



High Twelve International May Up-Date

May 15, 2023



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Remember those gave their lives for YOU and those that served and shared a story or two and have now passed on.

Memorial Day May 29, 2023

Club Secretary's Take Note!

Due to the emergency surgery I had on April 28th the Annual Per-Capita Statements have been delayed! Just taking a bit longer to get around. I hope to have them in the mail by the end of the week.

Kevin Hokerk-Robinson, Treasurer

Arnold Page High Twelve Club #298 - UK

UK High Twelvians and any Brother traveling to the UK take note!

Fraternally & Respectively
Allan David Warnes
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Charity BBQ

Jeff & Maria Rafftree

invites you to a Barbecue at:

5 Crowgate Estate, Tunstead

Norwich NR12 8RE

On Saturday 24th June 2023 from 2pm

Food and Drink Provided

Children and Grandchildren welcome

Charitable Donations thankfully received

Save that date



For enquiries contact Jeffrey Rafftree on 07766442434 or
email jeffreyr Rafftree@talktalk.net

THE ARNOLD PAGE HIGH TWELVE
CLUB #298 UNITED KINGDOM

12 May 2023

Another good year for the club as we celebrate 66 years since our charter was received at the RAF Lakenheath Officers club in 1958. Our membership has grown and decreased over the passage of time, and it is the same now as encouraging new members is always a challenge.

Brother Roger Florey was installed as club president in January of 2023 and has set out goals for each member to encourage brother masons to attend. Our meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 6pm start time as many still work and have some distance to travel to the Mill Inn, Market Weston. The Mill Inn is a typical English pub set in a very rural countryside. Our meetings are open, and spouses are welcome and encouraged.

Our calendar of events starts with a annual Charity BBQ hosted by Brother Jeff Rafftree at his home. Later in the year the club will gather at the Cromer Pier Matinee set on the Norfolk coast overlooking the North Sea. The President Ladies Lunch is scheduled for October followed by the Charity dinner in November. Last year this event was held at the Riverside House Hotel, Mildenhall, Suffolk and a total of \$3346 was presented to a selection of local charities nominated by the members, including the Wolcott Foundation.

At present the club is on track to equal or exceed this amount this year. The club Treasurer, Brother Martin Clabon and his lady Alison are participating in a 14.2 mile walk along the North Norfolk coast in support of Macmillan Cancer society on May 24th. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support them.

Respectfully,
Darrell C Russell
Almoner/Assistant Secretary

Rick Santella, 1st HTI VP

Fellow High Twelvians,

I am truly blessed in being a Master Mason and a High Twelvian. I have had the honor of traveling and experiencing Fellowship and Freemasonry in many towns, cities, and states.

One of the greatest honors as a Freemason is sitting and speaking with a brother who serves or has served defending and representing our Country.

My father served in the Korean War, so I was always privy to the memories of “his greatest days”, the friendships he made and still has to this day, and how proud he was to wear the uniform. I always see his eyes light up when we attend Masonic Functions together and he sits with others he knew served as well. The spark that is generated between these heroes is instant and heartwarming as they share stories of their time in service.

My father is a hero to me for his bravery, commitment, and pride he showed our Country.

Those who have served are heroes to each one of us for putting our Country ahead of their personal safety, wants and needs.

Memorial Day is approaching this month. It is a time to give thanks and celebrate the freedoms we enjoy because of our honored men and women, but it is also a time to pray, honor and remember all those who gave their lives in service to our Country.

This Memorial Day, if you know one who has served, give them a hug and a thank you.

If one you knew has passed, look up and say Thank You!

Rick Santella, 1st HTI VP



Maritime High Twelve Club #771 - MI

Our Club is still meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Our turnout is usually around 12 to 15 (members and spouses). We all enjoy the camaraderie and friendships shared. We meet at the scenic Voyageur Restaurant which has a spectacular view of the St. Clair River and the Lake Freighters and Ocean Vessels which travel the Great Lakes Region, as they pass our windows. We encourage anyone in our area on a Tuesday mentioned above, please stop in for lunch. You and yours will not be disappointed.

