids, who may want something from them, there is a free Trolley from the River Market to the Union Station, where lies Science City, and across the street is Lego Land and the Aquarium. Look for the details in the High Twelvian Spring Edition.

Your Convention Committee is preparing a Second Century Program Book to mark the occasion of our celebration. The book will be formatted 8 1/2 x 11 and will be printed in full color. We have reserved pages for all of our clubs, State Associations, and individuals to be represented in the book. Be sure that you put the name and number of your club. Or if it is an individual submission, your name, and forward your check to us by the deadline, May 7, 2022. If your submission is photo ready, then you have until May 12 to submit it. Color copy and checks should be sent to:

Philip Gicalone,
8730 State Avenue
Kansas City Kansas 66112

E-Mail: 2022high12convention@gmail.com

High Twelve International Annual Convention Registration Form

Registration Fee Member and Spouse.	(\$50)	\$ _____
Registration Fee Members Only.	(\$40)	\$ _____
	Number	Total
Thursday, June 23 Breakfast Coupon	_____ @ \$ 20.00	\$ _____
<u>Tour WWI Memorial and Museum</u>		
Lunch Is Included	_____ @ \$ 75.00	\$ _____
Dinner on your own		
Friday, June 24 Breakfast Coupon	_____ @ \$20.00	\$ _____
Tour Steamboat Arabia & River Market		
Lunch On your own.	_____ @ \$ 20.00	\$ _____
Mens Luncheon		
Build your own deli	_____ @ \$ 33.00	\$ _____
Grand Master's Banquet		
<u>A Taste of Tuscany</u>	_____ @ \$ 65.00	\$ _____
Saturday, June 25 Breakfast Coupon	_____ @ \$ 20.00	\$ _____
Greeting Cards W/ Lady Becky	_____ @ \$ Free	\$ _____
Wolcott Luncheon		
Build your own Salad	_____ @ \$ 30.00	\$ _____
<u>President's Banquet</u>		
Chicken Picata	_____ @ \$ 65.00	\$ _____
Pork loin	_____ @ \$ 65.00	\$ _____
Sunday, June 26 Breakfast Coupon	_____ @ \$ 12.00	\$ _____

Amount enclosed must be received by June 3. Deadline \$ _____

Make your own room reservations at Doubletree Hotel

Overland Park Kansas. Call them at 913-451-6100 and mention High Twelve for a rate of \$ 119.00 per night. A block of rooms has been set aside for our use until May 28th, 2022. Reservations after that date will be at the prevailing rate.



Doubletree of Overland Park KS.

Mail Registration and your check to:

High Twelve International
PO Box 2363
Sun City, AZ 85371

Make Checks Payable to High Twelve International

OR

Go to our Web Site

High Twelve
International, Inc.



[SELAMA 785](#)

[Seven Lakes,](#)

[Ft. Myers, FL](#)

A meeting of SELAMA High Twelve 785 was held on February 4, 2022 at American Legion Post 38 in Ft. Myers, 9 members and 5 guests attending. The President opened the meeting in customary form. Serious head colds slowed down a couple of members who had intended to join us, but we aren't as large as we used to be. This meeting featured a visit by the High Twelve International Vice President, Eric W. Klienbach. Two things make this a remarkable; first, the meeting marked the very first sale of a HIGH TWELVE LADIES SCARF (shown below)

and second, we inducted new members – one new and 2 who have been in for awhile but never formally inducted. What is truly unique about this event is that Eric conducted the Induction just as he did as State President when we were first formed as a newly chartered Club. So, he has been the President Officer at the Induction of every one of our members although a couple are yet to be formally received. It isn't very likely that there is any similar event in the history of High Twelve.



(Many thanks to Laurel Raulerson for excellent pictures – best yet for us)

We also introduced the idea of holding an “event dinner” that might be fun to do. Thoughts and ideas would be more than welcome.

The March meeting will take place on the First Friday, March 4th, as scheduled. It will be held at Post 38. Anyone interested in seeing what we are all about is always welcome, as are spouses and significant others. I'll send out an additional notice a week out. The menu will once again be Ribs, however we can make arrangements for other meals – as usual I do need adequate notice and a preference.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Connally, Secretary 785



ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF
CLUBS



MASONIC HIGH TWELVE

March 19th, 2022

Brethren,

The Freeport High 12 club #43 is active, meeting every Thursday at Logan's. We still have 23 members, but haven't had new members for quite some time. Our attendance has not been consistent due to the weather and Covid. One week we had 10, but we could also have as many as 15 or 16.

The first Thursday of every month is our business meeting, at which time we hold our drawing with a gift to the lucky winner. No money is involved, just luck!

We have been helping the local Salvation Army. Their red kettle drive was a little short this past holiday season. We voted to give them an additional \$200, in addition to the \$250 we gave them at Christmas.

Our president, Gene Olmstead, has been laid up with additional surgery on his leg and now is having trouble with his foot. He will be out about 6 weeks. We certainly wish him well.

We still meet at Logan's which is just off Rt. 26 at the south edge of Freeport. We have been happy with the food and the service. But to find out for yourself, you need to come and visit.

And, remember, "If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it!"

Fraternally,

Roger Carson, Sec., 33° & PSP

& and my secretary, Martha

Sun City West High 12 Club will meet on Friday, 12 November at the Royal Café Restaurant in Sun City. During the breakfast meeting, there will be a presentation by representatives from the Legal Services for Crime Victims in Arizona, a local social services agency located in Sun City.

