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President's Message:



By the bond that binds us as Brothers in Freemasonry and members of High Twelve, I greet you all. (And I'm not from the South or I would have written "All y'all") I trust that you have maintained your social distance, worn your masks and washed your hands and are now about fed up with the lack of masonic meetings. We have Zoomed into meetings enough and are tired of meeting sporadically. In Pennsylvania, Lodges, Chapters and High Twelve Clubs are now meeting in small numbers. Knights Templar are closed down until next year but are also meeting via the internet.

Our Executive Committee meets monthly via Zoom and will soon vote to determine if it is possible to have a Winter Meeting in January. The 100th Anniversary Convention is still in our plans, but we will follow all health and government rulings about meeting in person and inside hotel rooms.

One day this pandemic will end. When it does I urge every High Twelver to be more active in his Lodge and in his club. We need to come back from this slow-down with all sails set and all guns firing. (And I wasn't even in the Navy).

Be safe. Support the Wolcott Foundation May God Bless Us all.

Fraternally,
Jerry J. Hamilton
International President 2020-2021

Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson, PSP, AZ **HTI Treasurer & Interim Secretary**



I have my double billed hat on to write this article on a COLD morning where it finally got down to 49 degrees last night and only a high of 68 degrees projected – guess our summer had finally ENDED!!!!

This summer had 143 days with +100 degrees and 54 days +110 which were record setters. Because of the heat our summer monsoon season was a total bust and this is the one rainy period where we normally receive half of our annual rainfall total of 7".

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By the time you receive this magazine the 2021 Pocket Planner & Pen (anniversary edition) should have been delivered to the those that donated the last time plus all Association & Club President's & Secretaries. There will be a limited number of extra's available for order though the merchandise page on the HTI website www.high12.org. If you don't use a paper calendar, please use them to advertise your club to hopefully get a Mason to join!

Association and Club Secretaries: There will hopefully be a new secretary appointed when you read this too. The easiest way YOU can help this new brother is by filing the Online Monthly Report F-200a by the 5th of the following month, **each and every month!** It only takes a few minutes once a month and is the one form that is used to update everything related to your members information (addresses, phone #'s, email addresses...).

With elections coming up for Associations and Clubs it is imperative that the Online Club Information Report F-200b (yes, it can be used for Associations too!) be filled out with your new officers. It is used also to report a change in meeting location/time too. With the pandemic many restaurants have gone out of business or no longer serve groups. This report is used to update the Association or Club information webpages which makes it useful for High Twelvians to find your meeting place and time. You **MUST** be logged into the site (upper right corner, email & password) but first there has to be an email address associated with your membership record! If you are not getting the bi-monthly email newsletter the **UPDATE** then there isn't an email associated with your membership record or perhaps it has changed. To be added just send an email to secreary@high12.org and ask to have the email added – only takes a minute to do.

Now that your club president's year has come to a conclusion, why not order a custom printed past president certificate with his name and year (no charge) and perhaps a past president lapel pin? Again, just go to the merchandise page to order the pin (\$7.00) and in comments request a certificate. Or just order the certificate by itself – Form Order.

Have you ordered dues cards for you next year? If not, make sure your membership information is updated via the F-200a and place an online form order for F-201 Dues Cards and provide the period they are good for IE: 2021 OR mm/dd/yy to mm/dd/yy as not all clubs are on a calendar year basis. Order in time so when you get the 'green stuff' you have a custom printed yellow dues card ready to exchange!

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There is no cost to your club for this service.

As of this writing there are still 28 clubs that have not paid their 2020-21 per-capita yet. These fees were due back in May when the statement was received. We understand that many clubs did not meet for 6-7 months, however these funds would have been collected prior to the pandemic shut down. Reminder statements have been mailed.

EIN Contacts: Have you filed your clubs/association 999-N ePostcard tax return for 2019? If not please do so now. If you have not filed for several years do it ASAP as after 3 consecutive years of not filing, you will lose your non-profit status and be required to file a paper return annually. Additionally, the fee for restoring the non-profit status has been raised to \$600 from \$400. Again, this one of those pesky annual tasks that only takes a few minutes to do but has a BIG penalty if you do not do it. I expect to receive the HTI Group Exemption list from the IRS the end of November and will be doing the annual verification of the EIN holder (recipient of my letter) along with club meeting information, president, and secretary. This information will be due back to me (in the self-addressed, postage paid included envelope) by January 31, 2021 as I must file the updates with the IRS by February 15, 2020.

In closing, 2020 has been a difficult year for us all, nothing is the same as it was. Now that the virus is understood better and we know how to protect ourselves and others maybe we can get back to a new normal and I sincerely hope that it includes meeting with your fellow High Twelvians for a bit of fun, food and fellowship while catching up. But above all, be safe and stay well, for yourself and those dear to you.

Mike Haxton, 1stVice President, PSP, KS

Hello Twelvians!



Here we go again with the Fall High Twelvian Magazine! With all the tribulations that we have had over the last year or so, it's good to get this issue out.

As you are all ***painfully*** aware of, COVID-19, the Novel Coronavirus, has made a mess of the good year 2020. I recently heard that the number 13 was vying for the worst number in history, but then along came 666. 666 said he

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was by far the worst. 2020 came along and just said, “Oh PLEASE”! In our last online newsletter, I told you all that our finances were a bit under, and that we might solicit some travelling money. That came from a discussion of the International officers, and at the time we were pretty concerned about it. Here is how we fixed it. We moved most travel fund money and took care of the budget problem. As it turned out, our friend COVID-19 helped too. We haven't gone anywhere as a group except for Arizona, and that was a Zoom meeting. By the time the pandemic is under control we will be back to our usual robust status. So put whatever you were thinking about sending, put it in the Little Red Schoolhouse instead.

