



High Twelve International January Up-Date

January 10, 2024

HIGH TWELVE IS FAMILY FELLOWSHIP FUTURE

International President - Rick Santella



**BREAKING NEWS...
ANNUAL SNOWBIRD MIGRATION REPORT...
NORTHERN STATES...NOT HAPPY!!!
SOUTHERN STATES...HAPPY!!!**

For most of our Northern States, please be careful with the pending winter weather. Stay safe during your travels and keep the hot chocolate nearby!

For most of our Southern States, it's called SNOW...it's white.... cold... and usually disrupts traffic but is very pretty to see when it coats your lawn and rooftops. Keep the iced tea nearby!

Anyway, by the time you receive this, we will be traveling to New Orleans for our Mid-Year Governing Board Meeting. Yes, there will be by-law amendments to talk about. reports from our State Association Officers.

Membership/Club Updates, Wolcott updates, and more. But this time there will be a round-table discussion to discuss what is working, what successes we've had these last 6 months, and what still needs to be addressed to maintain viability and growth within our High Twelve ranks.

This is the part I am most excited about, the ability to sit with our Officers and Members and become one with a pertinent cohesive message, strategy, and fellowship to propel us forward!

Our message this year has been **FAMILY FELLOWSHIP FUTURE!**

It is the heart and soul of High Twelve International! This will be conveyed additionally during the filming of our new video and Podcast in New Orleans. This video can and should be used for Masonic Body presentations and for Club Meetings. The Mid Year will be televised via Zoom, so I hope you tune in and interact with questions. Your feedback can help elevate and enlighten all of us!

I will give a comprehensive report when we return so all of us are up to date and informed with any changes and new information. So, in the meantime, don't forget during every Club Meeting to:

**Support Wolcott
Support Our Youth Groups
Share the Fellowship**

God Bless, stay safe and hug your loved ones!

Rick Santella, President
High Twelve International

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP FUTURE!

International 3rd VP - Jared R. Kichline

Greetings High Twelve Members.

I hope that you took an opportunity to enjoy some fellowship during this festive season. 2024 has begun, and with that comes our midyear meeting. Our International President has been working hard on a fantastic event in New Orleans. Hopefully, you can get to your clubs, and enjoy some fun and fellowship, as well as spread the message of High Twelve to your newly installed lodge officers. The Wolcott Foundation, and High Twelve in general can make a nice addition to the good of the order.

Respectfully,
Jared R. Kichline,

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP FUTURE!

International Secretary, Thomas Brotherton, III

With the New Year starting, some reminders are in order for Club & Association secretary's:

- **Dues cards** - order your dues cards [HERE](#) to be ready by having the custom printed cards in hand when members are ready to pay.
- **F-220a** Online Monthly Report [HERE](#) is what keeps the HTI membership files current for dues cards, addresses, email, and summer/winter member address.
- **F-200b** Online Club Information Report [HERE](#) is used for updating your club officers after you have your annual meeting. This also keeps your club contact information on the web-site current for President & Secretary and the location where you meet (also a way for a HTI member visiting your area to find you).
- The two reports above have been updated recently for you to include your HTI Zone Officer with the submission (required field).

International Treasurer, Kevin L. Hokerk-Robinson

There are still some 19 clubs that have not paid their 2023-24 Per-Capita that was due upon receipt back on 5/5/23. Clubs have to pay their bills and so do we. The amount outstanding is \$5,015.00 - please take care of this now please!

All EIN Contacts of record received by 12/5/23 the Annual EIN Contact and Club Information Verification Summary with a self addressed envelope included. The deadline is 1/31/24 and my filing deadline to the IRS is 2/15/24. As of this date only 32.5% (42) have been returned of 129. This includes those in good standing, revoked or no known EIN (new clubs). It only takes a few minutes to validate!

President's High Twelve Club #1002 - Everywhere!



January 9, 2024

To our President's Club Members

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

I hope your holidays were special, filled with love and great new memories to savor!

Our Governing Board Meeting takes place in New Orleans this January 12-14th. I am looking forward to sharing new ideas, new successes and, most importantly, being amongst our fellow Brethren and High Twelvians, and relaying all that transpires back to you next month.

To me, this is the heart and soul of being a Mason. The sharing.... full spectrum, from that sharing of experiences, fellowship, ritual, meals, and even a cigar or two.

