



High Twelve International July Up-Date

July 10, 2023

102nd International Convention!

2023

To those that are traveling to Chicago we look forward to seeing you and have safe travels!

**HTI Executive Board:
Mark, Rick, Roberto, Kevin, Tom, John Peter and Winton**

Tri-Cities High Twelve Club #700 - TX

The monthly meeting was called to order on April 11th by President Dewey Owens. Introductions were made and the directive of "let's Eat was given. After a buffet meal, and a short business session, our guests were introduced, picture below, from Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District were: Mr. Larry Hull, President and Mr. H.L. Hull, General Manager. They gave an interesting talk on the way the Aquifer works and the importance of water conservation, especially in our district. They were presented with a certificate of appreciation for their visit.

Submitted by Bererly Stroman, Reporter





H.L. Saur, Albert Wiggers, Secy., Larry Hull, Dewey Owens, President

Editor note: This was submitted in paper format and got "lost" on my desk when I was out for appendicitis. My apologies to the club. klhr

Donegal Area High Twelve Club #686 - PA

Club officers were installed at the Donegal High Twelve Club on June 5th. I was the installing officer and Chris was present also. The following are the names of the Brothers in each photo:

Submitted by Herb Cook





Herb Cook, VP PA State Association, Ellis Adams 3rd VP, Ken Hudson, newly installed President, Donald Christy 2nd VP, Mike Rowe 1st VP.



Ken Hudson, newly installed President, Russ Baker, Past President





Herb Cook, VP PA State Association, Ken Hudson Newly Installed President, Receiving President's Pin

Oakland High Twelve Club #2 - CA

High Twelve Club Living History of 1901 by Bruce A. Rick

The High Twelve Club No. 2, of Oakland California, hosted representatives from the San Francisco (CA) Hyde Street Pier Living History Players.

Eddie and Victoria Carmona, with other Living History players recreate the year 1901 on Hyde Street Pier through first and third person interpretation, storytelling, and activities that represent maritime life in 1901. In their period dress, they shared many stories of what you might hear when you meet captains, wives, crews and passengers aboard the floating historic vessels at the Hyde Street Pier. The Hyde Street Pier is right next to Fisherman's Warf.

Questions came fast and furious throughout their presentation. Victoria dressed as a suffragette, told of the local activist women's organization in the early 20th century who fought for the right to vote in public elections and ladies activities aboard sailing vessels. Eddie, dressed in typical 1901-day wear with top hat, regaled us with selected sea chanteys. Only those suitable for mixed company!

The Oakland High Twelve Club No. 2 President Jim Westfall and Secretary Jim Strehlow presented our speakers with a certificate (and lunch) for their excellent presentation.





Oakland High Twelve Club #2 - CA

Waterloo High Twelve Club #46 - IA

Submitted by Gerald A. Edgar, PP #46, PSP NCA

Anyone reading this is likely very aware of the many Masonic organizations that exist with High-Twelve being a fine example. Indeed my first exposure to Masonry was thru the Dubuque, Iowa High-Twelve club in the early 1960's. They had a "bring your son to High-Twelve" meeting annually. The President of my Dad's employer only had a daughter so asked my Dad, also a Mason, if he could 'borrow' me.

This was my first time ever at a formal event, i.e. in any era where all attendees were in suit & tie with a great meal at a local restaurant. There I saw an Iowa Hall of Fame coach who our local H.S. football field was named for, several industrial CEO's, Doctors, etc.

I saw our "school house" for the first time and vividly recall someone asking "what/why is that for?". One member jumped up and explained very enthusiastically. (This man I met some years later at a Grand Lodge of Iowa session as he assumed the officer of MW Grand Master of Iowa - de ja vu!)

Years later, when I became a High-Twelve member, it dawned on me to consider what other Masonic group is a better way to introduce Masonry to a non-member? Lunch is something everyone takes time for, it's casual with lots of banter. Other than the Pledge of Allegiance and a brief prayer, there is no ritual; just sit at a table eating a good lunch. No 'pressure' or expectation a guest might ask how to become a member.

