

September 2019 Update



High Twelve International Update Newsletter

September 19, 2019

Fraternal Greetings to all Brethren and to our High Twelvians Globally,



High Twelve International is approaching 100 Years and I am honored to be the 99th International President with the support of our Past International Presidents, Current International Officers, State Associations & Clubs, Independent Clubs and our growing Membership in the President's Club.

Our Organization is based on the fraternal ties that bind us all and we welcome all Master Masons to join us as we go from labor to refreshment at High Twelve!

There have been times in the history of the world where Brethren have found a need to unite in the strongest of bonds and stand for what we know to be good and true. In order for these bonds to remain solidified, social activity and fraternal fellowship are indispensable.

As I have traveled to visit with our Members lovingly referred to as High Twelvians, I have delivered a simple message passed down by great men who have gone before me in this journey and these men have reminded me that I am not alone on this pathway being a part of the World's Oldest Fraternity. I have encouraged at each visit that regardless of our titles or stations, we must strive to help those who come to any activity of High Twelve to leave with a greater feeling of being **NEEDED** for what they can offer, **WANTED** for who they are and **APPRECIATED** for all that they do!

If we can find new ways to spread the cement of brotherly love, relief and truth and schedule time to fellowship with an eye single to building lasting relationships with

our Brethren while learning more about each other in the process, it will become crystal clear how Freemasonry makes GOOD MEN BETTER as a FAMILY working together in UNITY.

In addition to all that we do in High Twelve, it is also important to remember those to whom we are obligated, including our Widows and the extension of the greatest gift of all, Charity. To accomplish this, we acknowledge our widows and love them for all the years of support they have offered and the many more years to come. In order to recognize our widows, a new Widow's Pin has been created to present and remind each widow that they too are a part of our Family.

As for charity, we work hard to support the Wolcott Foundation as it continues to touch the lives of those Fellows fortunate enough to be recipients of the fruits of our labors met with theirs. We have had so many great men and women in government and public service rise up in their respective fields of employment as a direct result of the support of our Wolcott Foundation. These Fellows are the future and we as High Twelvians have the opportunity to empower them to success.

Lastly, I wish to thank my 1st Lady, SGT Janelle Dilley, USMC, who has stood by my side in support of the work that I do and has reminded me day in and day out that we are all working together to create one important thing, Family!

If ever asked, "What is High Twelve?" the answer is simple, "High Twelve is Family!"

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Jonathan P. Dilley
International President

Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson, PSP, Treasurer



Now that I have some "free" time as treasurer one project I could never find the time to do was to clean up member email problems and missing emails. So, sent the lists and a letter off to the club secretary's and very pleased with the response. So far 159 emails have been added, 62 updated, 188 members without email and 12 accounts reactivated. Also found out that 8 members had been dropped and 17 were deceased. 53 clubs have responded and some 446 'changes' made. There are 71 clubs that have not responded yet to the mailing, please do so, so more members receive this newsletter directly.

The 2020 pocket planner fundraiser will be in the mail first part of September. As last year, this is a mailing to those that have participated over last 3 years plus all new members since September 2018. Please take a few minutes to send in your donation by mail or make online via the HTI website, homepage – remember you do not have to have a PayPal account to use this service.

Along with the email validations I enclosed delinquent and past due per-capita statements/reminders. There were a few clubs that were current that also got included, unfortunately. Something went haywire with the Access program and I did

not catch it.

Have a great September and if you are like me – can't wait for Fall to arrive and cooler temperatures!

Mike Haxton International Second Vice President mike@high12.org



Hello Twelvians!

Summer is getting over, the kids are back in school, and it's getting to be High Twelve Season again.

As you know, there were some pretty big changes in the Officers this year, with our longtime Secretary retiring. We will miss Kevin as our Keeper of the Keys, but thankfully, he agreed to become our Treasurer instead. Less work for him, but we get to keep his expertise.

Our Life Membership plan is at the General Council's office, and Brother Leonard Altieri is looking it over as he codifies it. We will present it in final form at the Mid-Term (another reason why you should attend) and from there, to the Convention in June 2020 for action. This is vital for our future, and will hopefully give us stability for the Second Century of High Twelve.