David Patterson, PP
Secretary Maritime H-12

Hello Fellow High Twelvians,

As we are getting into convention season, please make sure to get your requests for any kind of certificates or other paper orders in early. I ask this as I will be getting everything ready for the convention. Speaking of our 102nd Convention, you will find all the forms on the under the convention link. If a representative from your club will be attending or should your club appoint some one else to vote on your clubs behalf, PLEASE REMEMBER, that the proxy form must be signed by the CLUB PRESIDENT & SECRETARY, and you must also name who will be casting your clubs vote. Please make sure you tell that person how your club would like them to vote. They will be voting on the by law changes as well as those who are running for International Office for the 2023-2024 Convention Year. All Delegate, Proxy, and Past International forms must be in my procession by 5:00 pm local time, Friday July 14th. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Do not count on email as I will be running around and may not get to checking emails before 5:00pm.

On another note, aside from all the fun things that our International President has planned for the members and their spouses, I will be “Firing Up” the International High Twelve Cigar Gathering at the hotel after the Caucus and Order of the Corks Degree. So if you enjoy smoking cigars with the fellowship of other High Twelvians, bring your favorite stick and a drink and come relax with myself and other fellow High Twelvians. There is no cost to enjoy this fellowship, but I will be passing around a Humidor to collect for the **Wolcott Foundation** which will be presented to the Wolcott Chairman on Saturday.

Thomas J. Brotherton, III, Secretary

Omaha High Twelve Club #68 - NE

I am pleased to announce that the **NEW Omaha High Twelve Club #68** will be having its first and Chartering meeting on Tuesday May 16th! We will be welcoming International Officers for the ceremony.

Sean Reed, President
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Sun City West High Twelve Club #567 - AZ

During the Summer months, the Sun City West High 12 Club gathers for luncheons at area restaurants. The gatherings are more informal than the

Club meetings and take place at 12 Noon versus the Club meetings for breakfast at 8AM. All Club activities include Club members, their Ladies, as well as local Masonic widows.

Several Club members recently visited Past Club President Bob Snodgrass in the local care facility where he has been receiving rehab treatment for several months. The Sun City West High 12 Club Board of Directors took action to designate him as a Special Honorary Member based on Bob's for many years of service as an active member of the Board of Directors. He is also well known for the quality of his pancakes which he produced for the annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. In the photo below of the Honorary Membership Certificate presentation are (Left to Right)- Dave Miller, Bob Snodgrass, Glynn Ley, Sharon Snodgrass, and Don Winscott.



David Miller, PSP, President

International President, Mark N. Nokes 2022-23

Greetings,

Thank you, to you, the “**members**” of High Twelve International, without you and your spouse or significant other, we would not have this wonderful organization for **102** years. Thank you for your continued support of the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. and the youth groups we support.

We have been busy since our Mid-Year meeting in Tampa, Florida. Our International Officers have been visiting several clubs, state associations and appendant bodies (Amaranth, DeMolay, Rainbow and others).

Since the mid-year, we have traveled to several club meetings and state associations. In Illinois, we had the honor of hosting their State President **Steve Pringle** on multiple occasions. We attended the mid-year for Illinois in Springfield. Special thanks to those who traveled with me to represent their clubs at the meeting.

Thank you to Michigan, North Central and the Texas Associations for your warm hospitality and friendship. We intended their State Association meeting where they elected new leadership for the next ensuing year. Thank you for giving us the privilege of installing your officers. We wish you the very best and pledge to our help in any manner for you, your clubs and association to succeed.

While in Michigan, we had the opportunity to meet Deputy Grand Master Larry L. Judson. RWB Judson has an infectious smile, full of energy and a great friend to Michigan High Twelve. His motto is simple "I like to build things; let's go make more High Twelve Clubs in Michigan". Consequently, RWB Judson has had a successful meeting at Owosso Masonic Lodge and there will be new club soon. At that same meeting, we entertained a request to discuss the opportunity of starting a new club in Windsor, Canada.

Congratulations to the Florida State Association for charting a new club. In addition, we were invited to Omaha to Charter and install their officers in early May.

We are working on the chartering a new club in Edinburgh and flying over the pond to install their officers and present them with a charter and individual membership certificates.

Lisa and I extend an invitation to each of you and your significant other to attend the High Twelve International convention in Chicago July 14th - 15th, 2023. We will be presenting several awards and certificates to individuals and/or clubs for their outstanding contributions not only to High Twelve but also to those who have exhibited kindness, charity and overall help to those less fortunate. We have several special events planned for you as our guests. Please check your emails for the reservation forms.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Chicago!