I mention this because you are a President's Club Member and that

I mention this because you, as a President's Club member, has that opportunity to share all the above, within a High Twelve Club nearest you. New Year, new opportunities abound. Please put on your 2024 To Do List the goal of attending a High Twelve Club meeting. With your help and input, you can raise the bar for all other High Twelvians to experience and enjoy!

As always, I hope to hear from you with any suggestions or positive experiences you enjoy within High Twelve.

Rick Santella, President
High Twelve International

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Oakland High Twelve Club #2 - CA

High Twelve Club Officers for 2024
By Bruce A. Rick

The High Twelve Club No. 2, of Oakland California, welcomed and installed the full slate of officers for 2024 at the December Club Meeting and Holiday Party.

The Installing Officer, Past Club President Jonathan Prestage, took a moment to tell the newest visitors a little of the history of the Chapter, beginning with the fact that our Chapter is the oldest continuous operating Chapter of High Twelve International (our Club chartered on February 21, 1922), the purpose of High Twelve chapters, and some of the many luncheon speakers we have had in the past winding up with the speaker

luncheon speakers we have had in the past, winding up with the speaker list for 2024 and a welcome to return to our monthly high noon meetings.

(L-R) Club President Jim Westfall, Club Vice-President Bruce Rick, Jim Strehlow, Secretary/Treasurer.



Sun City West High Twelve Club #576 - AZ

At the Friday 08 December 2023 meeting of the Sun City West High 12 Club, Major Kathy Merritt from the West Valley Corps of the Salvation Army spoke about the Salvation Army activity in the Sun City/Sun City West/Surprise area. She reported about the tremendous amount of local human services support activity throughout the year conducted by the local Salvation Army Corps, many of whom are volunteers. The routine support includes Food Pantry activity, breakfast and lunch meals, emergency utilities and rent support, as well as spiritual support activity. Her presentation also noted the Angel Tree, Red Kettle, and other special activities scheduled for the period between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. In the photo, Club President Dave Miller presents a Certificate of Appreciation and several donations to Major Kathy Merritt.

Sun City West High 12 Club members are working on details for the Annual Pancake Breakfast. This fundraising activity is coordinated with the officers and members of Sun City Lodge No 72 F& AM and is scheduled for Saturday 10 February 2024 at the Sun City Masonic Center.

Proceeds from the breakfast are shared with local Masonic Youth groups, the Boy Scout Troop meeting at the Sun City Masonic Center, and other local charities.

The Sun City West High 12 Club continues to include local Masonic Widows in Club events. The Club's efforts have assisted several local Masonic Lodges in maintaining contact with Masonic Widows residing in the West Valley area.





Alma Pathways High Twelve Club #756 - MI

Several of us residents at the Michigan Masonic Home - Pathways are trying to reactivate the High Twelve Club at the Masonic Home. We've held two meetings to date. Bob Johns

Waterloo High Twelve Club #46 - IA

Several officers from the North Central Association installed the incoming officers of Waterloo #46 on December 29, 2023. There was also a special guest, the Grand Master of Iowa, Darrell Fremont.

A good meal and prize drawing were held and Chaplin Olsson performed a one-man Christmas skit which included a number of seasonal songs accompanied by President Shaulis on piano.





(front row) 3rd VP Charles Burrell, 2nd VP Robert Marvin, Masonic Rep Ben Davidson, GM Darrell Fremont, 1st VP Andrew Schaffer

(back row) NCA Pres Russell Royce, Club Pres Gary Shaulis, Sec-Treas Frank Swallow, NCA PP Steve Libby, NCA 1st VP Duane Wachter, Club Chaplin Jons Olsson

East Valley High Twelve Club #765 - AZ

December has been a quiet month for the Club. We do not meet in December so that all can enjoy the Saturday at the Malls spending their hard earned money. We all could "rest up" for the Holidays spent with Family and Friends.

We will be active in January with our monthly third Saturday Breakfast Meeting having to install the 2024 officers and a guest speaker, Damon Gomes, presenting to us a local Veterans activity "Grounded No More Veteran Flight Lift." More on the program in the next issue.

Paul Howell, PP

North Penn High Twelve #473 - PA

The North Penn High Twelve Club #473, held its December Meeting at The Wm Penn Inn, Gwynedd, PA.

The entertainment program featured the North Penn High School Chamber Singers, presenting holiday music from across the world. Matthew Klenk the conductor, is a distinguished member of the American Choral Directors Association whose group performs annually at the ACDA National Conference.