The Sun City West High 12 Club has completed the Summer Luncheons program, during which the Sun City West High 12 Club visited several local restaurants and met at the West Valley Salvation Army Corps headquarters for a report on local Salvation Army activity.

The Club met on Friday, 08 October with breakfast at 8:00AM and the meeting included a presentation by the Sun City Museum and Historical Society. Below is a picture of Club President Jeff Samuelson with Bill Pierson, representing the Sun City Museum and Historical Society. Bill is dressed in NY York Yankee items to highlight the importance of Del Webb who was instrumental in establishing Sun City Arizona in 1960. Del Webb owned the NY Yankees baseball team in the 1950's and early 1960's.

The Club meeting also included reporting on the International High 12 Club Association meeting as well as the Annual Meeting of the Arizona State High 12 Club Association. At the Arizona State High 12 Club Association meeting in Tucson, action was taken to dissolve the State Association. Sun City West High 12 Club will now report directly to International High 12.

The Club is currently collecting donations for the Annual Rice/Bean Fund donation to the Valley View Food Bank. The collected donation will be presented to the Valley View Food Bank at the Club's December meeting. During the October meeting, plans were discussed to assist the West Valley Corps of the Salvation Army with Red Kettle Bell Ringing on the Saturdays between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Also, Club President Samuelson reported that the Club will be working with Sun City Lodge No 72 A & FM in coordinating activity for the Pancake Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, 12 February 2022.





High Twelve International, Inc.

SELAMA 785
Seven Lakes,



The February Meeting of SELAMA High Twelve 785 featured a visit by the High Twelve International Third Vice President, Eric W. Klienbach. Two things make this a remarkable; first, the meeting marked the very first sale of a HIGH TWELVE LADIES SCARF (shown below), purchased and modeled by our own to Laurel Raulerson. And a couple of us purchased the new High Twelve coffee mugs (shown on the table in the member picture below.)

Eric briefed us on the recent meetings and events. And in response to a question, talked about the charitable contributions and activities at the National, State and local levels as well as the Wolcott Foundation. It was a valuable education for all of us. As some may recall, we are a recently formed Chapter. The original Chapter surrendered it's charter many years ago, and a small group of us decided to bring it back to Southwest Florida. It has been challenging – we lost our President to a heart attack, and our Canadian members have faced major pandemic restrictions. Having grown rapidly, we shrank rapidly, dropping from 24 members to 13 due to health and travel restrictions. But we have added 2 new members so far this year and there are some others who are interested. And so we have survived.

(Standing left to right: Cecil Raulerson; Kurt Wagner; Lew Fish; Chuck Machell; Steve Steele; Mike Meehan; Jim Hogg; Eric Klienbach. Seated: Allen Goldstein, President; Ted Connally, Secretary. Many thanks to Laurel Raulerson for excellent pictures.)

We Inducted 1 of the 2 new members, but what made it unique is that we inducted a couple of us that had not been formally received as well. And here's the unique part. When we were first Chartered, members of the Florida State Line came to see us. Eric was the State President at that time. And Eric inducted those attending into High Twelve. That hadn't happened since then even with our rapid growth. And at this meeting, the same Visitor, now an International vice President, conducted the second induction ceremony. We are thinking of making it a once a year event and having him back to do it three times in a row! It isn't very likely that there is any similar event in the history of High Twelve.

But that isn't the end of the coincidences. We are a Masonically "salty" bunch. We've got KCCH Red Hats, 33° White Hats, York Rite Current and Past Grands, KYCH (and Eric is a sitting one), Rosicrucians (Eric is one), Past members (and Eric is one), PDDGMs York Rite Secretaries (and Eric is one), Past Lodge Secretaries (and Eric is one), Knight Masons (and Eric is one), AMD Members (and Eric is one), and Shriners (as is Eric.) We are a bunch of "been there done that" Masons, and Eric IS there and DOING that. Great to have him visit and always welcome back as are all High Twelve members and guests. Come see us – first Friday every month.

Respectfully submitted,
Ted Connally, Secretary 785



High Twelve International



Sutton Acacia Club #974

First Meeting Report

Despite the best efforts of Storm Eunice, Sutton Acacia Club #974, held its first Luncheon meeting on Friday 18th February 2022, at Sutton Masonic Hall, Surrey, England.

5 of the Founding 12 Members attended: -

President: Simon Polkinghorne

1st Vice-President: Graham Hancock.

Steve Turner.

Derek Williamson

Kenmore McIntosh

The President Simon Polkinghorne displayed the Charter, that he, Graham Hancock, and Chris Hatton received in Washington DC from Bro. Roberto Sanchez, explained the Grip and Word to Bro's Steve Turner, Derek Williamson, Kenmore McIntosh.



Left to Right: G Hancock-D Williamson-
S Polkinghorne-K McIntosh-S Turner.

Bro D Williamson presented Bro's Alan Hall, Mark Donovan, and Len Hayward to the President, who informed them of the Principles and Aims of High 12, Initiated them into the Sutton Acacia Club #974, welcomed them as High Twelvians, then all sat down to a well-deserved lunch.

A very successful first meeting.

Des Moines High Twelve Club No. 4

Meets Wednesdays at 11:15 A. M.