I did go to the Illinois State Convention, but I wrapped it around a trip to my cousin, where I was his physical therapist for a few days after they replaced his hip. Twelvians, if any of you are having hip problems, and are insured, including Medicare, go get it looked at and taken care of. My cousin was in and out of the hospital in 6 hours, and climbed two flights of stairs when I got him home. He was moving very well within 3 days, and was pretty much off pain meds in a week. And he's 68. They have this one down to a science now, and it is far easier than a knee replacement. He did so well that they are going to do the other one in January.

We're Goin' to Kansas City, Kansas City here we come..

Not now, but in 2022. First and foremost, is our Century Convention in Sioux City (Iowa, not Sue). President Jerry has a lot of nice things cooking there, and hey, it's our 100th anniversary, so we are going back where it all started. Jerry will tell you more about that. In 2022 the convention will be held in the Kansas City area. Negotiations have started with several nice hotels in town, and we are looking for the best overall deal for you. We want you to have a good time and stay solvent too. We know for sure that one tour will be the WWI Liberty Memorial. This is the National WWI museum, and it is packed with points of interest. We may have lunch there, too. That is up in the air.

Now I have a question for you: Most Worshipful President Harry Truman's Library is also nearby. Would there be any interest for a Wednesday tour? If there are enough people who would want to do that, I think we can make it happen. You have 14 months to decide, so please let me know.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Grotto Past Grand Monarch Philip Gicalone is the General Chairman of the 2022 Convention. I will have contact information for him in that capacity for you in the next online newsletter. (See what I did there? Now you have to open it and

read it) when it comes to your email!) The timing will be such as to not interfere with the Grotto Supreme Council. We are quite aware of the member overlap between Grotto and High Twelve, so we are coordinating with them.

I have friends in the Stage Three COVID-19 vaccine tests. What I am getting from them is that at least a short term vaccine should come available in late Winter, which means that you may need booster shots every few months, with a more permanent one maybe a year later. Medical staff and other essential workers will get it first, then it will go to the most vulnerable among us. And they will make a *lot* of it. That is encouraging news to me, and I hope to you. A normal life is coming! I am so tired of living under restrictions myself, but not tired enough to go out and risk my life to try to prove a point.

You all have my mike@high12.org email address. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or good jokes, please send them to me. I will answer you to the best of my ability, and if I cannot answer you, I will research it and get back to you.

Belly Masons, Unite!
It's always High Twelve somewhere!

Fraternally, Mike
(AKA Michael Eugene Reeser Haxton)

Mark D. Nokes, 2nd Vice President, PSP, IL



Greetings!

Hope this short message finds everyone safe and healthy. To say this year has been unique goes without saying. Due to COVID-19 most, if not all Masonic Events in Illinois have been cancelled or severely restricted due the restrictions enacted by the Governor of Illinois. Our Grand Lodge Annual Communication was held via Zoom. Currently we are able to have indoor dining on a limited scale.

My home lodge in Palatine, IL has been fortunate to be open and hold several degrees. Additionally, we held a couple virtual meeting via Zoom and were able to have our Annual Election and Open Installation in October.

Rick Santella, 3rd Vice President, PSP, PA



THE SEEDS YOU PLANT TODAY.....

In last month's article I mentioned how many Clubs were "planting seeds" during the inactivity stemming from COVID-19. Guess what.....it's working!!

I have attended several Club meetings either in person or via Zoom these last few weeks and at each meeting I have witnessed new High Twelve members being initiated, larger attendances at the meetings and an overall good feeling of being amongst our High Twelve brethren once again. Yes, we are slowly re-opening and must stay vigilant with safety concerns, but this is also a terrific opportunity to get back to the basics: Call members in your Club.... especially those who were dormant even before Covid...

Reach out to Master Masons. In many cases they are still waiting for their respective Masonic Bodies to open. A terrific opportunity to bring them as a guest to your High 12 meeting. Take advantage of Social Media to keep your members involved and up to date on what's happening within our High Twelve Family. Much success is evident using Facebook, Twitter Call-Em All's, newsletters, etc.

There are many reasons to be a High Twelve member, especially being able to contribute to our future leaders via the Wolcott Foundation and Youth Group Support. Therefore, I am urging all our State Presidents and State Officers to coordinate with your respective Clubs to ensure all of the above are happening. I ask this of you: Have you planned or attended a High Twelve Presentation within your State lately? What is your plan for growth from within?

Time after time I see more success when the State Officers take a proactive approach and these successes are not by accident.

Pennsylvania is adding new Clubs. One of these new Clubs will have at least 20-25 new High Twelve members. Florida is adding new Clubs and has the honor of initiating their current Most Worshipful Grand Master into the Club.

Enthusiasm, planning and coordination between the State and Club levels undoubtedly bring more success and Fraternal Bonding.

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Remember...the seeds you plant today will be the reason why High Twelve will continue to thrive going forward!