We had an outstanding luncheon with 29 members and 21 guests, totaling 50 attendees, outnumbering the chorale of 30 terrific singers.

Fraternally,
Ed Petersohn, Secy





HTI Mid-Year Governing Board Meeting - New Orleans

The Mid-Year can be viewed live Via the Zoom app on Saturday January 13th. The Zoom will go live at 9:30am EST so that those who join early may talk before the meeting opens. At 9:55 am EST all Zoom Participants will automatically be muted so that International President, Rick Santella, can open the Mid-Year at 10:00am EST. This Zoom conference is only for view as we are unable to take questions and comments. We ask if you log on after 9:55 am EST, that you keep your self muted so that you do not interfere with those who are listening in.

For a Digital Copy of the Mid-Year Packet will be found on our home page under Quick Links and also at the link below. The Agenda can be found on page 4 of the packet.

Click [2024 Mid-Year General Agenda for a copy of the agenda.](#)

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HTI Virtual Meetings is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 841 3565 1086

Passcode: 712696

Wolcott Foundation - Michael Clark, Chairman

DON'T FORGET TO DONATE!





Any club in need of a schoolhouse please let **Conrad Dombkiewicz, Parliamentarian**, know at cwdombkiewicz@verizon.net

Conejo Valley High Twelve #634 - CA

Conejo Valley High 12 Club, Thousand Oaks, California elected as our new president, Worshipful Steven Cooley PM of Conejo Valley Masonic Lodge #807, Thousand Oaks, California. Also pictured (left to right) Worshipful Jerry Michaelson PM of Conejo Valley Masonic Lodge #807 as Secretary/Treasurer, Worshipful Cooley and Most Worshipful Arthur Weiss PGM as Installing Officer.

Other officers not pictured are Bruce Ewald PM as 1st Vice president, Ron Nystrom as Chaplain, Bob Kelley as Luncheon Chairman and Steven Ames Editor Emeritus.

Our meetings will continue at Cisco's Mexican Restaurant, Thousand Oaks.

Fraternally,
Jerry M. Michaelson, Secretary





Liberty High Twelve Club #780 - PA

Greetings, Fellow High Twelvians.

Our Liberty High Twelve # 780 Club family is wishing you and your family a wonderful and peaceful New Years.

We have not had a meeting since November which ended the year for us, but we ended on a high and positive note.

December's meeting fell to close to Christmas..... But we all stayed in touched, that's what family does.

At January's meeting, we will be holding the Installations of Officers.

The Ambassador Coins are working very well for us.

As president of the Liberty 780 Club, I'm looking forward to seeing as many High Twelvians in New Orleans, it will be a great time to fellowship.

Have a great month.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
Daniel O'Rourke, President

Mt. Laurel High Twelve Club #770 - NJ

Three new members were initiated at our January meeting. Welcome to Brothers Robert J Bascou, Benjamin Castellamare and Gerald Jeitner, Jr. They are full of ideas and enthusiasm and ready to spread the High Twelve message of Family, Fellowship, Future.

Member Spotlight Russell Carvin "Russ"

Russ started his Masonic walk in February of 1975, 48 years ago. Since that time he has been very active in the fraternity. He served as the Secretary of Zerubbabel No. 63 Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for 20 years. This included the time when Salamm, Damascus and Zerubbabel merged. Served the Grand Royal Arch as Grand Master of the Third Veil, member of Helena Knights Templar Commandery #3, Past Sovereign Master of Fredrick T. Meyer chapter of AMD. Current member of J Haring Council AMD. Awarded the Distinguished Brother Apron from Medfor Lodge #178 and a Charter Member of Mt Laurel #770 High Twelve Club.

Russ served the New Jersey National Guard in the 50th Armored Company of Camden. A graduate of Drexel University practiced Accounting for many years retiring from the State of New Jersey.

He loves fishing, on his boat, hunting and at age 40 joined the South Jersey Ski Club skiing at various locations on both coasts and Italy. He hung up his skis at age 80. He keeps young by spending time with his 3 sons, 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He always has a Big Smile and Good Mood.

Smile and Good word.