Downtown Holiday Inn located at 6th Avenue and I-235

Chartered Saturday; April 18th, 1925

n4desmoineshightwelve@gmail.com

A special
whenever

February of 202-2!!

Bulletin or update will be published
needed to update information.



A brief note:

Civility, Collaboration, collegiality, comradery, congeniality, cooperation, and cordiality

SO here is a request: please do make a list of the advantages of Masonry to you and some of your best experiences. AND then be willing to share at a High Twelve meeting. B


And, please do not try to upstage the speaker....

PLEASE COMMUNICATE!

Suggestions are always welcome.



Tom Gruis, President for 2022.

02/14/07/2022 - † - 

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***Please send Bulletin and Club information to dsm.hi.12.4@gmail.com.**

Weekly reminder:

Date	Topics	Speaker
02/23	Bagpipes - Mike Shannon - <u>Ladies' Luncheon</u> -	
--><u>WEAR SCOTTISH ATTIRE!</u><--		

Des Moines High Twelve Club # 4

Assistant Secretary dsm.hi.12.4@gmail.com

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March of 2022

A special Bulletin or update will be published whenever needed to update information.



From your president –

Attendance at our Club #4 is increasing some. Keep up your good work.

Say, have you ever considered a personal business card identifying you with High Twelve? It could have you as a contact and would personalize your conversation – and – invitation. I am going to run off a few cards like this:



Tom "Doc" Gruis, Ed. D.
Club #4 - Des Moines

Wednesdays @ 11:30; Downtown Holiday Inn

Always great fellowship and speakers! B

docgruis@gmail.com (515) 277-2512 www.gruis.org



The annual convention is now set for May 6 and 7 2022. It will be at Prudence #205 in Algona which is closer to the clubs and a very good facility. The actual business meeting will be of Saturday the 7th with doughnuts and such and a noon luncheon served by the ladies of Eastern Star. High Twelve International First Vice-president **Mark D. Nokes** is planning on being present. Several of us are going over on Friday for more fellowship time. Details will follow! This is an early announcement to get it on your calendars. (Convention is for the annual meeting and conference refers to the mid-year.)

Remember that if the Des Moines Public Schools close on a meeting day – then we too will "go dark that day."

You are all appreciated! Thank you!

Travel safe! Tom "Doc" Gruis, Ed. D.

The keyword for 2022 is **COMMUNICATE!** BUT with !

Welcome new member Michael Samuel Shannon!



Mike Shannon, our newest member gave a fun, interesting, and wonderful presentation about bagpipes, their history, and more on Wednesday; 23 February 2020.

Pictured are Richard Anderson, Secretary and International representative, Mrs. Darlene Shannon, Tom/Doc Gruis, President and second V. P. of North Central Association, And Brother Shannon.

Because of what has just happened with the dastardly invasion of the Ukraine, I would like to share two documents which were presented at our meeting on 23 February 2002.

[Words and Music by Irving Berlin] (Originally composed in 1918 and later revised by him in 1938)

Kate Smith, contralto, introduced the song over the CBS Radio Network on November 11, 1938

The Des Moines Club #4 Officers for 2022 are:

President: Tom Gruis * ** -2 (633 & 205)

Appointed:

Vice Presidents: Duane Wachter (577)

Assistant Secretary: Dr. Tom Gruis * ** -2 (633, 205)

Kade McMillen, and David Ashby, PP

Parliamentarian: Ken Brickman * ** IL (632 & IL 296)

Treasurer: Doug Stephenson * (654)

Legal Counsel: William Clark, Jr. (110 & 632)

Secretary, Richard Anderson * ** (577)

Hospital Visitor: Richard Anderson

Publisher and Roster – Phil Enabnit **;

Special Events – George Becker

International & Masonic Rep: Richard Anderson * ** State Representative: Jerry Carlson *

Trustees: (Last three Presidents): Robert West (407), David Ashby (636), and Jerry Carlson (592)

Auditing – Ken Brickman* Installation of new members – Ken Brickman*

Membership – Jim Mason and Phil Enabnit Publicity – Phil Enabnit

House co-chairs – Richard Anderson* and Phil Enabnit

* - Past President of our club

*** Past State President

From Tom –

PRAY FOR PEACE!!!

Tony/Doc.

*While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.*

God bless America,
Land that I love,
Stand beside her, and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam
God bless America, My home sweet home
God bless America, My home sweet home.

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

**Brother
Robert B. Kremers**



Des Moines High Twelve Club No. 4



Article #1

From the Treasurer - Secretaries - Annual Per-capita Statements:

Reminder to all club secretaries that your annual billing is based on the March 2022 Online Monthly Report or last one received. Statements will be mailed on 4/30/22 and are due upon receipt. Clubs that have not paid the 2020-21 statement will not have a vote at the 101st Annual Convention.

Article #2 – Club news

East Valley #765 AZ - installed the 2022-23 Officers on 1/15/22 by Past State President Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson, HTI Treasurer – Steve Maggs, Secretary L-R Steve Maggs, Secretary; Paul Howell, President and Gerhardt Obrikat, Vice-President

Article #3 – Club news

Sun City West #567 AZ - held its annual pancake breakfast on after a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic. The breakfast was held with the Sun City Lodge #72 F&AM and The DeMolay assisted. It was good to have breakfast again with our Brothers and Sisters. Proceeds support the three youth groups, Boy Scouts, and the annual rice/bean food drive for the West Side Food Bank. Thanks to all who helped put the breakfast on and those who enjoyed the breakfast! Also, Michael Clark, Wolcott Foundation Chairman was present and provided information about the Foundation and received a check from the club. Robert Carhart, Secretary.

