



High Twelve International February Up-Date

February 14, 2023



Oldest High Twelve Club *
Partners With

A Scottish Rite Valley and A National Sojourners Camp
by Bruce A. Rick

High Twelve Club #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, an American patriotic organization of Freemasons who have served in the United States Armed Forces, were looking for a more central place to go after moving from their home at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield California. The General Robert F. Travis Chapter No. 490 of the National Sojourners and their Heroes of '76 Golden West Camp, had a productive meeting with the Oakland Scottish Rite and decided to relocate.

This move and the decision to meet right after the High Twelve Club meeting was a win-win for both groups, since both received new members and both could share a great lunch and guest speakers!

With these two groups meeting in the Oakland Scottish Rite building many Scottish Rite Masons joined the High Twelve Club and many signed on with the National Sojourners. This has caused more groups to think about meeting at the Oakland Scottish Rite Building.

This has become a 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 National Sojourner's Secretary Jim Westfall (L) and President Martin Aurelio hold a chapter meeting immediately after the High Twelve meeting.



* Editor's Note: Oakland #2 was Chartered 2/21/21, Founders #1 was Chartered 5/17/21

Fellow High Twelvians,

HELLO!

I had the honor and pleasure recently of sitting with our Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania. During this meeting, I presented him with an honorary membership to one of our Pennsylvania High Twelve Clubs.

It was a great experience for me, and I was humbled to be able to bestow this to such an esteemed brother.

I mention this because I believe that each State should reach out to their respective Grand Masters and bestow a High Twelve Membership to each of them. What a magnificent way to spread the High Twelve word and ensure more stellar members become part of our family. So, the question is.... Is your Right Worshipful Grand Master a member of High Twelve?

Brethren we need your help to continue spreading the High Twelve story !

Please continue to post pictures and stories of your Club Meetings, upcoming events, new members, election of officers, basically anything you feel will be a positive influence with our members and Associations.

Facebook: High Twelve International

Instagram: High_Twelve_Intl

Website for all information, bylaws, events, officers and Associations: www.high12.org

God Bless and stay safe!

Rick Santella
1st Vice-President
High Twelve International

Buxmont High Twelve Club #787 PA
February 3, 2023 Meeting
New Club President **Daniel Jamil**
Presentation: **FREEMASONRY IN THE PHILIPPINES**





Freeport High Twelve #43 IL - remains about the same. We still have no new members. Our attendance is about the same. We have anywhere from 8 or 9 to 13 or 14 in attendance which includes members and guests. The food is still great, but you need to visit us to find out. We really enjoy the homemade soups, but every day they also have a special.

Most of the time Mrs. Carson provides the dessert, but some of the other members have been helping out since she had shoulder surgery. And, of course, the first Thursday of the month is our business meeting and our raffle (no money involved). Mrs. Carson handles that as well.

The club donated to the local Salvation Army for Christmas meals again this past December. We just received a nice thank you as they are always very appreciative.

The officers for the upcoming year are remaining the same. They are very faithful members and attend most every week.

Well, that's about all the news for now. We still meet at Logan's every Thursday, so come and see us.

Roger Carson
Secretary

The following articles were submitted by Don Travis, Secretary #422

Montebello Masonic High Twelve Club #422 CA

JUNIOR CITIZEN OF THE MONTH DECEMBER 2022

My name is Ciara Rios. I am the December 2022 Junior Citizen of the Month. I am a senior at Schurr High School. I am truly honored to have been selected for this honor.

I have always strive to make the most of my high school tenure. During my freshman year, I knew I had to branch out and step out of my comfort zone. What better way to do that than joining a club or sport. I tried out for volleyball and made the frosh/soph team. After a few practices and games, my coach saw my uplifting spirit and honored me with the name of being team captain.

With the confidence I had gained in my leadership skills as captain, I decided to run for Freshman Class President. Through this election, my peers entrusted me to represent them. Now I was elected as their Class President. I was consistent with this position throughout all of my four years at Schurr High School. I am very thankful for earning this position because I was able to meet new people, gain new friends, and work with staff.

The pandemic made sophomore year very difficult for me and many other students. Going back to in-person learning from online classes was an overwhelming transition. Everything felt unnatural for me, especially my junior year, but I was able to move past this tough time with my tenacious attitude and still maintain a 4.0 GPA throughout my high school career.

I became more involved with my school and community. I joined more clubs such as AVID Club and became the Spirit Chair Officer my senior year. I also became an inductee for the National Honor Society which is something I am very grateful for because I have worked eagerly in high school to make such an honorable program like NHS.