God Bless and Stay Safe!
Rick rick@high12.org

SELAMA HIGH TWELVE No. 785, Ted Connally, Secy.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE, THAT WAS THE QUESTION

There were few left who remembered the active High Twelve clubs in Southwest Florida. A couple of us were around when the last one surrendered its Charter and hated to see it go. Then about 3 years ago or so, a few of us started kicking the idea around of restarting one. We'd all done our time in the "memorize your WORK and study the floor manual" world – just about every title and list of alphabet soup after our names. And getting a little (maybe a lot) older, we wondered if we could get going and interest some youngsters (age 60 to 70) in picking up the load. To be or not to be, that was the question. By great good fortune, or at least it seemed so at the time, a couple of us remembered a Masonic Club – unofficial or course, that used to attend Lodge from time to time. We knew the GM of the Community that hosted it – a Master Mason, Past Master, PDDGM and on and on, and talked with him about it. He liked the idea, and off we went. It is important to note that the particular Community was mostly Canadian Snowbirds, with a few now permanent locals. Most, if not all, were "Rusty Masons" but took to the idea of reconstituting their old "club" with a broader membership base and a High Twelve Charter.

It was our great good luck to make contact with Mike Hemphill, State Secretary for the Florida Association and a long time Grotto Profit from way back. Thus started the saga of getting organized with his help and a lot of help from State and National. We started monthly planning lunches. The agenda was set – a really good meal, a small pool tournament always won by the same guy, or a game of Masonic Trivia played with teams and some really good bottles of liquid as a first prize for anyone young enough to have a liver intact. At each gathering the paper work for membership was passed out, and after everyone had left, the paper work was picked up, left right where it had been placed, and saved for another attempt at the next meeting. That indeed happened several times.

Eventually we selected a name, got some of the paper work filled out far enough to get a Charter, "elected a slate of interim Officers, and off we went to have meetings – sort of. By the time all this had happened, it

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was April and the Canadians, most of the group, headed home. Well, Fall of last year came around, and we began to think about resuming and getting a program going. Being all experienced senior Masons, the core group of locals has become profoundly skilled at planning for things. We really don't worry a lot about doing things, but boy are we good at thinking about planning things. And the Holidays came, and shortly thereafter COVID19 came, and very shortly thereafter the Canadians went. And then the missives began to arrive from every Great Grand Whatever on what we can or can't do, none of which we paid any attention to, nor do we memorize our WORK anymore. We did, however, pay attention to our own health risks and restrictions imposed on us and everybody else, and eventually Florida has been reopened – but maybe not the Canadians and nobody knows when that will change as this is being written.

And so, here we are again – to be or not to be an active High Twelve. The answer is YES, we will get it together and we have decided to try for a meeting in November. Nobody knows how many we'll have attending, or how it will go from there. But I am sure that those of us who are able to attend will resume thinking hard about planning a program. And who knows, it might happen. You can bet the core of those who can make it will enjoy ourselves and keep it going. Tune in to a future Newsletters - with any luck there will be another installment of this story.

Help Wanted

Permanent Editor, High Twelvian Magazine

Must be a glutton for punishment. Must be able to use Microsoft Publisher. Must be able to handle getting yelled at when he gets something wrong. Must be able to not preen when he gets it right. Must put out two magazine per year. Must be able to hit a deadline. A "J" minor or major would be nice. Salary paid in Corn, Wine, And Oil.

Albany-Berkley High Twelve Club #8

Observe the Turtle, who makes no progress unless he sticks his neck out.



NOTICE Of Intent To Run For HTI Elective Office At 100th Convention For 2020-2021

President	Mike Haxton, PSP, KS
1st Vice President	Mark N. Nokes, PSP, IL
2nd Vice President	Americo "Rick" J. Santella, PSP, PA
3rd Vice President	Some Brave Soul
Treasurer	Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson, PSP, AZ
Secretary	Thomas J. Brotherton, III

2 & 3 Year Endowment Fund Trustee Floor Nomination

Additional nominations can be made 'from the floor' of the convention as described in the International Bylaws R V 6/18/16; Article II - Officers; Section 4;

Greetings,

As of October 18 club High-Twelve gatherings at physical locations are still forbidden by the California Grand Lodge.

As we could wait no longer to see each other, Albany-Berkley High Twelve Club #8 held a virtual social meeting on October 12th using Google Meets. Three of our members used computers, and the other 4 members connected by telephone.

We also agreed to release a portion of our meeting as greeting to our regional and national secretaries, with our former secretary making the official greeting.

The seven who attended represented 100% of our members living within 10 miles of El Cerrito, where we usually meet at the Denny's Restaurant. We are small, but very loyal band of masons.

Fraternally, Joseph K. Collignon, Secy/Treas

Valley Forge High Twelve Club No. 305

Greetings from Chester County, Pennsylvania, the heart land of America! Where we have beautiful farms, Longwood Gardens, potato chip factories, mushroom houses and a High Twelve Club that refuses to fade away. For the last several years our Club has been meeting at

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Shannondell, a gorgeous Senior Living Campus. Well.....you guessed it, we are no longer permitted to meet there because of COVID-19.

So we reached out to our friends at Charlotte's in Newtown Square, as they host a Grotto and a Rotary Club and had hosted another High Twelve Club that is not currently meeting. They simply could not be more accommodating. Great venue, great staff, great service and great food.

Frank Lorine, Past President, came up with the brilliant idea of giving all of our members an option! Join us in person at Charlotte's or by zoom. So we do both simultaneously. This way the people joining us by zoom can watch us eat delicious food!