Conrad Domkiewicz, Secretary



Denver High Twelve Club #11 - CO

Denver High Twelve Club #11 a Colorado Masonic Recognized Appendant Group has been in service for nearly a 100 years and has 11 members. The club meets at a retirement community: Heather Gardens in Aurora Colorado at 11:00 AM. They meet on the 4 Wednesdays of the months, except November and December and then its the 3rd Wednesdays. The club is "Dark" in June, July, and August. The 2024 President is Jim Miles a Jefferson County School District Retired Teacher. The second vice president is Richard Wall a retiree of the United States Air Force. He holds a High 12 club card while in military service in Viet Nam. The club Chaplain, William Robinson is a 96 year old retired attorney and partner in the oldest law firm in Colorado. The club Secretary and Treasurer is Walter Martin a retired Aurora police officer.

Meetings are at The Rendezvous Restaurant, 2888 South Heather Gardens Way, Aurora Colorado. The following speakers over time have kept us involved: The three Masonic youth groups (donations), Colorado Masonic Band Camp (donations), recognition of three first responders, a District Attorney protection presentation, Civil Air Patrol presentation, History presentation of The Sand Creek Massacre by one of own, History presentation of NASA by one of our own, retired Neuro Surgeon, Doctor Karl Stecher presentation, a friend of Doctor Ben Carson, and holiday music by our own Masonic group, "The Colorado First Volunteers". Our next meeting is January 24th, 2024.

Our Wolcott Foundations contributions for educational purposes are very generous with such a small group.

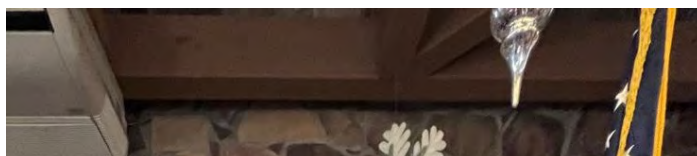
Fraternally & Sincerely,
Walter Martin, Secretary/Treasurer

Buxmont High Twelve Club #787 - PA

Our Club Founder and Charter Member, Steven Morrison gave a presentation on York Rite. Terrific presentation from an awesome Brother!



L-R Rick Santella, IP, Steve Morrison & Joel Wolfert, President





International President Rick Santella, presenting Past Club President Certificate to Brother Joel Wolfert. A very dedicated Brother and High Twelvian!

Edinburgh Scotia High Twelve Club #803 - UK

The next meeting of Edinburgh Scotia - 803 will be 11th February.

On this occasion, in Lady Libertine, members will be treated to tales of Edinburgh Auld and some traditional Scottish music.

Yours,

David W.R. Lees, Secretary
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Freeport High Twelve Club #43 - IL

Freeport High Twelve is still meeting every Thursday about 11:45. No new members, but we haven't lost any lately. Our business meeting is the first Thursday of every month which includes the minutes of the previous month, a financial report is given, and our monthly raffle. The raffle in December was a lazy susan made by Bro. Bob Geissberger, who is a very good craftsman.

Our Christmas present was from a member. He made a donation to the

Our Christmas present was from a member. He made a donation to the club in the amount of \$500. It was very generous of him and greatly appreciated.

We're meeting now at This Is It Eatery, and enjoying very good food. But - don't take my word for it. Come and see for yourself.

This week (Jan. 8-13) we are getting a real taste of winter. There's to be snow almost every day and the prediction for the weekend is 8° on Sunday and every broadcast gets colder, and 11° on next Monday and Tuesday. (That's the high!!)

Well -- I will close and hope to keep warm and, heaven forbid, not to get too much snow.

Roger Carson, Secretary and PSP

Donegal High Twelve Club #686 - PA

Donegal High Twelve Club #686 Located in Elizabethtown, Pa was honored with a visit by Brother Larry A. Derr and his Lady Rochelle at their meeting on January 8. Brother was installed as RW Grandmaster on December 27th in Lancaster, PA. Brother Larry is a member of the Donegal High Twelve Club and spoke on his initiatives for the next two years. The Club is honored to have the current Right Worshipful Grand Master as a member and has pledged to support his initiatives. There were 67 members and guests at this meeting and all were impressed with our Brother's presentation.



(L-R) Ken Hudson President, David Christy 2nd VP, Bob Bancroft Secretary, Larry A. Derr Right Worshipful Grand Master of PA, Terry DiGruttolo Treasurer, Ellis Adams 3rd VP.





Russ Combs 3rd VP PA State Association, Gerry Richards 2nd VP, Herb Cook 1st VP, Larry A. Derr RWGM, Chris Gibson President, Jared Kichline PSP and current 3rd VP High Twelve International.

Fraternally,
Herb Cook

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