Article #4 – Club news

East Valley #765 AZ - guest speaker for 2/19/22 was Rose Hanne and husband whose topic was breeding, raising, and training stand poodles as certified service dogs. Paul Howell, President L-R Mr. & Mrs. Hanne; Paul Howell, President

Article #5 – general interest

New Merchandise Items:



Article #6 – general interest

All members: As in past years we are pleased that the 2022 edition of the address labels have been delivered to your mailbox, please use the enclosed return envelope for your donation and we thank you in advance for your generous donations. Donations can also be via the HTI website home page – Donations.

Article 7 – general interest

Remember to pass the **Little Red Schoolhouse** during your club meetings as these donations support the Wolcott Foundation the main philanthropy of HTI. Passing the schoolhouse provides each member to recognize birthdays, anniversaries, or for any reason – we all like to heard at our meetings! Clubs are reminded to send in your donations at least quarterly to your Deputy Representative or your zone Trustee. **We ALL need to do better in supporting OUR foundation.** See the HTI website for more information.



Tampa Bay High Twelve is in full swing for 2022! We have had three very successful meetings at different breweries in the Tampa Bay area and are always expanding our ranks with new and exciting programs and members.

Our last meeting was held at Three Daughter's Brewing in St. Petersburg, FL. This brewery is famous not only for their incredible beer selection, but for their work in the community. They consistently rank in the are for their kind donations, their community activities, and their fundraisers for programs in the area.

We had the pleasure of hosting our National 1st VP Eric Klienbach as our guest of honor. He spoke about the Wolcott foundation and how our assistance provides funding to those who look to serve our Government with pride and integrity.

Being so close to MacDill Air Force base, we have a large military population in the area and many of our members are retired military Soldiers. We always recognize the service of these heroes.

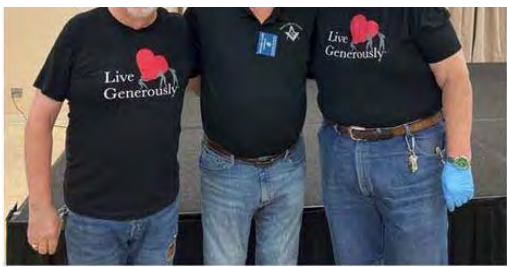


Sun City Lodge and Sun City West High 12 Club members joined together in the preparations and delivery of the breakfast meal at the Saturday 12 February 2022 Pancake Breakfast at the Sun City Masonic Center. Below is a picture of (from Left) Glynn Ley; Jeff Samuelson, Sun City West High 12 Club President; and Marcus Hensley, Sun City Masonic Lodge Worshipful Master attending to pancake and French Toast preparation. During the Saturday morning breakfast Mike Clark, Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation, was present and spoke to the breakfast attendees about the Wolcott Foundation and the important impact that the Foundation Scholarship assistance makes with students involved at George Washington University in post-graduate studies. In the photo below is (from Left to Right): Kevin Hokerk Robinson, International High 12 Association Treasurer; Mike Clark, Chairman of the Walcott Foundation Board; and, Jeff Samuelson, Sun City West High 12 Club President.

The Annual Pancake Breakfast was successful and breakfast proceeds were shared with Valley of the Sun DeMolay Chapter; Bethel No 19; the Glendale Assembly No 8; the local Boy Scouts Troop; Art of Love, a local group that works with foster children; as well as the Sun City Lodge and Sun City West High 12 Club.

At the 11 March 2022 Sun City West High 12 Club meeting, Sun City Lodge member Randall Sturdevant discussed the current investment environment. Randall is associated with Edward Jones Investments with an office in Peoria. Below is a picture of Club President Jeff Samuelson with Randall Sturdevant at the conclusion of the presentation.





Thanks for the opportunity to share a brief article, if you like, as to why Masons should embrace High-Twelve in their area. Have a great remaining day & week!

Gerald A. Edgar, Pres. - NCA

H = (641) 923-2573 O = (641) 923-4427 Tu/We/Th 8:00-4:30 CST

As a grad of the U of Iowa's College of Business, I was exposed to good overviews of all the various "majors" including Marketing. Even after several intervening decades I recall this gem of wisdom from a top Marketing Professor. Q="What is the difference between Marketing & Sales?" A= "Marketing puts the corn on the ground so when the ducks come down to feed, Sales can shoot them!"

I believe High-Twelve is indeed the best marketing tool available to our Masonic fraternity. It puts the "corn" of Masonry before a non-Mason. In most jurisdictions we cannot ask a friend to "join" Masonry. Yes, we can talk about our fraternity, sound out his interest, etc but it's not like asking him to join a service club, professional or veteran's group we might belong to. Ideally (as we do at my local Lodge) we can invite him to dinner before a Stated meeting so he can see the Lodge Hall, meet members, etc. However, most Lodges do not have meals before Lodge meetings so that opportunity does not exist. Since the York & Scottish Rites, Shrine et al have a prerequisite of Masonic membership to join, they do not provide a direct means to expose a non-Mason to our Fraternity.