As of this writing in late August, there is only one firm date for a State Association Convention, and that is Arizona, September 28 at Sabbar Shrine Temple in Tucson. If you live anywhere near Tucson please attend. It's always more fun with a full house. (a tank or two of gas is "near" enough). Your International Officers will go just about anywhere for a State Convention, but we have to know the when's and where's.

Many Associations meet in the Fall, so please, as soon as you know when and where please post it. Don't forget about putting it in the Monthly Update while you're at it.

Speaking of the Monthly Update, this is the first one under new management. New Editor Eric Klienbach has taken over the reins from Update Founder Merv Harris. We wish him well, with a lot of articles. And as always, PRINT OUT A COPY AND TAKE IT TO YOUR CLUB MEETING! Not everybody has email (hard to believe, but true) and some of those who have it don't look at it. So, give your guys some reading material at your Club meeting.



At the Illinois State Convention last month at the Shrine Hotel in Belleville, several people expressed a desire to have a Wallet sized Petition. That makes sense to me, as I always have my wallet. Let me know how you feel about this. You know my email, mike@high12.org .

About the Shrine Hotel, I expected Clowns and Tin Lizzies when I got there, but it was the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. A beautiful area, designed for get togethers, with

excellent food and accommodations. Well done Illinois!

The Master Councilor of my DeMolay Chapter once said that the best fund-raising event that he could think of was membership. In the almost six decades since I heard that, I have yet to see it proved wrong. And I have never seen a more effective membership program for Appendant Bodies than asking your best Masonic friend who is not a Twelvian to join with the added benefit of a free meal. That guy has bought you lunch at least once in your life, so return the favor and get another Twelvian while you're at it.

As is often the case, I am suffering from keyboard addiction. In other words, it's time for me to stop typing and send this on. Enjoy the rest of your Summer, and I will be seeing you.

Fraternally,
Mike

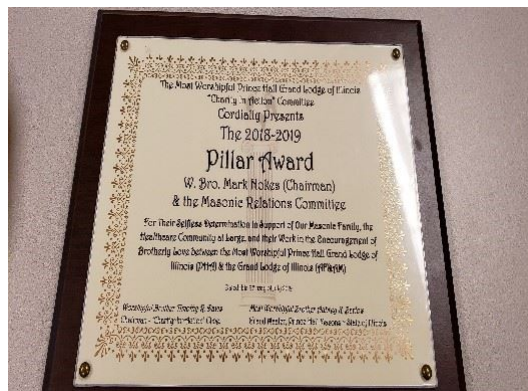
Mark D. Nokes, PSP, 3rd Vice President



I am getting ready to start my visitations of High Twelve State Associations in September starting with Ohio, Arizona then Colorado in October. Additionally, I will be joining Illinois State President Steve Hermanson at the Annual Illinois Grand Lodge Convocation in early October.

I am working closely with Illinois's newest club South Suburban to get them on track for a successful first and the ensuing years. At South Suburban's first official meeting after receiving their charter; they collected \$75.00 for Wolcott. (Brother Clark is still smiling)

As many of you know Brother Santisteban & I have been working with Prince Hall on several levels. Enclosed is a certificate I received from Prince Hall of Illinois. It was presented at a monthly meeting of Illinois Masonic Association Program at Illinois Aurora Advocate Masonic Hospital. We are hopeful to start another club in Illinois at the Hospital.



If you have any questions or have suggestions do hesitate to call myself or any of the other officers. I look forward to seeing many of you during my travels.

Fraternally yours,
Mark D. Nokes

In Memory
Roger Norman Hopkins, PSP
August 31, 1941 ~ August 27, 2019



Brother Roger N. Hopkins laid down his working tools on August 27, 2019 after a brief illness. He is survived by his loving wife, June Sekiguchi, 4 children, 5 grandchildren, 1 brother and 2 sisters. Brother Roger was a very active Mason. At the 98th Annual Convention of High Twelve International he was appointed the Wolcott Foundation Trustee for Zone 3. He was instrumental in the moving and re-chartering of Central Texas H-12 Club #766 in Houston, in July. Prior to this he served as the International Sergeant at Arms, Past State President for the Texas Association of High Twelve Clubs and current State Secretary.