Every month since August our attendance has increased. It will continue to do so as long as Gov. Wolf doesn't shut us down. I am a firm believer that interesting guest speakers are the key to getting members to sign up for the meetings. We are a Club that does indeed include the ladies. They seem to appreciate it.

Since I was installed as President in August, I have welcomed Bro. Ed Stumm, Grand Tiler, speaking on being raised at The Children's Home at Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, Bro. Jason Richards, founding member of The Masonic Roundtable Podcast and Bro. Eric Downs, the creator of The Brandywine Battlefield Degree. Our next Guest Speaker will be Bro. Ben Litman doing his program on Masonic Astronomy!

So if you are ever in our neck of the woods on the first Wednesday of the month at around lunch time, stop by and join us. We will set another place!

All the best, Christopher Gibson, President

Hamilton High Twelve Club # 414

On Wednesday September 16, 2020 a meeting was held at the Heaven Sent Restaurant to determine if it was feasible to open your club for regular meetings.

Present at this meeting were: Robert Sears, Carl Smith, Dave Hawkey, Bill Davis, Larry Morey, Rollin Furnas, Steve Ingram, and Gary Klein Waechter.

The meeting was opened with prayer by our Chaplain W.B. Morey. President Robert Sears stated the reason for this meeting was to determine if we should open our club. Brother Sears also stated that he

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would call on each person present and ask for their comments.

W.B. Davis gave a financial report, his comments on opening the club and then tendered his resignation effective on December 31, 2020.

After much discussion a motion was made by W.B. Larry w. Morey and seconded by W. B. Carl E. Smith that we open our club on the first Thursday in March, 2021. By a voice vote this was approved. The Hamilton High Twelve Club # 414 will remain closed until March 2021.

The Board of Directors voted to donate \$300.00 to Debbie for the Lindenwald Children's Christmas Party and \$300.00 to Debbie for the storage of our podium and other supplies for the period of March 2020 to March 2021.

The Board of Directors agreed that the following officers would serve for 2021. President Carl E. Smith, 1st Vice President Robert N. Sears, 2nd Vice President Robert D. Webster, 3rd Vice President David L. Hawkey, Secretary Vacant, Treasurer Vacant, Three Year Trustee Carl E. Smith, Two Year Trustee Larry W. Morey, One Year Trustee Robert N. Sears, Chaplain Larry W. Morey, Sgt at Arms Steven R. Ingram, Wolcott Representative Rollin Furnas, Masonic Representative Thomas S. Bevington. This officer list may change.

The Board meeting was closed with prayer by our Chaplain W. B. Larry Morey.

During this time of reflection let us keep in contact with one another by calling or email or snail mail.

May GOD be with each of you until we meet again?

Robert N. Sears, President

Illinois High Twelve Association, Mark D. Nokes, PSP

Illinois State High Twelve held their Annual Meeting in August. The attendance was lower than most years but was greatly appreciated by those who were able to attend. The business portion was held at Medinah Shrine Temple in Addison, IL. The evening dinner was hosted by Leonard J. Maniscalco at Medinah Country Club in Medinah, IL. 1st Vice President Mike Haxton, PIP Joseph Santisteban and myself had the honor of installing the newly elected officers Illinois High Twelve. Many thanks to PSP Charlie Coffey for all his help in preparing the convention during COVID-19.

A donation was made to the Wolcott Foundation from Illinois State High

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Twelve Association in the amount of \$1076. Illinois High Twelve members and officers give their condolences and prayers to the family of Thomas Bevington, PIP on his unexpected death. Brother Tom was a great friend to us all and will be greatly missed.



Illinois President John Peter Curielli & First Lady Cathy



Visitors included Vice Presidents Mark Nokes & Mike Haxton, PSP Steven Hermanson, and Joe Santisteban, PIP

Arizona Association of High Twelve Club, Inc.

The Arizona Association held its 45th Annual Convention on September 26, 2020 via Zoom and was called to order by Ben Pronneke, President.

The Necrology service noted three Brothers that had passed during the year: #505 Acacia Santa-Rita, Robert E. Kline, PSP; #523 Sahuaro, Graham Davey & Jerry Harris, PP; #567 Sun City West, William Carnes.

The usual business was conducted ending with election of 2020-2021 Officers:

Walter H. Williams, PSP	President
Jeff Samuelson, PP	1st VP
Joseph H. Santisteban, PIP	2nd VP
Harold "Lindy" Lindamood, PSP	3rd VP
Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson, PSP	Secretary
Glenn R. Vogt, PSP	Treasurer
Ben Pronneke, PSP	Immediate Past President
Harry C. Brown, PSP	Wolcott Deputy Zone 2

The officers were installed in short form by Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson, SE, HTI Interim Secretary.

All clubs are meeting again in Arizona as of October, although some had to find new meeting places due to Covid-19 restaurant closures.

North Penn High Twelve Club # 473

Met at the Franconia Cafe's private meeting room facility with social distancing and mask wearing rules. September's featured speaker was our own Jerry Hamilton the new President of the High Twelve International Organization, Talking about his plans for celebrating **the** 100th anniversary of the High Twelve Club's founding.



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!

North Penn High Twelve Club #473

Brother Jerry Hamilton, IP - behind a wrap around shield, talking to our group in September.