I have always loved providing service to my school community, ensuring that it is always improving and benefiting students. I was selected as a student representative for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), which allows me to work attentively with staff/faculty members so we can support the students at Schurr High School by creating a clean, safe, and positive environment. Not only was I able to have an impact on my school by being a part of PBIS, I was also able to have an impact by being a Student Board Member. As Senior Class President, I was bestowed with attending MUSD Board Meetings and reporting to the Board members about my school, informing them about activities we have and asking them for their support of improvements for our school if needed.

Although I loved helping my school community, I wanted to expand the help I could offer for the rest of my community outside of school. I became a volunteer for the Red Cross and a volunteer for Huntington Hospital. As a Donor Ambassador for Red Across I was able to help blood donors by checking them in, providing care for them after they donated blood, by giving

them water and snacks. I was a volunteer in the Emergency Room. I aided the nurses by doing simple tasks so they can have more time for more significant activities. I also have had the opportunity to build connections with the patients and provide solace for them.

My aspiration for helping my community has influenced my career decision to become a nurse. I plan on going to a private university and major in nursing to continue my journey of gaining the satisfaction of giving back to my community. I am grateful for all the opportunities I have been given throughout the years and look forward to many more as I embark on my future endeavors. I thank the Montebello-Whittier Masonic Lodge #323 for this opportunity, administered through the High Twelve.

Montebello Masonic High Twelve Club #422 CA

JUNIOR CITIZEN OF THE MONTH JANUARY 2023

My name is Isabella Munoz. I am honored to be the Montebello-Whittier Masonic Lodge #323 Junior Citizen of the Month of January. I was born and raised in Montebello, attending La Merced Elementary for part of my elementary education, continuing to La Merced Intermediate, then to Montebello High School where I am now a senior.

Despite the pandemic and the vast majority of restrictions placed on my high school experience, I remained extremely involved on my school campus. I played both soccer and track and was ASB Vice President. I had the privilege of working with the amazing teachers and students by being President of the Medical Alliance Club, Vice President of the National Honors Society/ California Scholarship Federation (CSF), and the President of the School Site Council. All of these experiences have helped shape me into the motivated individual that I am today.

Community service was a major component of my high school path. I made sure that I was an active member of community service clubs such as Key Club and Interact Club. Being a member of these clubs made me feel part of my community despite the distance we were all going through due to the pandemic. Post-pandemic, these clubs remain as important to me, as they promote me to give back to my community, which is such a rewarding feeling.

While my time at Montebello High school was unfortunately cut in half, I still cherish every moment I have had. I have grown so much as an intellect and overall person through my path at Montebello. I am proud of what I have accomplished, and I would not change my experience for anything.

My plan for after high school is to attend a four-year University, majoring in Public Health on the Pre-Med route. I hope to one day become a Physician and continue to make my community proud.

Besides thanking the Lodge and the High Twelve, I am also appreciative of receiving this over lunch, with family, and friends, and having this appear in the Montebello Reporter.



Tina-Marie Lozano, Activities Director;
Isabella Munoz, student; Priscilla Munoz, Mom,
Robert Risher, High 12 President



Cesar Rios, Dad; Priscilla Munoz, Mom;
Ciara Rios, student; Robert Risher, High 12 President

February 6, 2023

Brother: Update Editor,

Good Evening. Below is the link for my next **"Ask Tom" Zoom Session** which will be **open to all members**. It will be February 16th at 8:00pm est.

We will have a special guest for this one. Brother Michael Clark, PSP, Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation speaking and answering your questions about the Wolcott Foundation. Afterwards, you are welcome to ask me any questions you would like.

I will be unveiling a new edition to our website and would like those who are on the Zoom to give me their opinions on it.

HTI Virtual Meeting Zoom meeting.

Topic: Ask Tom

Time: **Feb 16, 2023 08:00 PM Eastern Time** (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86887593933?pwd=UVJQWWwzMGVvZmt4UHIDWEovd1VqZz09>

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Sincerely and Fraternaly,
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Hello, All High Twelvians, Guests, and Friends. **Cochise Hi-12 Club #703 AZ** was Chartered 29 years ago, and we are still strong. We were chartered with 68 members, and over the years, Brothers have come and gone, but we are now fifteen strong. What is special at our meetings is that our Masonic Widows outnumber the members present, and we treat them special. At every meeting, we have a drawing for a Widows meal on the Club at the next meeting, and yes, we do carry over meals if our Honored Lady is not present.