Brother Roger was very active in at least a dozen Masonic organizations and held positions of leadership in his Blue Lodge, Shrine Legion of Honor, the Q, and National Sojourners to mention a few. He was a driver for taking children and their families to the Galveston Shrine Hospital for appointments and treatment and a volunteer at the San Antonio VA Hospital. He retired from the United States Army as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Medical Corps, serving in Vietnam, where he helped to save the lives of many wounded soldiers. A memorial service is tentatively being planned at the Alzafar Shrine Temple, San Antonio in October. Donations can be made to the Wolcott Foundation through your local club.

The Wit of Gandhi

He who stops to ponder and think will generally come out ahead."

When Gandhi was studying law at University College, London, a Caucasian professor, whose last name was Peters, disliked him intensely and always displayed prejudice and animosity towards him. Also, because Gandhi never lowered his head when addressing him, as he expected, there were always arguments and confrontations.

One day, Mr. Peters was having lunch at the dining room of the University, and Gandhi came along with his tray and sat next to the professor. The professor said, "Mr. Gandhi, you do not understand. A pig and a bird do not sit together to eat."

Gandhi looked at him as a parent would a rude child and calmly replied, "You do not

worry professor. I'll fly away," and he went and sat at another table. Mr. Peters, reddened with rage, decided to take revenge on the next test paper, but Gandhi responded brilliantly to all questions.

Mr. Peters, unhappy and frustrated, asked him the following question. "Mr. Gandhi, if you were walking down the street and found a package, and within was a bag of wisdom and another bag with a lot of money, which one would you take?"

Without hesitating, Gandhi responded, "The one with the money, of course."

Mr. Peters, smiling sarcastically, said, "I, in your place, would have taken wisdom, don't you think?"

Gandhi shrugged indifferently and responded, "Each one takes what he doesn't have."

Mr. Peters, by this time was beside himself and so great was his anger that he wrote on Gandhi's exam sheet the word "idiot" and gave it to Gandhi. Gandhi took the exam sheet and sat down at his desk trying very hard to remain calm while he contemplated his next move.

A few minutes later, Gandhi got up, went to the professor and said to him in a dignified but sarcastically polite tone, "Mr. Peters, you signed the sheet, but you did not give me the grade."

Wit always wins over anger

Furniture City High Twelve in Grand Rapids, Mi Holds Summer Picnic



Brother Tom Cardwell and Effie Jeffers enjoying the sunshine

The weather was warm, the sky clear, the food hot and plentiful and the members of Furniture City High Twelve Club #236 of Grand Rapids, Mi enjoyed their annual July

picnic at the home of Mike and Gayle Clark. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, potato salad, baked beans, summer marshmellow salad, drinks and cookies were enjoyed by 20 members of the club.

Furniture City High Twelve Club meets the first Monday of each month at High Twelve. All are invited to attend and enjoy the fellowship and good times.

2020 Wolcott Pins Now Available From Your Wolcott Trustee



Each year the Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation are challenged to deciding the design for the Wolcott lapel pin for the upcoming year. The Foundation has a card kept by Brother Willie Mier with pins going back many years. Each one a symbol of the Foundation's Mission of providing Fellowships for Outstanding Students at George Washington University entering public service.

The 2020 pin, using the Lamp of Knowledge as the pin design is new and used by itself for the first time. The pins are available from your Wolcott Trustee for a cost of \$10.00 each. Show your support for the Wolcott Foundation by proudly wearing your Wolcott pin along with your other Masonic pins.

Wolcott Foundation Updates Trustees Election Cycle

All Wolcott Trustees are elected to five year terms as a Zone Trustee. The 2017 Revised Wolcott By Laws allow the Board of Trustees to adjust the zones as needed due to membership changes.

The Wolcott Board of Trustees consists of five (5) elected Trustees. The listing below shows the Zone assignments for each trustee and the dates of the end of their current term and the future dates for elections in each zone.

Except for Zone 3, which has a new zone trustee this year, each trustee will be limited to two consecutive terms as a Wolcott Trustee.

Section B – Designation of Zones as of June 2019.