We welcomed Gordon L. Bell, a brother from Doylestown Lodge and a transfer from the Valley Forge High Twelve Club as an addition to our membership. The 2020-2021 officers were installed by Winton Hewitt and Jerry Hamilton. (past and current High Twelve International Presidents. Illustrious Jerry Hamilton, was our guest speaker. Brother Jerry entertained us with his unique pearls of wisdom, plans for the High Twelve International Convention to be held next year in Sioux City, Iowa, and provided gifts for the ladies and brothers in attendance.

Fraternally,
H Ed Petersohn, PHP, Secretary

Montebello High Twelve Club #422 CA

We continue to be shut down by the Gov. of Calif. and thus the Masonic family. We have not met together since the March meeting, we did accomplish the awarding of three Jack L. Lowry Memorial Scholarships of \$350 each, one to a graduating senior student of three high schools. It

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was a challenge since no one is on campus but the principals worked very closely with Don Travis, PP

FREEPORT High Twelve Club #43 IL

Not much new with Freeport High 12. We started meeting in the middle of Sept., but now the governor has limited our eating and meeting place.

We thought we had a new member, but the virus came along and we haven't been able to contact him. We continue to keep our membership at 24. Our meetings are still once a week with the first meeting of each month as our business meeting. That meeting also includes a free drawing. We are deciding what charity project we'll be doing for Christmas for the local Salvation Army. A suggestion was to give coats and purchase hats, gloves and scarves.

The club has not had speakers due to Covid, but everyone is still welcome when we are meeting. Just make sure you wear a mask!

Come and join us,
Roger Carson, Sec., PSP

Florida Masonic High Twelve Association

One could say we live in strange times and one would be correct. High12 Masonic Association is experiencing Challenging times/strange times all depending on how you look at it. I see High 12 as one of the most inspiring Masonic appended bodies that I've had the opportunity to work with.

It is simply amazing; we can get together lunchtime, dinner time, doesn't really matter with our significant difference from other bodies. We hold Masonic communications without ritual, with structure and share the benefits of Masonic relations.

One of the things that I really enjoying in Florida, is that the ladies are a major part of our organization, they are at all of our meetings and the ladies get recognized at every meeting and even after they've lost her husband. At which time we call them our special ladies and we strongly encouraged them to attend all of her functions and when we have a lady night a couple times a year we asked them to come at our expense to have a night out in addition to a few meetings along the way during the course of the year.

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One of the things about High 12 that I really enjoy is the uniqueness of the brotherhood I can travel from Florida to Philadelphia meet the Mason at the door explaining the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and treated as through he was with high 12. He had nothing but great things to say about high 12 and knows the type of organization Hi 12 is and there was no pretension.

Often times in Masonry once we've become a Master Mason were asked "oh are you going Scottish rite, are you going York Rite, are you going to do the Shrine, are you going to the Grotto"; all these different things and many, many other Masonic associations. What are you doing? Try hey are you going to join a 12; we can tell them that there's a big misconception that high 12 is basically a Romeo club. In a lot of cases it is really old Masons eating out, but it's also great for the younger Masons. It's a chance to fellowship without the ritual, a chance to fellowship with your spouse and others.

Recently when traveling to Philadelphia; I had the occasion on very short notice to be able to have coffee with our president Jerry Hamilton and our third Vice President Rick Santella. It's like we were long lost friends instantly, that found their way back to each other, what a great feeling, that's because of High 12.

Our president Jerry Hamilton really surprised me when I asked is V traveling with me; speaking of my wife. I'm like no she's not making this particular trip, he says aren't you in the Grand Commandery line for Grant Commandery of Florida, as a matter fact I am. And Jerry shared that he's a Past Grand Commander of Pennsylvania. I was really touched by the fact that this man did his homework, to know who I was, even on short notice and coming to meet me. We are rather blessed to have an excellent leader in Jerry Hamilton this year as we navigate through COVID-19.

In Florida as a State Officer we wear green blazers; remarkably similar to that of those who win the Masters in Augusta, GA. As I travel this year going to installation of Officer, Grand Masters visits where I am wearing my green coat and talking about high 12. Masons are like high 12 still exist! And are surprise, they are extremely happy to hear we're doing well, and they say I wish Hi 12 was back in my area again.

My brothers we must fix this and bring High 12 back to these areas again. And with a huge thanks to former President Jonathan Dilley; he actually laid the groundwork for us. To help us in this endeavor his President's Club; he worked hard in getting literally hundreds of Brothers to join the President's Club during his year to be high 12 in members at

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large. This can is a tool that we all can use; we can go through the directory and identify where these Brothers are and encourage them to join or start a Club. With the help of 1st Vice President of Florida State High Association, Jim Davis. With his helping me prepare legislation to change the number of members required to start a new club to seven. Just last night I was at a function I mention this they said wow 7, that is interesting Masonic number and it is.

It is my hopes that between our Midyear and Annual Convention the representatives of High 12 in attendance for our 100th Anniversary Convention in Des Moines Iowa will see fit to allow us to lower the number to seven required to start a new club. We just might be able to re-ignite the passion that was high 12 in years gone by. There was a time when Florida had over 90 clubs, thousands of High 12 members. My Brothers, we can do this again, if we simply go out and let the Brothers know that we're still here. That we're still doing good works for Masonic youth; DeMolay, Rainbow and Jobs Daughters. More importantly our number one through philanthropy The Walcott Foundation. Insuring that with in our government that there are people who believe in God. What better cause could there be, to send people that work for the best interest of Our country with God fearing/believing young people they can make a difference for years to come.