Years later the Dubuque Club held their meetings at the Masonic Temple with either a women's group (OES?) or a local caterer bringing in the meal. Ditto for the Mason City, Iowa Club that I joined in 1991. What easier way for a so-called "soft sell" than an informal business lunch, an entertaining program and camaraderie?

Unless your Lodge holds a dinner before it's "Stateds" where you may bring a prospect, what better environment to casually introduce Masonry to a prospect than your High-Twelve Club???

Experanza High Twelve Club #801 - FL

Last meeting...President. MM Bruce Rivera, Secretary Sergio Battle, Chaplain Ismael Arrizabalaga, Vice President Michel Riveron and Rafael Morales, we have the honor that Michel's father joined us as Guest... Fraternal meeting.



Freeport High Twelve Club #43 - IL

Freeport High Twelve continues to meet every Thursday for lunch. We average about 14 each week. The first Thursday of the month is our business meeting. Every Thursday we have the school house available for donations, which vary in amounts.

Freeport has helped the Salvation Army with clothes, food and personal items. They have been very grateful and we recently received a thank you from them for a previous monetary donation. We continue to have great meals and Mrs. Carson continues to provide the dessert. As always, guests are welcome. We still meet at the same location, Logan's, on Rt. 26 in Freeport.

Roger Carson, Secretary, PSP

A note on aging: On turning 70, you still chase women, but only downhill!!!

Conejo Valley High Twelve Club #634 - CA

Passing of 2 Club Past Presidents

Rees Padfield (top) was President of Conejo Valley High Twelve in 2018, 2019, and 2020. Worshipful Rees was a Past Master of Conejo Valley Masonic Lodge No. 807.

David Smith (bottom) was president of our club in 2001 and 2004. Worshipful David was a Past Master of Simi Valley Masonic Lodge No. 806.



Quincy High Twelve #40 - IL

Our Quincy High Twelve Club #40, held our annual picnic at Bob Mays Park in Quincy, Illinois on June 14, 2023. Forty-two of our brothers and sisters enjoyed entrees of fish or chicken, two side dishes, desert and drink. The weather was delightful and fellowship with one another made for a great evening together.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a "Thank You Basket" by Sister Karen Weisinger (representing Vermont Street UM Church) to Brother Orville and Sister Lena Jones, for all they do within our community to help others. They are the leaders of organizing the "Back to School Fair" each August and the Quincy "Juneteenth Celebration" held this past June. Brother Orville is the Chaplain of our club.





Liberty High Twelve Club #780 - PA

Greetings High Twelvians,

June's meeting was such a great success at Liberty High Twelve #780 Club. We had a total of 28 people show up for our meeting. The wives, girlfriends and daughters also showed up to join us. It was such a great day of Fellowship. We had One Installation of an Officer, 2VP Brother Richard Hall. We also had Two New members inducted. One New Transfer. So, in Two Months the 780 brought in a total of 5 new members and 1 transfer, as President of Liberty High Twelve #780 Club I am so over filled with joy on how well we are doing. I would also like to thank all the Club Officers for all they do, to bring fellowship and love to the fraternity of High Twelve. I would also like to say that, word of mouth, social media, and the ambassador's coins were a great asset to help promote High twelve. Having wives invited to the meeting was a great move also on are part.

The Liberty High Twelve #780 Club Meet's on the Forth Sunday of the

Month at 1 PM for Lunch and then Meeting at 2 PM. We Meet at Bristol Masonic Temple 221 Cedar Street, Bristol, Pa.

The club is looking forward to their next meeting, July 23, 2023, we are hoping that we will be having New Members Join, then.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Daniel A. O'Rourke, President





Pose Des Rapide High Twelve #693 - LA

Our club's, Post Des Rapide High Twelve Club, last meeting was held in April of 2020. Since then we have lost our Chaplain, Secretary and several of our charter members. I have reached out to our last elected president with no answer.

Fraternally,

Clay Brister, Treasurer

Freeport High Twelve Club #43 - IL

Freeport High 12 #43 continues to meet every Thursday for lunch. The first Thursday of the month is our business meeting.

At our last meeting we decided to help the Salvation Army once again. This time we decided to do something different. We will purchase items that they need. It was voted to spend \$100. An inquiry was made what their needs are right now and the items needed are combs and brushes, non-perishable food and summer clothing. We will spend \$30 on combs and brushes, \$70 on food items, and members can bring clothing items.