Mark D. Nokes, President and Lady Lisa



Don't forget to register!
Hotel special rate ends on June 14th!!
Just go to the HTI website, login, click on the
[Upcoming Event Link](#)

High Twelve International, Inc.
102nd Annual Convention
July 14-16, 2023

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for the guaranteed rate of \$129/\$149 a night.**

After 6/14 it is space available at the current rate.

Transportation:

If flying in the closest airport to the hotel is [Chicago O'Hare](#)

The number to call for the Hotel Shuttle is **773-867-0000**, ext 5

do not call the shuttle until you have your luggage

Convention Registration will close June 15th 2023.

7/12 Wed:

6pm - Get-Together - Hospitality Room (2nd fl) Finger Foods and Drinks

7/13 Thur:

Illinois High Twelve State Convention (day)

Evening Welcome Reception Hosted by IL High 12 State Association & High 12 International President & First Lady
Illinois High Twelve Ladies will travel to Rivers Casino

7/14 Fri:

6-9am – Breakfast at hotel restaurant.

9:00a – Necrology Service And General Session opens.

9:30a – Spouses tour departs Hotel : **Chicago River: 1.5 Hour guided Architecture Cruise. Lunch at Michigan Ave-Lou Malnati's Pizzeria and enjoy the Chicago Riverwalk & some shopping**

12:00p - Men's Lunch

1:00p – General Sessions continues

4:00p – Spouses arrive back at the Double Tree

5:30p – Grand Masters Dinner

7:30p - Nominees Caucus (*All Nominees and Delegates Must Attend*)

Following the Caucus – **Order of the Cork Degree**
(Masons Only \$25 paid at the Degree)

7/15 Sat:

6-9a – Breakfast at hotel restaurant
8:30a – Credentials Opens
9:00a – General Sessions continues

9:30a – Spouses Event: **Bottle & Bottega**. **Transportation snacks and “Mimosa’s” included *transportation leaves 9:45 a.m. Mimosas and non-alcoholic drinks along with finger foods. Lunch not included, must purchase a Wolcott Luncheon entree or lunch on your own.**

12:00p – Wolcott Foundation Luncheon and General Membership Meeting.
1:00p – General Sessions continues (Election of Officers)
6:30p – President’s Dinner and Installation of 2022-23 Officers

7/16 Sun:

6-9am – Breakfast at hotel restaurant
Departure day

You can make your travel arrangements and hotel reservation now



To make your registration easier for the Event - Tours - Meals ==> log into your account and your basic information is prefilled for you! Just enter your email address into the upper right corner and your password, then go to the event and click on register. If have never logged into your account or forgot your password click on the 'forgot password' link and follow the instructions in the email you will receive. *There MUST be an email associated with your membership record for this process to work! Contact the international office to have an email.*

Daily Breakfast - Included with those staying at the Hotel.

Friday Spouses Tour - Chicago River: 1.5 Hour guided Architecture Cruise. Lunch at Michigan Ave-Lou Malnati’s Pizzeria. We will have time to enjoy the Chicago Riverwalk & some shopping. **\$75.00**(per person).

Friday Men’s Lunch - Make-your-own sandwich buffet, Chicken Noodle Soup Vegetarian Chili, Dessert. **\$35.00** (per person)

Friday Evening Grand Masters Banquet

18 Hour BBQ Beef Brisket - **\$55.00** (per person

Three Cheese Ravioli Pomodoro - **\$50.00**(per person)

Pommery Apricot Chicken - **\$50.00**(per person)

*with, Waldorf Chop Salad/Bread Basket, Roasted Carrots, Roasted Yukon Potatoes, Lemon & Blueberry Tarts

Saturday Spouses Tour - Bottle & Bottega - Transportation snacks and “Mimosa’s” included *transportation leaves 9:45 a.m.

Mimosas and non-alcoholic drinks along with finger foods.

Lunch not included choose entrée below for lunch - **\$50.00**

Saturday Wolcott Luncheon (For Everyone)

Herb-Crusted Pork Loin - **\$35.00**(per person)

Tipo De Zucca Pasta - **\$30.00** (per person)

*Caeser or Tossed Salad/Mixed Bread Basket, Roasted Potatoes, Bake Shop Cookie Selection/Dessert Bars.