- Zone #2 – California, Arizona, Hawaii, Italy, and Japan
- Zone #3 – Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Louisiana, and Texas
- Zone #5 – Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Florida and The United Kingdom
- Zone #6 – Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Iowa and South Dakota
- Zone #7 – New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia and Maine

Section C – Terms of Zone Trustees –Five (5) year terms effective

Zone	Terms Expire
2	2021, 26, 31, 36
3	2024, 29, 34, 39
5	2021, 26, 31, 36
6	2022, 27, 32, 37
7	2023, 28, 33, 38

Wolcott Luncheon Video Available to Members at

wolcottfoundation.com and high12.org

The 28 minute video of the two Wolcott Fellows presentations at the Wolcott Luncheon at the High Twelve International Convention in Chicago, Il is now available at two places.

The video is available for viewing at the Wolcott Foundation website at wolcottfoundation.com. While you are at the website scroll through the pages of the website and review the Wolcott Fellowship Application. The video is also available on the main page of the High Twelve International website at high12.org.

This video makes a great program for a High Twelve Club Meeting or for personal viewing. I urge all members to view this video and you will see exactly what placing your contributions in the Little Red School House produces for our country.

NORTHWEST HI-12 Club 769

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 27th at the Golden Corral Buffet, 445 E. Palatine Road, Arlington Heights. Our speaker is Kevin Diluia Deputy Director of the Northwest Central Dispatch Center.

Northwest Central Dispatch System (NWCDS) is an intergovernmental consolidated emergency dispatch system, providing 9-1-1 services for several communities in Northwest suburban Chicago. The combined population of the communities is nearly 500,000 covering over 170 square miles. The state-of-the-art center handles an average of 1,677 telephone calls per day and dispatches approximately 246,000 calls for service annually. The center is staffed by Public Safety Telecommunicators who have completed a comprehensive training program and participate in ongoing continuing education.

After our speaker's presentation, the meeting will focus on the election of new officers. Current officers are: Joe Pegoraro as President, Prakash Naik as 1st Vice President and Treasurer, Charles Masny as 2nd Vice President and Don Van Cleave as Secretary and Wolcott Representative. We need to officially name a complete slate at our September 25th meeting and install our officers. Masonic Representative, Sgt. of Arms, Wolcott Representative, and Chaplin should be named. Our State Officer is Brother John Peter Curielli, 1st Vice President.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Chapman, John C.
Korizis, George A.

Curielli, John Peter
Charles Masny

Kokalis, Soter G.
Naik, Prakash S.

Pegoraro, Joseph W.
Riggs, John D.
Van Cleave, Don E.

Pfeil, Clyde
Rogers, George W.

Pratt, Gene R.
Santisteban, Joseph H.

NEVER SQUAT WITH YOUR SPURS ON

Will Rogers, who died in a 1935 plane crash in Alaska with bush pilot Wiley Post, was one of the Greatest political country/cowboy sages this country has ever known.

Some of his sayings:

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.
8. There are three kinds of men:
 - o The ones that learn by reading.
 - o The few who learn by observation.
 - o The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.
9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
10. If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
11. Lettin' the cat outta' the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.
12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring.
13. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.

The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

ABOUT GROWING OLDER...

- First ~ Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
- Second ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.
- Third ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me; I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.
- Fourth ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.
- Fifth ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.
- Sixth ~ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.
- Seventh ~ One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it's

such a nice change from being young.

- Eighth ~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.
- Ninth ~ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable and relaxed.
- Tenth ~ Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

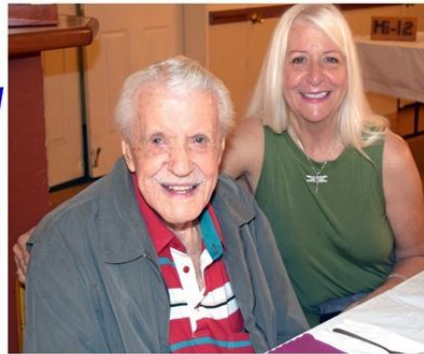
And, finally ~ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.