So if you have a neighbor, co-worker, etc. who you feel would make a good Mason AND you are fortunate to have a High-Twelve Club nearby, invite that 'prospect' to your next High-Twelve Club meeting (or have him as the program source!). There he can meet other Masons, tour the Lodge Hall (if that's where you meet) and effectively receive a 'soft sell'; effectively marketing Masonry. Indeed, this very means of using Masonry's most effective outreach is how you can convince your Lodge Brothers to join your Club. "Hey Jim, I heard you might have a prospective member for our Lodge. Why don't you bring him to our High-Twelve meeting next Tuesday noon? You can both be my guests."

We often speak of "appendant bodies" of Masonry. May I suggest you consider High-Twelve as the ENTRY to Masonry! Indeed, at age 14 or so, my first intro to Masonry was thru a friend of my Dad's (who himself was not yet a member of the local High-Twelve Club). They were having their annual "Bring your son to High-Twelve" meeting and since he did not have a son or grandson, he 'borrowed' me. When I attended, I was pleasantly surprised to see how many men who were teachers at my school or were men whom I had seen pictures of and stories about in the local paper. An impressive group that I "joined" 10 years later.

Let's make High-Twelve the front door to our beloved fraternity!

Sun City West #567 - Brother Randall Sturdevant, a local investment Counselor, was the guest speaker on 3/11/22 and his topic was "what is driving the cost of oil." Pictured is Jeff Samuelson, President presenting a logo'd coffee mug to Brother Randall. Submitted by David Miller, PSP





Franklin County High 12 Cub #726

The March meeting of Franklin County Hi 12 Club #726 enjoyed Denise Ingram, Director of Sales and Marketing, and Tiffany Rife, Community Life Officer, Mennohaven Retirement Community, who spoke about Mennohaven. The speakers informed HI 12 members about improvements at the Continuing Care Retirement Community to include new buildings such as a new Health Center, new cottages, a rehabilitation center that accepts patients after discharge from local hospitals as well as Mennohaven residents, a large greenhouse, and Improved dining facilities.

Don Parrish

Brother -

Our monthly Luncheons are always interesting.

In December we get a little spoiled -
we get to see and hear a high school choir -
really a Choral Group of achieving students !

I happen to enjoy Christmas music immensely
and our Club had some outstanding music to hear !
It had other music as well.

It is so good - they go to the nationals
for the ACDA - American Choral Directors Association.

I hope you can find some space for the article.
And there's a link - so you can actually hear it also !

Many thanks - **Hiram Ed Peterson**





SECTY ► North Penn HIGH TWELVE # 473

North Penn High Twelve Club #473 -

On December 16 the North Penn High School Chamber Singers, provided holiday music directed by Mr. Matthew Klenk; a renowned member of the ACDA - American Choral Directors Association. They performed at the last National Conference (2019 - before Covid) in Kansas City,

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We wish you good luck and know you will enjoy wearing these distinct pins and your ladies will enjoy wearing their High Twelve necklaces.

Thank you for your contributions to the Wolcott Foundation.

Faternally,

Michael E. Clark-Chairman/CEO

The Wolcott Foundation Inc.

Information on the Wolcott Foundation, Fellowship Recipients, videos of Wolcott Luncheon Speakers, and Wolcott Fellowship Application information is available at:

www.wolcottfoundation.com

Wolcott financial reports are available on the High Twelve International website at High12.org under the Wolcott tab at the top of the page

Wolcott Foundation Mission Statement

The Wolcott Foundation Inc, is a nonprofit 501C-3, supported by Masonic High Twelve International. It is established to provide Fellowship Grants to graduate students attending George Washington University's College of International Business, Public Management, and International Affairs, who exhibit an interest in government service. These students must possess outstanding scholastic achievement, social awareness, and high individual ethical standards.

Five 2020 Wolcott Fellows Prepare for Graduation

Class of 2020-2022



Alexandra Choate



Jose Romero Jr

2021 Wolcott Luncheon Speaker



Eva Cohn



Skylar Knight



Zachary LeVene

Wolcott Foundation Fellows George Washington University



Fall 2022 Wolcott Fellows to be announced Soon!

38 Applications

7 Wolcott Fellowships Awarded



Wolcott Vice Chairman Stanley Gardner, HTI 1st Vice President Mark Nokes, Wolcott Secretary Dr. William Wilkinson Esq, Chairman Michael Clark, Trustee Dr. Cornel Darden Jr, Treasurer Robert Morton

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Wolcott Fellows Give Thanks **to High Twelve International Members**

The following are letters from current and Senior Wolcott Fellows attending and/or graduated from George Washington University

Hello Members of High Twelve International,

Receiving the Wolcott fellowship has transformed my life by allowing me to better myself, my community, and my future through my experience here at George Washington University. By receiving the Wolcott fellowship, it has allowed me to pursue my interests in public service as I am able to focus on a career for the benefit of the public good.

The Wolcott Fellowship has allowed me to attend George Washington University full-time and dedicate my time and effort to my studies so I can make an impact upon this world. Without the Wolcott Fellowship, simply I would not be attending George Washington University because of financial reasons and the stress of accumulating student loans. Without the Wolcott Fellowship, I would be working for the betterment of a company, not the citizens of the United States.

