



# High Twelve International September Up-Date

September 10, 2023

**International President - Rick Santella**

**HELLO TO ALL OUR HIGH TWELVE BRETHREN!!**

Can you believe it's already September? What a quick summer.... but you know what that means.... many of our Clubs that took a summer hiatus will start meeting again. I look forward to these as it is a great time to catch up with the members, listen to their family vacation adventures and just "feel" the brotherhood, as you would catching up with a good friend you have not seen for a while.

September also means our Lodges and Appendant Bodies will start meeting again as well. This is a great opportunity to strengthen our Clubs and State Associations by spreading the "High Twelve" story. Have your Club and State Officers present High Twelve to our Masonic Bodies. It has shown to be effective and successful in that many of our Master Masons are not aware of, or know much of, what High Twelve is, stands for, or what our passions are.

Did you know you can share your experiences with all of us? Send any articles and pictures to [update-editor@high12.org](mailto:update-editor@high12.org). The Update is sent out monthly, so spread the joy!!

Our International Officers are highly engaged with their respective Zones, so prepare for more communication from them. We are your support system and your best interests for growth and viability are our best interests. I ask you to keep us busy. The more communication between all of us, the more opportunities for success!

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

We are in the initial planning stages for our Mid-Year Conference, January 12-13 in Louisiana. Keep the dates open. More information will be forthcoming as we firm up the details. It is so important to enjoy a healthy turnout since we accomplish so much more with respect to the sharing of ideas, successes, future planning, and just experience the fellowship in person. Our Annual Meeting this past July proved as such. Many members walked up several conversations on how we can grow and

members sparked up several conversations on how we can grow and continue helping our Youth Groups and the Wolcott Foundation.

I can't express the pride and honor I feel each time I can represent High Twelve International. I want to thank each of you for your support, and rest assured I am determined to grow our High Twelve Family. What can we do to help?

Rick Santella,  
International President 2023-2024  
High Twelve International

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### Lake Worth High Twelve Club #316 - FL

Dear Beloved High Twelvians,

Hello from the sunny side of life! I hope this message finds you all well and refreshed after our brief hibernation through July and August. The alarm clock is ringing, and it's time to wake up, folks! Our next meeting is set for Monday, September 18th, and boy, do we have some exciting news to share.

Firstly, a hearty congratulations to us all for successfully launching the Florida Masons Home Club! The opening event was nothing short of grandiose, thanks in part to the numerous members from Lake Worth 316 who participated in the Charter. A new High Twelve chapter is born, and we are on a mission to shatter membership records—whether they be

state, national, or even international. Feel up to the challenge? LOL!

The upcoming meeting will be held at Red Robin's, located at 1715 Palm Beach Lakes FL 33401, and the clock strikes twelve at midday. We're not just inviting Florida clubs; this is an open call to High Twelvians worldwide! If you're planning to grace us with your honorable presence, let us know. And if you can share a talk in Japanese, French, or any other language, we promise to roll out the red carpet for you! It's gonna be a blast.

So mark those calendars, dear friends. It's time to come together for some good company, good food, and good vibes. We can't wait to see you there!

Warm regards and Twelvian salutations,

Eduardo Mondragon

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### **Conejo Valley High Twelve Club #634 - CA - Jerry Michaelson**

Conejo Valley High Twelve Club #634 mourns the passing of our three time past president Rees Padfield. He was a Mason's Mason. His memorial service will be standing room only!



**Rees Padfield**

01/31/1943 – 06/19/2023

The family of Rees Padfield invites you to celebrate his life at a memorial service on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the Pasadena Scottish Rite 150 N. Madison Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101.

Immediately following the ceremony, a lunch reception will be provided by the Pasadena Scottish Rite.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you donate to the Pasadena Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center.

Please make checks payable to the California Scottish Rite Foundation and note "Pasadena" in the memo line. All contributions are tax deductible.

Or please make a donation to a Veterans organization of your choice.

For questions or assistance, please contact Joanne Padfield at 805-990-1328.

Questions relating to the Pasadena Scottish Rite, please call 626-795-4213.

### Middle Chamber High Twelve Club #725 - IL

We are meeting at a **new location**, called **Grandpa's Place**, 1868 Prairie St., Glenview, IL 60025 for our meeting on September 5, 2023. This location hopefully will work for us. We have been meeting at various locations in or near Glenview, IL, for many years. The club has been bordering on collapse for a few months but should start recovering soon. We expect to install new officers at our October 3 meeting.