Last night I had the privilege of attending Pearl of the West 146 Masonic Lodge No. 146 Newport Ritchie, Florida. It was their fifth annual 100 Mason Night, for the past five years in a row they have been trying to accomplish 100 Masons. In 2019 they came all so close, 98, they could taste it. However, in 2020 COVID struck our state, our nation, our planet. These Brothers did not give way, they did not give up hope; they hosted their fifth annual 100 Mason night. With the help of the Most Worshipful

Grand Master of Florida Masons; [Tommy L Turlington Jr.](#) and party, there were 106 Masons present. Job well done Pearl of the West. I will confess my PGA green masters colored blazer stood out. In the room as I represented High12, several members of the Newport Ritchie High 12 club 566 were present and were happy to see High 12 being recognized and still existing. I had people say Hi 12 is still around, I'm like yes, we are and we're growing. As a matter of fact, the current Grandmaster of the Masons of Florida will be a Charter member of the new club at we're starting in Deland Florida with the help of Brother Chuck Lindner

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Donegal Area High Twelve Club #686 Elizabethtown, PA

Our club is unique in that it traditionally meets for lunch on the campus of the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, PA, a charitable continuing care retirement community of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Rules related to retirement living communities in the time of a pandemic meant that retirement living campus residents and community members of High Twelve could no longer meet face to face. By September however, we developed three new strategies intended to continue to unite us in Happy Bonds of a Fraternal Hour.

We have resumed monthly virtual meetings using telephone conference calls and zoom.

We developed a “phone calling tree” for past presidents and current vice presidents to make monthly phone contacts with each of our members.

We initiated a monthly club newsletter to keep all members informed about pending programs and giving opportunities.

We are looking forward to a future time when we can resume our time of fellowship.

David R. Whitenack, President



From one of our **Wolcott Laureates**: High Twelvians, this is why we do what we do.

HERE AND THERE

High Twelve Fellowship Scholar, PHYLLIS M. CHESTANG, MBA, International Business, George Washington University published over 80+ ebooks for adults/university education. Ms. Chestang has a professional business advisory firm, a 501c3, and new podcast series, Second Wind, on Spotify, Apple podcast and Libsyn.

Phyllis Chestang also, recently attended a GW Alumni Virtual Reunion in Washington, DC plus a Virtual GWU International Alumni event with alumni/graduates now living in Germany, other EU countries and the Philippines. I am also actively supporting local, regional, national government by voting, actively motivating and supporting voter education, providing public comments regarding budget and management plus providing professional development oversight for the State of California.

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Phyllis Chestang is keeping my promise, and actively showing gratitude for the Wolcott Foundation Fellowship aka the 'Gift that keeps on giving'.

Thank-you.

Phyllis M. Chestang, MBA

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Lehigh Valley Club 493, Allentown PA



The Lehigh Valley High Twelve Club Number 493 is the biggest club in Pennsylvania. Their new President, Bob Reinhardt would tell you that they are also the best. At this time in Pennsylvania, COVID-19 requirements permit restaurants to admit only 50% of their capacity. Reinhardt and Secretary John Ellermann found that the Superior Restaurant in Emmaus, PA, (a suburb of Allentown) was large enough for their club to meet and still keep the necessary social distancing.

One Past Club President is Harry Beers, a 33rd^o Mason and Past Commander in Chief of the Valley of Allentown. He is completing a year as President of the Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs. The club has now elected Robert W. Reinhardt III a very active Mason from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey who has no problem commuting to the Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania.

493 Officers for 2020-21 include (L-R)



Robert Reinhardt, President
Mark Gall, 1st VP
John Freeh, 2nd VP
John Ellermann, Secretary
George Hixon, Treasurer
Herb Cook, Raffle Chmn.

Pearl of The West Masonic Lodge No. 146, Newport Richie, FL 100 Mason Night



Past Michigan State President, Now Most Worshipful Grand Master

A Past State President of The Michigan State Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs has been installed at Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan.

Most Worshipful Brother Craig H. Maison, a member of Furniture City High Twelve Club No. 236, Alma-Pathways Masonic Home High Twelve Club No. 756, and Past President of The Michigan State Association of Masonic High Twelve became the Grand Master in August 2020 and will preside until May of 2021. The annual Grand Lodge Meeting for Michigan was postponed from May of 2020, to August, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Most Worshipful Brother Craig served as a Grand Lodge liaison to the Michigan Lodges for many years prior to becoming Grand Master. He is well known and respected throughout Michigan Lodges and is an Honorary Member of many Michigan Blue Lodges.

Most Worshipful Brother Craig is proud to be a High Twelvian and has been a strong supporter of the Wolcott Foundation.

The Grand Master appointed Worshipful Brother Michael E. Clark, Past Michigan State President, and current Wolcott Foundation Chairman, as a Grand Steward. Worshipful Brother Mike will visit Lodges in the West

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Michigan area promoting the use of an Almoner Box to be passed around at the end of each Lodge meeting Funds collected will be placed in the Lodge's Almoner Fund to assist needy Lodge members.

We congratulate Most Worshipful Brother Craig H. Maison, on becoming Grand Master and wish his well during his time as Grand Master.