Saturday Night Presidents Banquet

Hibachi Salmon - **\$50.00**(per person)

Black Angus Roasted Sirloin of Beef - **\$55.00**(per person)

Herb Roasted Chicken - **\$50.00**(per person)

*Strawberry Spinach Salad/Bread Basket, Vegetable Medley/Classic Mashed Potatoes, Caramel Apple Granny Bars



All Meetings and Meals (unless noted) will be at the Hotel

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All Convention Delegate/Proxy Forms

- Association President Delegate/Proxy [FORM](#)
- Club **Combined** High Twelve and Wolcott Foundation Proxy [FORM](#)
- Club Masonic Representative Credential [FORM](#)
- Past International Officer Credential [FORM](#)
- Current High Twelve International Officer Credential [FORM](#)

Activity Report - Due to International Office 6/25/23
[FORM - PDF](#)
[FORM - WORD DOC.](#)

Freeport High Twelve Club #43 - IL

Freeport High 12 #43 is happy to report we have another new member. He, too, was invited by our treasurer, Calvin Barklow, as was Myles Fairless. Myles in turn invited Rob Erickson. The initiation of Myles and Rob is pictured below. With the latest new member, we now are back to 21 members, which is great, as well as our several guests (wives and widows). We will include the information of Ken Howard, the newest member, in next month's newsletter.

Also included is a picture of one of the new members, Bro. Myles Fairless. He shared with us that he and Rob attended the Michigan Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation in Grand Rapids, and were glad to see the High Twelve plaque on the wall (*MI Association Club of the Year Award for #236 Furniture City - if you wondering what it said!*). They were very glad to have made the trip. It was a good experience.

We still meet at Logan's in Freeport every Wed. We hope to have speakers real soon. If you are so inclined, please join us for nice meal and great companionship.

Roger Carson, PSP
Secretary



Sun City West High Twelve Club #567 - AZ

SCW had their first summer luncheon 5/12 at JiMichaels Restaurant in Sun City. This is the time of the year that our snow birds head back north and we just like to continue to meet, greet, catch up and EAT! We go to a

different restaurant each month until the Fall when regular meeting resume. David Miller, PSP, President







This last picture, Jeff Samuelson (standing) surprised us with a quick visit. He has recently finished radiation treatments and is looking good. Earl Paasch, treasurer, was truly happy to see him! Hears to a good and full recovery!

East Valley High Twelve #765 - AZ

Brother David Stankow talked about the "Landmarks in Freemasonry" at our April 15th meeting. The interesting thing is the AZ Grand Lodge does not have any! Because once you have them you can change/edit/delete them - interesting fact about landmarks!

Brother Lee Stith, President (standing) presenting Brother Stankow his speaker certificate.



Montebello High Twelve Club #422 - CA

Junior Citizen of the Month Program

My name is Jade Slevcove. I am a senior at Schurr High School. I am the April Junior Student of the Month.

I am grateful to be awarded with this recognition.

I am seventeen years of age. I have a younger brother, Isaac Lozano, who along with my Mom, Sarah Slevcove, and Activities Director, Claudia Monreal who were able to join with me in this Golden Skewer luncheon. My thanks go to the Masons, Robert Risher and Donald Travis, who lead this program, on behalf of the Montebello-Whittier Masonic Lodge #323, administered by the Montebello Masonic Luncheon Club #422. (pictured with student)

In the past four years here at Schurr, I have grown so much. I have learned a lot about myself while immersing into the school culture. As part of the Track & Field team, four years and Volleyball team, two years, I was able to accomplish more than I could have imagined. Involvement in student government, and Key Club for four years, offered me opportunities to learn several skills and to employ them in service. I was involved in Christian Club and the Debate team for two years as well.

Other activities on campus, within my church, and household, help round me out even more.

As I graduate on June 9, I look back as a lifetime member with CSF, highest honors by NHS. I am so thankful for my journey through high school to get me here. I have been accepted to Chapman University where I will major in Political Science. I am excited for what comes next in my life and the path God as planned for me

Don E. Travis, Secretary



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