The Wolcott Fellowship has allowed me to pursue my career interests in serving the federal government without having to stress about repaying massive amounts of student loans or having to find a job that is not for the improvement of public society. As I graduate this May, I will always remember the kindness and generosity the Wolcott Foundation has provided me. I hope to carry out the values of the Wolcott Foundation and High Twelve International into my career going forward. The Wolcott Foundation has given me the opportunity to serve and I can't wait to serve our nation as we overcome these difficult and trying times. Thank you for allowing me to dream big, learn, and now serve.

With all the thanks in the world,
Daniel Burwell



Dear High Twelve International members:

I was awarded a Wolcott Fellowship in Spring 2020 and it has helped me immensely. With the Wolcott Fellowship, I can focus on my work and school responsibilities now so I'm better prepared post-graduation, to make a bigger impact through federal service. I am studying Security Policy Studies with a concentration in U.S. National Security at the George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs.

In 2015, I graduated from Temple University with a B.A. in Anthropology and a minor in Mandarin Chinese. From 2015-2017, I worked as a federal government contractor. Since January 2017, I have worked as a federal employee in the Washington, DC area. I knew I wanted to take time after completing my undergraduate degree to gain work experience to better inform my decision on what graduate program to pursue and how it would assist me in reaching my career aspirations.

When I started my Masters degree at the George Washington University, I knew I wanted to continue my career as a public servant. As I complete my degree part-time in the evenings, I currently work full-time as a federal employee. With the help of the Wolcott Fellowship, I have completed classes ranging from Cyber Security and U.S. Space Policy to Quantitative Analysis for International Affairs Professionals.

The Wolcott Fellowship's mission aligned with my aspiration to continue my career in the federal government to be a part of a larger mission and make a difference. I look forward to graduating in Spring 2022 so I can contribute my skills and expertise gained from my Masters degree to the federal government.

Thank you for all your help.
Eva Cohn .

George Washington University Washington, DC



These are the faces of Wolcott Fellows you helped educate and who are now serving our country in public service positions

In the past 60 years, The Wolcott Foundation, a Masonic Educational Foundation, has awarded over 500 Graduate level Fellowships to outstanding students at George Washington University in Washington, DC

In 2020 the Wolcott Foundation received over 40 applications And awarded 5 Fellowships totaling \$150,000.00

We currently have 10 Wolcott Fellows attending GWU

Please contribute liberally to the

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The Wolcott Foundation is the official philanthropy
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Remember the Wolcott Foundation in your estate planning
Contact your Wolcott Trustee or Deputy Trustee

The Wolcott Foundation

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The gavel was passed from Past President Richard Follett Jr. to President Ron Hicks in December 2021.





Musical entertainment for December was provided by Wildwood Middle High school ensemble. There were several solos, duets and the full group performed several Christmas favorites. The band Director was presented with a Club donation for their Music program.



Magician Paul Hallas performs a magic trick (illusion) at the February luncheon for one of our Ladies.



For Women's History Month (March): An extremely interesting presentation of our Country's "First Ladies" was given by Carolyn Kleinsmith who was a Rainbow Girl and Worthy Matron.

All members and guests learned many interesting facts about the 'Lady behind the President'.



A special Award was presented to 3rd International Vice President, Eric Klienbach's, 87 year old father, Donald. He has attended several of our meetings and the Club certainly enjoys his company.

In the upcoming months our Club will continue to provide entertaining and informative lunch time programs. In addition, a Miniature Golf event is scheduled in June and the 2nd annual Picnic in September.

Our goal for the upcoming year:

"Continue to increase membership by providing great companionship through laughter and entertainment."

Dear Editor,

Here is the latest from our club.

Fraternally, Don Robinson, Club Treasurer, PSP

After a long layoff from face-to-face luncheons due to the COVID pandemic, our club resumed its monthly luncheons on October 5, 2021 at Daddy's Grill in Oldsmar, FL. Our previous venue of many years no longer served lunch in a meeting room so we had to make a move.

After a long period of inactivity and as expected the meeting format was somewhat rusty but the experience of seeing each other, members and ladies was truly a joyful and happy one.

We held two monthly luncheons at Daddy's Grill and then for the December, 2021 meeting, moved to Eve's Family Restaurant also in Oldsmar. The meeting room is much smaller than what we are used to but the food here is delicious, probably the best we've had at any of our previous meeting places.

The new officers for 2022 were duly elected in December and installed at our January 4, 2022 luncheon. Brian Zepa, Florida State High Twelve President and Mike Hemphill, Florida State High Twelve Secretary along with some of the club members performed the honors of installing the new officers.

Our club has definitely been through some rough patches during the past two years with the untimely passing of some key officers but we have persevered with a lot of hope for the future of our High Twelve Club.

All of us, members, their ladies and honored ladies of past club officers are happy to be enjoying fellowship and human contact once again in a social setting. It is the meeting itself that brings us together in true High Twelve

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF

MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUBS



March 19th, 2022

Brethren,

The Freeport High 12 club #43 is active, meeting every Thursday at Logan's. We still have 23 members, but haven't had new members for quite some time. Our attendance has not been consistent due to the weather and Covid. One week we had 10, but we could also have as many as 15 or 16.

The first Thursday of every month is our business meeting, at which time we hold our drawing with a gift to the lucky winner. No money is involved, just luck!