Montebello High Twelve Club #422 CA, Don Travis, Secretary

We continue to be shut down by the Gov. of Calif. and thus the Masonic family. We have not met together since the March meeting, we did accomplish the awarding of three Jack L. Lowry Memorial Scholarships of \$350 each, one to a graduating senior student of three high schools. It was a challenge since no one is on campus but the principals worked very closely with Don Travis, PP



Endowment Fund Membership: Any member, club, association or friend of High Twelve can become a member by filling out an application, attaching a check for \$100.00 or more made out to High Twelve International, in the check's memo line place the words "Endowment Fund" and mail to International Secretary as indicated on the application form.

Recognition: A numbered certificate, signed by the International President and Secretary, will be given to the person, club, association or friend of High Twelve with each donation received along with a lapel pin for the individual to wear, or, in the case of a club or association, placed on their banner.

Valley Forge High Twelve Club #305

Greetings from Chester County, Pennsylvania, the heart land of America! Where we have beautiful farms, Longwood Gardens, potato chip factories, mushroom houses and a High Twelve Club that refuses to fade away. For the last several years our Club has been meeting at Shannondell, a gorgeous Senior Living Campus. Well.....you guessed it, we are no longer permitted to meet there because of COVID-19.

So we reached out to our friends at Charlotte's in Newtown Square, as they host a Grotto and a Rotary Club and had hosted another High Twelve Club that is not currently meeting. They simply could not be more accommodating. Great venue, great staff, great service and great food.

Frank Lorine, Past President, came up with the brilliant idea of giving all of our members an option! Join us in person at Charlotte's or by zoom. So we do both simultaneously. This way the people joining us by zoom can watch us eat delicious food!

Every month since August our attendance has increased. It will continue to do so as long as Gov. Wolf doesn't shut us down. I am a firm believer that interesting guest speakers are the key to getting members to sign up for the meetings. We are a Club that does indeed include the ladies. They seem to appreciate it.

Since I was installed as President in August, I have welcomed Bro. Ed Stumm, Grand Tiler, speaking on being raised at The Children's Home at Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, Bro. Jason Richards, founding member of The Masonic Roundtable Podcast and Bro. Eric Downs, the creator of The Brandywine Battlefield Degree. Our next Guest Speaker will be Bro. Ben Litman doing his program on Masonic Astronomy!

So if you are ever in our neck of the woods on the first Wednesday of the month at around lunch time, stop by and join us. We will set another place! All the best, Christopher Gibson, President, Valley Forge High Twelve Club No. 305.

Arnold Page High Twelve Club #289 UK

Hello Brothers High Twelvians - 29 October 2020

By: Darrell C Russell –Secretary / APHTC 298 UK

As we continue with our "Zoom" virtual meetings we are all learning to

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cope with the technical side of things. Our last meeting showed a very hefty attendance, (8) members with (2) International guests. Not bad at all.

Our meeting started off by the President welcoming our guests, Brother Michael E. Clark, Wolcott Chairman and Zone 5 Trustee of which we fall under. Brother Michael gave a short talk on the mission of the Wolcott Fellowship Program and the career path that is required by students accepted into the Fellowship Program. Thanks, was given to the club and its members for their support of the Wolcott Fellowship Program and stated that the APHTC 298 was the largest contributor within Zone 5 in a past year. In addition, we had on a return visit, Brother Kevin Holkerk, H12 International Secretary/Treasurer. Brother Kevin mentioned that many clubs have folded or merging with others just to keep going as well as Blue Lodges are functioning in the United States. Not an easy time for any organization in this climate.

October is when we normally hold club officers' elections for the coming year as well as deciding or selecting deserving individuals or small community helping agencies that good use additional funds. Due to the pandemic and the restrictions still in place, these activities have been put on hold, with all current club officer positions to remain in place until 2021 and charitable activities and funds to be held over.

"The Little Red School House" collection was done virtually via individual wire transfers as well as the virtual raffle. I hope the President has lots of storage. The prize being provided and held as such time we can meet again, by the President for the winner.

Here in the United Kingdom, we have put our clocks back 1 hour, and are trying to adapt to getting up in the dark, the days are getting much shorter and as the UK has the reputation for having lots of rain, so far we have exceeded the normal. Seems like rain every day.

To all of Brothers and High Twelvians in the United States as well as the United Kingdom, "Stay Safe" and Well.

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Worshipful Master of Saint John's Lodge No. 37 in Deland Florida and a member of Central Florida's High 12 Club #547.

Photo: W.: Eric Kienbach Pres Florida State Hi-12 Association (left) and M.:W.: Tommy L Turlington Jr Grand Master of Florida (right).



WOLCOTT FOUNDATION NEWS

Wolcott Foundation Cancels Washington, DC Fellowship Selection Meeting

The Wolcott Foundation Trustees have announced that they will not meet in person at George Washington University (GW) in Washington, DC to select the Fall 2021 Wolcott Fellows. Due to GW being closed for on campus classes in the Fall of 2020 and for the first semester of 2021, the Wolcott Trustees will make use of electronic communication to meet and determine the recipients of a Wolcott Fellowship for Fall 2021.

The application process for applicants will remain the same and time periods and dates for application submission have been announced by George Washington University to students who would qualify for consideration for a Wolcott Fellowship. Only students studying in one of three specialized GW Schools, and attaining outstanding personal and academic achievements qualify to apply for a Wolcott Fellowship. A two year governmental work requirement follows the attaining of a graduate degree for all Wolcott Fellows.