At the January 2023 club meeting, our program was about the Bro Audie Murphy Museum in Tombstone, Arizona. It is a must-go-to visit, and WOW. He was a real war, and movie star, and most of the war hero was when he was eighteen or nineteen years old.

Also, at our January 2023 Club meeting, we had two long-time Members receive the Dr. Phillip D. Grub Award. I must confess I don't know anything about Dr. Grub and this award, so if anyone can reply with an answer, thank you.

At our February 2023 Club meeting, we will honor all Masonic Widows with a heart-shaped box of candy, a special drawing for Valentine's Day, and a special drawing for all present to recognize the older man or Lady groundhog day. We have several folks to be present that were born on Feb 2nd, groundhog day.

Well, folks, that's all. If you get down to Sierra Vista, Arizona, on the second Friday, give us a call and join us for dinner.

President Kenneth Barrett

1 VP WM Rayna Stanley
Club Masonic & Wolcott Representative Harry Brown, PSP
Secretary Andrew Anderson, PP

Florida Association of High Twelve Clubs

Good day Brothers, hope this finds you well and in good spirits.

The following is just a short summary of my activities for the month of January. First off had a good meeting with my home club Salama # 785, at that meeting we talked about looking into a spring picnic to be held in the Moore Haven area on the property of one of our brothers. We have used that property in the past for outdoor degrees with the members of the Moore Haven Lodge #61. Salama #785 is holding its own, we're getting good turnouts and good suggestions on future activities.

I've also been in constant communication with Bruce Rivera, President elect of the Naples club Esperanza. Due to the conflict with the town hall meeting in Fort Myers on the 4th of February they will not be able to have their installation as originally planned, therefore; we move the date to February 18th at 11:00 a.m. at the southwest Florida Masonic center also known as Tropical Lodge #56 in Fort Myers to do their installation.

If everything goes as well or as planned, this would be a Spanish installation as to assist the club and their promotion of a Spanish speaking club. I also hope to pull a director or two out of this group as to the fact that they're young and full of vigor and I don't want to hold them back. I have not had the opportunity to pursue or visit any of the existing clubs in the area.

Just a note there is some scuttlebutt about the possibility of a club being formed in the keys I'll be speaking to one of the brothers that meets and is a member of Salama #785 to follow up on the interest and if there's any news to report in the near future.

I would like to thank Brothers Fred and Michael for their continue support and helping me achieve my goals. Thank you Brothers.

Onward to the challenges of February!

Respectfully submitted
Eduardo Sanchez, Jr.
Third State Vice-President

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Esperanza #801!

February 9, 2023

A new Spanish Language Club, one we have talked about before, has been formed in our area and will be meeting in Spanish. As with any International Masonic group, English-

speaking visitors will be welcome and provided for as is always the case worldwide Freemasonry. The official Installation Meeting will be conducted in Spanish by our First VP and State Board 3rd VP Eddie Sanchez, who has issued the following invitation:

Join me in welcoming a new club to Southwest Florida. The new club in Naples will be called Esperanza #801. This club will be doing its work in Spanish. Their installation will also be in Spanish if everything goes well. It will be held on Saturday, February 18th at the Southwest Florida Masonic center known to most as tropical Lodge 56 - the address is 10868 Metro parkway in fort Myers and the time is 11:00 a.m. till approximately 2:00. I ask those who attend to dress appropriately(no jeans, tennis shoes or sandals.) They are making arrangements for lunch and I have no idea what it is. I ask you to be prepared to make a small donation of food. Please reply to my email if you wish to attend.

Respectfully,
Eddie Sanchez
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**Sun City West High Twelve Club #567
&
Sun City Lodge #72 F&AM**

Held a combined **Annual Joint Valentines Pancake Breakfast** on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at the Sun City Masonic Center in Sun City AZ. Funds raised are used to benefit local charities.

Brother Michael Clark, Wolcott Foundation Chairman, was present and received donations totaling \$550 for the foundation. Brother Michael also gave those in attendance a detailed update on what is happening with the foundation and announced that #567 did meet the criteria for the for the Chairman's Challenge this year and left the club with the appropriate pins for the men and ladies charm to distribute at the next meeting.



L-R Kevin Hokerk-Robinson, PSP, SE, Int'l Treas. & 3rd VP, Club Wolcott Rep.; Jeff Samuelson, Chief Chef & Club President 2019-22; Michael Clark (with donations); and David Miller, PSP Club President 2023

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