We have been helping the local Salvation Army. Their red kettle drive was a little short this past holiday season. We voted to give them an additional \$200, in addition to the \$250 we gave them at Christmas.

Our president, Gene Olmstead, has been laid up with additional surgery on his leg and now is having trouble with his foot. He will be out about 6 weeks. We certainly wish him well.

We still meet at Logan's which is just off Rt. 26 at the south edge of Freeport. We have been happy with the food and the service. But to find out for yourself, you need to come and visit.

And, remember, "If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it!"

Fraternally,

Roger Carson, Sec., 33° & PSP

& and my secretary, Martha

MONTEBELLO MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB #422 JUNIOR CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

My name is Ellen Galstian. I am a senior at Montebello High School. I have been selected as the March Junior Citizen of the Month.

I have lived here in Montebello all my life. I feel so thankful for my community and my education at our high school.

At MHS, I have received many opportunities. I am very grateful for my experiences inside and outside of the classroom.

One of my favorite parts of high school has been being a part of the Associated Student Body (ASB) these past four years. I started off as a freshman representative and am now part of the Executive Cabinet as secretary. ASB was surely the catalyst for my growth, as it has helped me become a leader in many ways, that I would never have imagined before my freshman year.

Being in ASB gave me the courage to join other clubs and even to work to earn board positions. I am currently serving the Armenian Club as co-president; the Kindness Campaign as historian; our Speech and Debate Team as manager.

I am a member of the Interact Club; Film, Music, & Art Club; CSF; and was on the tennis team all four years as well.

Being involved in school showed me the importance of giving back to the community and working together to accomplish our goals. Through my experiences of volunteering and helping others, I feel reassured in my decision to major in Psychology. I will study to become a family therapist. I am very excited for the future.

I thank Karla Sandoval of Golden Skewer restaurant; the Montebello-Whittier Masonic Lodge #323 for their program over decades now; and to the Montebello Masonic High Twelve Club #422 for their administration of it.





Oldest High Twelve Club Partners With a Scottish Rite Valley and a National Sojourners Camp

High Twelve Club No. 2 of Downtown Oakland California is the oldest continuing club, since 1927, within High Twelve International and its membership has many friends across the Masonic Family.

A number of years ago this High Twelve club was looking to find newer quarters better located for their membership and where they could hold more and larger events. Many of their members were Scottish Rite Masons who belonged to the Valley of Oakland, California, which had all of the space and amenities they wanted, and specially the location, and urged the club to relocate there.

After their relocation, a number of club members who are members of the National Sojourners, organization of Free-the United States for a more central from their home at Robert F. Travis Heroes of '76 Golden Scottish Rite and de-

This move and the ing was a win-win both could share a

With these two many Scottish Rite with the National meeting at the Oak-

This has become a



an American patriotic or-masons who have served in Armed Forces, were looking place to go after moving Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield California. The General Chapter No. 490 of the National Sojourners and their West Camp, had a productive meeting with the Oakland cided to relocate.

decision to meet right after the High Twelve Club meet-for both groups, since both received new members and great lunch and guest speakers!

groups meeting in the Oakland Scottish Rite building Masons joined the High Twelve Club and many signed on Sojourners. This has caused more groups to think about land Scottish Rite Building.

win-win-win situation for all of the participants.

The High Twelve Oakland No. 2 Club Banner with Secretary Jim Strehlow (L), President Chris Boggess (C), Vice President Jim Westfall (R).

Currently, Club President Boggess is also the General Secretary of the Oakland Scottish Rite Valley and joined the National Sojourners after the Travis Chapter's first meeting!

High Twelve Oakland Club Guest Speaker Jim Westfall of the Heroes of '76 Golden West Camp of the Travis No. 490 Chapter gives the presentation of : "Building the Flag".

Travis Chapter No. 490 Secretary Jim Westfall (L) and President Martin Aurelio hold a chapter meeting immediately after the High Twelve



Des Moines High Twelve Club No. 4

Meets Wednesdays at 11:15 A. M.

Downtown Holiday Inn located at 6th Avenue and I-235

Chartered Saturday; April 18th, 1925

n4desmoineshightwelve@gmail.com



April of 202-2!!

A special Bulletin or update will be published whenever needed to update information.



From your president –

Thanks to N. C. A. President Gerald Edgar for reminding me that Irving Berlin was a Mason!

Dues cards are available, if requested. Secretary Richard Anderson has them.

The annual convention is set for May 6 and 7, 2022. It will be at Prudence #205 in Algona which is closer to the clubs and a very good facility. The actual business meeting will be of Saturday the 7th with doughnuts and such and a noon luncheon served by the ladies of Eastern Star. High Twelve International First Vice-president **Mark D. Nokes** is planning on being present. Several of us are going over on Friday for more fellowship time. Details will follow! Please get it on your calendars! Just a month away!

(Convention is for the annual meeting and conference refers to the mid-year.)

You may have noticed there is at least one invitation or luncheon for the ladies every month. Two reasons, they are welcome, their presence is appreciated, and that makes a larger "sale" for our great hosts at Holiday Inn, Mercy Campus. Likewise, I have been given to understand that we are their longest-term group meeting customers.

The board this year is doing a really good job! Much appreciation and many thanks to all of you.

Tom "Doc" Gruis, Ed. D.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

John W. Iles, a member of Acanthus Lodge # 632

He is self-employed at Iles, McKinney, Inc.