Wolcott Deputy Trustee and HTI 1st VP Visit Missouri High Twelve Club



Wolcott Deputy Trustee for Kansas, George Arnold and High Twelve International 1st Vice President Mike Haxton have known each other for many years. They enjoy traveling together, and in their current roles, they combine to provide information to High Twelve Clubs about High Twelve International (HTI) and The Wolcott Foundation.

Recently, the two made a 10 hour, 300+ mile round trip visit to the Triple Lodge High Twelve Club # 616 in Shell Knob, MO. The club had not had HTI or Wolcott representative visit in some time, and Brothers Mike and George

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made use of their speaking time to update the members concerning the two organizations.

As always, Brother George Arnold passed around the “Little Red School House”, and along with Wolcott pins being sold, he collected \$110.00 for the Wolcott Foundation. Brother Mike Haxton has always been a strong Wolcott Foundation supporter, and even on solo club visits, he always makes a short Wolcott presentation. Thank you Brother Mike.

The Wolcott Foundation thanks the Brothers of Triple Lodge High Twelve Club #616 and hope the new information about the Wolcott Foundation helps them understand the importance of the work of the Foundation in providing outstanding leaders for public service.

Wolcott Fellowships

Brothers, The Wolcott Foundation is happy to announce the acceptance of five (5) Wolcott Fellowships for the Fall 2020 semester at George Washington University.

The Board of Trustees authorized the awarding of six (6) Fellowships, but due to the current financial climate, it was deemed prudent to award just five (5) Fellowships for the Fall semester.

The names of the new Wolcott Fellows will be posted on the Wolcott website by the end of the week.

Stay Safe.

Michael E. Clark-Chairman

George Washington University Washington, DC





These are the faces of Wolcott Fellows you helped educate and who are 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.

There are currently 10 Wolcott Fellows attending George Washington University on Wolcott Foundation Fellowships.

**Please contribute liberally to the
*“Little Red School House”***



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Contact your Wolcott Trustee or Deputy Trustee**



Low Twelve
WB Thomas S. Bevington,
International President 2007~2008,



Passed on
Friday October 23, 2020
after a short bout with cancer.

If you would like to send a card to the family:
Thomas S. Bevington, PIP
1520 Ross-Hanover Rd
Hamilton OH 45013



The HTI **Widows Pins** are available for clubs to present to our fallen Brothers Widows and a way to continue the clubs connection with them. They can be ordered from HTI website for \$5.00 each plus shipping.

Brother Nicholas,

On behalf of the Wolcott Foundation, the official philanthropy of High Twelve International, I want to congratulate you on your successful founding of a new High Twelve Club in Washington, DC.

The Wolcott Foundation provides graduate level Fellowships for outstanding students seeking a Master's Degree in Public Service and attending George Washington University in Washington, DC. We have provided over 500 Fellowships to students since our founding in 1960.

Robert Morton-Zone 6 Trustee (and DC), Treasurer
The Wolcott Foundation

BREAKING NEWS!!!

The Executive Board

is pleased to announce that Brother Thomas Brotherton, III has been appointed to the position of International Secretary effective November 2, 2020. Brother Tom is a member of Liberty High Twelve #780 in Philadelphia, PA and currently serves as club secretary.

You can reach Tom by email at secretary@high12.org or by phone at **623.239.6170**.

The Executive Board also wants to thank Brother Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson, PSP, SE, who has filled in for the past four months. Kevin will be working closely with Tom on the transition of duties and training. Please provide Tom the courtesy of getting up to speed on the offices processes and procedures.



The 100th Anniversary 2021 Pocket Planner with Pen Annual Fundraiser

was mailed on November 7, 2020 to the usual distribution plus all Association and Club Presidents & Secretaries. Please use them to promote High Twelve AND our 100th Year Annual Convention! There are a limited supply available for a minimum donation of \$12.00 and can be ordered and paid for.



How You Can Make A Wolcott Foundation Donation

(tax deductible):

1. **Little Red Schoolhouse** – all donations (not tax deductible) made when the schoolhouse is passed around the table during a club meeting are forwarded to the foundation. Clubs are recognized annually for giving at *all* levels combined during the Wolcott year (May to April).
2. **Wolcott Label Pins** - obtain from club secretary
3. **Memorials** - a donation with an acknowledgement mailed as directed.
4. **Heritage Bonds** – two types
 - ◆ *In Honor Of* – mailed as directed
 - ◆ *In Memory Of* – mailed as directed
5. **Century Club** – two donation methods
 - ◆ *Monthly installment* - \$10 per month donation over a 12 month period will purchase a century club certificate in your name or designee
 - ◆ *One time* donation of \$100, certificate in your name or designee
6. **Wolcott Club** - two donation methods
 - ◆ *Installment* – 10 Century Club certificates (#4 above) equal one Wolcott Club certificate. All Century Club certificates must be for the same named person to qualify, and be completed within a ten (10) year period. A Wolcott “sticker” is issued in-lieu of subsequent certificates (2-9). Club certificate. A presentation plaque is presented when the 10th Century Club is attained.
 - ◆ *One time* donation of \$1,000
7. **Wolcott Patron** – two donation methods
 - ◆ *Installment* – 10 Wolcott Club certificates (#5 above) equal one Wolcott Patron certificate. All Wolcott Club certificates must be for the same named person to qualify. A Wolcott “sticker” is issued in-lieu of subsequent certificates (2-9). There is no time limit to obtain a Wolcott Patron certificate. A presentation plaque is presented when the 10th Wolcott Club is attained.

- ◆ *One time* donation of \$10,000



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