Attached are pictures of the initiation and the presentation of the dues card and certificate of our newest member, Ken Howard. Pictured with Ken is President Gene Olmstead and Treasurer Calvin Barklow.

Our attendance has been around 14-15 for our meetings, including members and guests. As always we invite visitors to join us at Logan's in Freeport, IL, on S. West Ave. Until next time - stay safe.

Roger A. Carson. Secretary

Signal Hill High Twelve Club #444 - CA

We've found out that Signal Hill Club has an amazing talent in our midst. You've probably heard his music without realizing it.

Lewis Main Jr. learned to make violins, violas and cellos from his father, a well-known violin maker in Long Beach. Lew patterned his instruments on exacting measurements taken from Stradivarius and Del Gesu examples and was so expert that several times their sound was mistaken for a Stradivarius by connoisseurs. Lew also learned to play the violins he made, and play them very well. He went on to study at Juilliard under scholarship after serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

At Juilliard, he was recognized for his talent by being appointed as soloist and Concert Master (First Chair Violin) of several of the school's orchestras, including the acclaimed Longines Symphonette.

After graduating from Juilliard, he returned to Long Beach and played for the Greek Theatre Orchestra in Griffith Park. Additionally he found time to play in several recording studios and movie studios, working on the soundtrack for over 120 major movies.

As if he wasn't busy enough, somehow he managed to have a bi-costal career as Assistant Concert Master of the famous Boston Pops Orchestra! He also found the time to spend ten years as Concert Master for acclaimed soprano Anna Maria Alberghetti during her performances in Las Vegas.

Lew is a Past Master of Long Beach Lodge #327, and has his Lodge 50-year pin and Hiram Award. He belongs to York Rite, Scottish Rite and El Bekal Shrine. He served the Valley of Long Beach Scottish Rite as Membership Chairman and still holds the record as top line signer. He is a Past President of Signal Hill High Twelve Club.

Submitted by Alber Turek, Secretary

Western Reserve High Twelve Club #731 - OH

Minutes of June 6, 2023

The meeting was called to order by our First Vice-President David Georgeat 12:00 PM. The Bible was opened by the Sgt. at Arms, followed by a prayer by our Chaplain, Ed Trego, and then the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

With our new venue at the Bueller's Community Room, we then ordered from the menu. Since our speaker needed to be back at work, the President then invited Brother Jeff Johnson to introduce him. The speaker was S. Forest Thompson, the Medina County Prosecutor. He gave a very informative talk about his office and the duties, but concentrated on the scams that are mainly directed at our senior population, which is most of us. He left us with some food for thought in this new "technology world" that we live in. He received thanks and a round of applause for his remarks.

Following lunch, we then continued on with our meeting. The hospitality report included our President, Brother Kenneth Crouse, and Linda Horne, the wife of our 2nd Vice-President. Brother Crouse had surgery for removal of some cancer followed by rehab. He is doing well, but is limited in his activities and limits his driving to short distances. Thus, he could not be with us today. Linda had some medical issues that affected her memory and has the signs of Alzheimer's, but she is doing some better and was with us for our meeting.

The secretary then reported on the absence of our Treasurer, Don Moll, and would accept dues in his absence. He then read a brief synopsis of our May, 2020 minutes, the last meeting we had. It included a petition for Don Ensor with fee, which we will act on at our next meeting. The only correspondence was for our per capita, which was for 2022 and 2023. The Secretary will reply with a request to only include 2023, since we have not met nor collected any dues in the last 3 years. And, we need to collect dues to get our checking account up to the amount needed to pay the per capita, so we will do so as soon as we are able.

The President then said we should elect and install the new officers at our next meeting and to be ready to step forward to help in this endeavor. The Secretary then indicated that he would continue through this year to help get us going again, but would want to be replaced at next years election and installation of officers. After checking with Bueller's for our next meeting, due to it would normally be on July 4th, we opted for July 11, 2023. With no further new or old business, the meeting was declared closed and a prayer offered by our Chaplain, Ed Trego. All adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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High Twelve logo'd items**

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