Sponsored by Tom Gruis.

movie "...they go together like a horse and carriage!"

PLEASE COMMUNICATE!

Our Club # 4 has really good presenters. In my nearly twenty-three years of membership, I can think of no more than five that were not good presenters. And with a minimum of forty-five a year (covid excluded), that is about 1/200th of the total list. (IMHO)

REVIEW - Information about joining our club: a.k.a. ve fine print:

You must be a Master Mason in good standing to become a member of High Twelve. Remember that there is a petition in your Roster booklet – and you can copy it to your heart's content! All members MUST be current on dues in their lodge. **Any objections to the candidate must be received by the President or Secretary within five (5) days and it takes two (2) negative votes to preclude him from joining.** The dues are \$75.00 per year and there is an initiation fee of \$12.00. The fee to join decreases each month by month as per the number of meetings in the previous month. **The total fee to join in April is \$76.00 including 2022 dues!** Members transferring to # 4 or initiated dual members do not pay the \$12.00. Article II, Section One of our Bylaws (Page 6) states: "A former member of the Club may be reinstated as an active member by action of the Governing Board and the payment of a fee of \$7.00." **Those elected in one month can be installed at or following the second (2nd) meeting of the following month.** \$3.00 is payable to High Twelve International for each new

#4 Officers for 2022 are:

President: Tom Gruis * ** -2 (633 & 205)

Appointed:

Vice Presidents: Duane Wachter (577)

Assistant Secretary: Dr. Tom Gruis * ** -2 (633, 205)

Kade McMullen, and David Ashby, PP

Parliamentarian: Ken Brickman * ** IL (632 & IL 296)

Treasurer: Doug Stephenson * (654)

Legal Counsel: William Clark, Jr. (110 & 632)

Secretary, Richard Anderson * ** (577)

Hospital Visitor: Richard Anderson

Publisher and Roster: Phil Enabnit **;

Special Events: George Becker

International & Masonic Rep: Richard Anderson * ** State Representative: Jerry Carlson *

Trustees: (Last three Presidents): Robert West (407), David Ashby (636), and Jerry Carlson (592)

Auditing: Ken Brickman* Installation of new members: Ken Brickman*

Membership: Jim Mason and Phil Enabnit Publicity: Phil Enabnit

House co-chairs: Richard Anderson* and Phil Enabnit

* - Past President of our club

*** Past State President

The keyword for 2022 is **COMMUNICATE!**

Present membership is 33.

From Tom –

"Thanks for your encouragement of experimentation and keeping it fun while at the same time trying to make improvements." 73, Jerry, AC5JM

"The one (idea – Ed.) that I finally think I have down (after repeated lessons) is that the more authentic and honest I am with my Self and the people around me, the easier it is to lead. People would rather be led by an "imperfect" person who knows where they want to grow than someone faking to know it all."

From Jena Young of Bar Harbor Maine. She owns and operates The Side Street Café

there. A favorite place when we make it there and Jena, with her husband Jeff are very active

in the community. She is a thoroughly beautiful young lady gladly sharing ideas and her insightful thoughts

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"To reflect upon truth. To talk little. To hear much." These are the three goals on the sides of the High Twelve International symbol.

These three elements are a three-way oxymoron, if there is such a thing.

In John 8 and 32 are these words: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Away back when, Socrates, Plato, the Prophets, St. Thomas Aquinas, and many others have sought for that illusive and partially nontangible thing. These days "facts" given to us, mostly by the mass media, can and may be accurate. But more often than not information comes to us mixed with opinion! Politics, being "woke", wishing it was so, cruelty, slanted, biased and such contribute detract from we should of right be told.

One of our local news stations had this is a headline: another instance of Des Moines police brutality." No disclaimer or alleged descriptor included. Word play.

What is more honest than a dog? A few people, maybe – and always God himself.

So that motto, to myself, implies both reflect – and detect – the Truth.

Now, that "to talk little" thing. Good grief, we are Masons! For many the conversation holds a very large portion of Masonic appreciation and membership. Perhaps if we were to factor in truth, appropriateness, civility, timing, and examined content of what we say, then that injunction would be much easier. Say what?

"To hear much" is becoming a more elusive practice in our time with communication overload and the fatigue. Anyone else dislike music in the background in restaurants, grocer stores, and so on?

It is no secret that this writer loves the TV show "GUNSMOKE." My favorite character is Dr. Galen Adams. In one episode Marshall Matt Dillon quarantined a caboose because there was a plague that infected passengers. The extremely rich and boss of some huge business, husband did come down with it and because of the care of his brave (and of course Beautiful) wife. She had also warned him over and over and finally left the train car to get help, a.k.a., Doc Adams. As the train was pulling out of Dodge City, Doc told the husband "Don't just listen to her! HEAR her!"

So, do we, do you listen and/or hear? If there is one way or many ways involved, both are needed to learn. From a 1950s

On March 28, 2022,

Brother and Club No.453 member Crowell Shane provided us with a presentation about Masonry during the Civil War. Brother Shane's presentation was most informative and interesting. A photo of Brother



teresting. A photo of Brother
Shane and his wife Bonita, OES
Worthington Chapter No.287
Secretary, is attached.

Fraternally yours,
George Kirsch
Club Liason Officer



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