Pottsgrove High Twelve celebrated the **100th Birthday of HERB HOUSTON**, PM...at The Elks Club in Pottstown, coordinated by Ralph Clemmer, Past High Twelve Int'l President. The celebration was attended by High Twelvians, daughter, Hope Egolf and friends. *Information:* Ralph Clemmer (ralphclemmer@verizon.net)



HERB HOUSTON

100th Birthday celebration



Pottsgrove HIGH TWELVE Club



The Elks Club, Pottstown, PA



June 25, 2019

CENTRAL FLORIDA HIGH TWELVE #547

2019 Officers

- President: Eric Klienbach (Vee)
- 1st V.P. Brian Zeppa
- 2nd.V.P. Elliot Freeman (Janice)
- Sec. Harvey Pierce (Peach)

Tres. James MacArthur
 Sgt at Arms - Cliff Frazier
 Chaplain – Fred Weil (Erica)
 Wolcott Rep: Michael Hemphill (Cecelia)
 Masonic Rep: Brian Zeppa
 Director #1 - Stu Davis (Audrey)
 Director #2 - Bill Carlucci (Gerry)
 Director #3 – Dewayne Weisenmiller
 RSVP – Janice Freeman
 Publicity/Adviser: Raymond (Ray) Trudeau (Janet)

Ladies Night October 22nd 2019

Social Time with Cash Bar 5:00 to 6:00 PM

With sit down dinner at 6:00 PM

Lake County Shrine Club 424 N Duncan Dr, Tavares, FL 32778

It is with great sadness to report

Walter Glenn Bowron

A Member of Pythagoras Lodge No. 358, Panama City, passed on September 9th, 2019. Glenn was a 66-Year Mason, survived by his wife Beverley. Glenn was member of several Masonic bodies. Glenn known to be the longest member of HI-12 with 60 plus years – for his many years of friendship, counsel and encouragement – a bench mark - a man of character

Thelma Brock

Thelma Psaras "Themi" November 24, 1941 - September 05, 2019

Brock, Thelma Psaras "Themi" 77, of Kissimmee, passed away September 5, 2019. Born in Tarpon Springs, she graduated from Tarpon Springs High in 1959. She graduated with her LPN in 1963 and worked as a surgical nurse for over 50 years until her retirement in 2012. Themi is survived by her husband, **Johnny Brock**, whom she married in 1964; her daughter Helen (Scott) Ford; grandsons Blake, Justin and Stephen (Meghan); great-granddaughters Addison and Lyla; sister Nena Assimack; and brother-in-law Tommy (Jewel) Brock; her beloved family and friends; and her loving fur baby, Kasper. A visitation was held Monday, Sept 9 at Dobies Funeral Home, 701 E Tarpon Ave, Tarpon Springs. A funeral was held Monday at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Burial will be at a later date in Kissimmee.

David Neal August 23, 2019

David a Past President of Mid Florida Lakes, Past Florida State President and Past International Vice President of High Twelve as well as Past President of Lake County Shrine Club and current Senior Warden of Umatilla Masonic Lodge

No Service – private service at with family

Frank Peregrin update

Frank was released August 1st from hospital- on August 15th re-admitted and released next day – on August 17th Frank fell in the garage hitting his head

severely – Frank now home – has fallen frequently - this am Pat awoke to find him on the floor – physical therapy comes twice a week – and doctors working to have him entered into assisted living and Pat would be able to live with him – his Parkinson and dementia is to advanced for other choices at age 88 with a recent slight stroke

On A Good Note:

Allen Shotwell attended LCSC Fish Fry with other family and friends on Friday August 16, during which time Allen was the honored celebrity celebrating his 100th birthday Allen was presented with a cake and Happy Birthday played by the commodores and sung by all in attendance

The HAVEN HOUSE of Lake County for Assault & Human Trafficking

Continues with our support with much appreciated donations that are delivered and benefit not only The Haven House but any overflow goes to the Salvation Army another community consideration supported by our High 12 Club - Items of cleaning supplies, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, razors, deodorant, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, conditioner, body wash, laundry soap/fabric softener, baby supplies, diapers, wipes, clothing, children's blankets, clothing etc. are most welcome.

We will receive items at each meeting or the LCSC Haven Box

THE FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE LAKE COUNTY FLORIDA SHRINE CLUB ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 2019 STARTING AT 10:00 AM. THE PRICE WILL BE \$15:00 REGISTRATION FEE, AND \$10:00 FOR LUNCH, LADIES ONLY PAY FOR THE MEAL. YOU CAN GET REGISTRATION FORMS FROM FLORIDA STATE SECRETARY, MICHAEL HEMPHILL.

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