Hilton Kaufman  
President

### Cedar Rapids High Twelve Club #7 - IA

The Cedar Rapids, IA club #7 had an outing in early August. We went to a baseball ball game. The local minor league team, the Cedar Rapids Kernels.

As president of NCA I visited the Waterloo club two weeks ago.

Russell Royce  
President





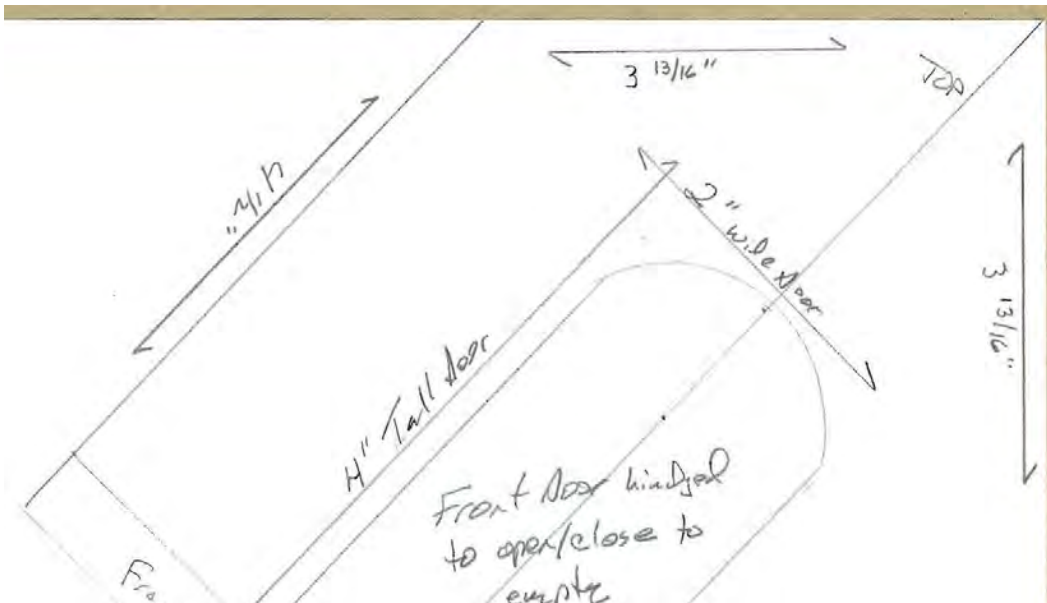
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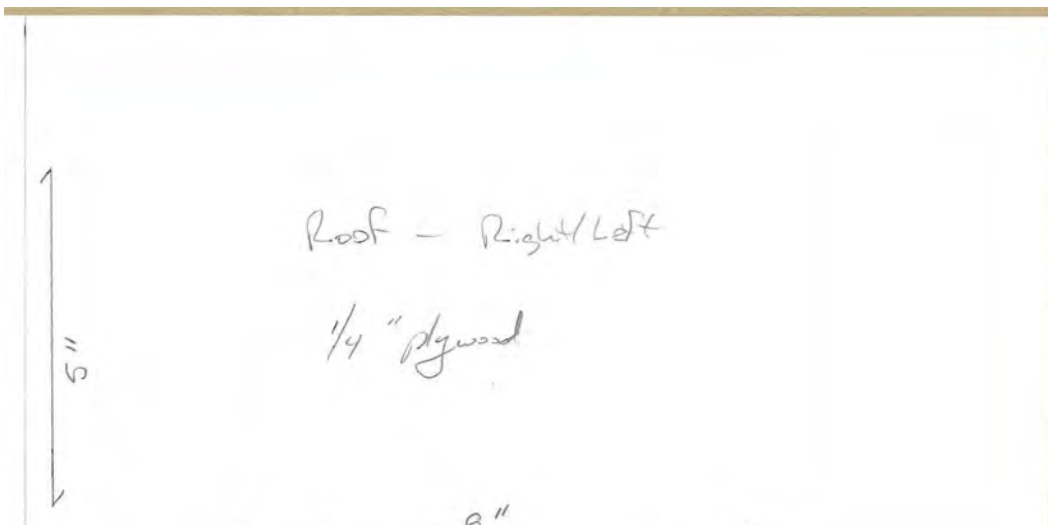
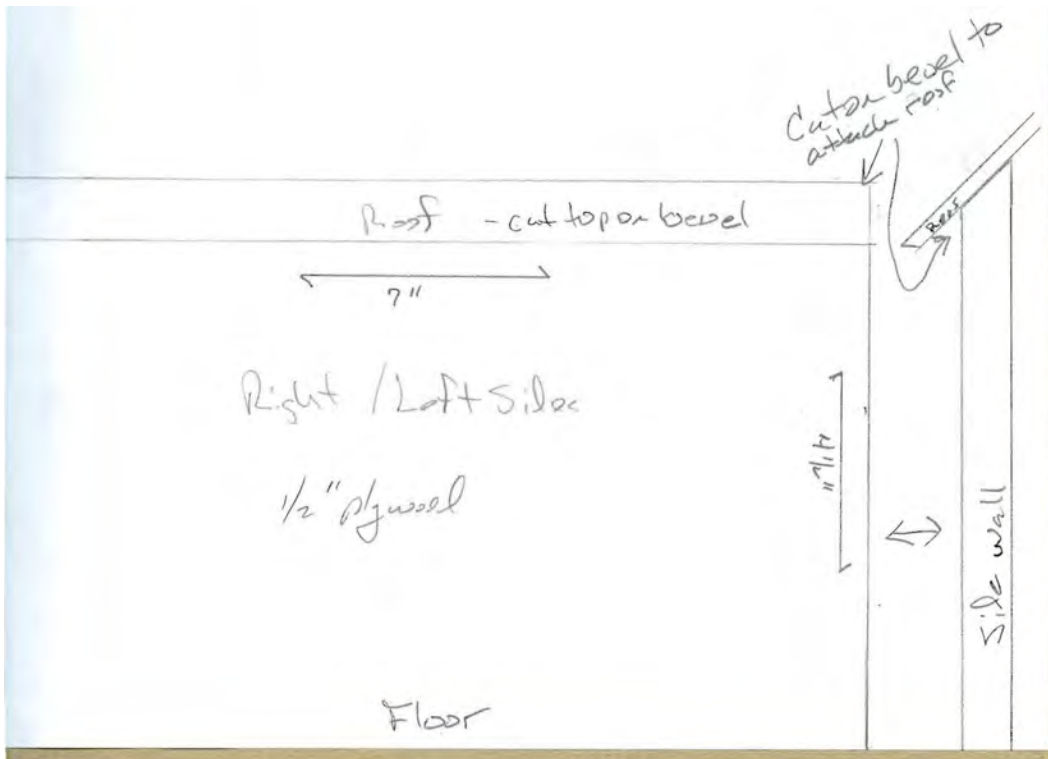
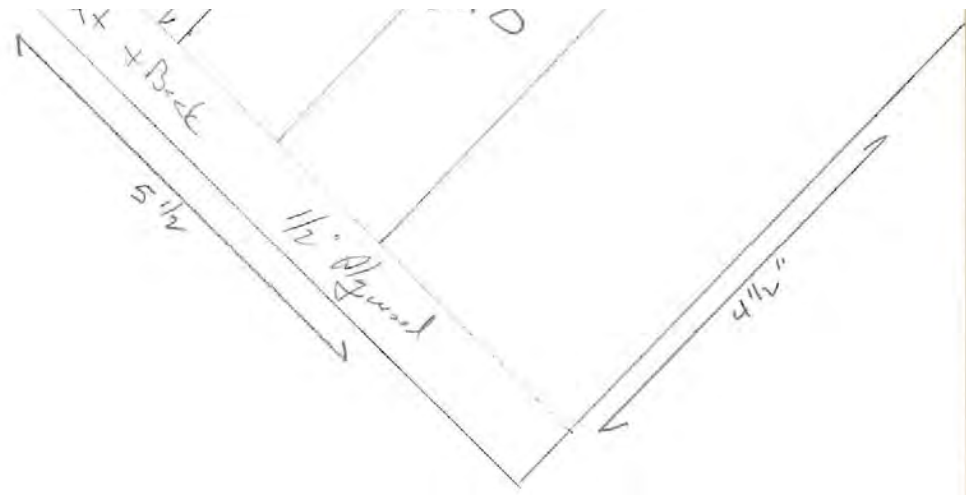
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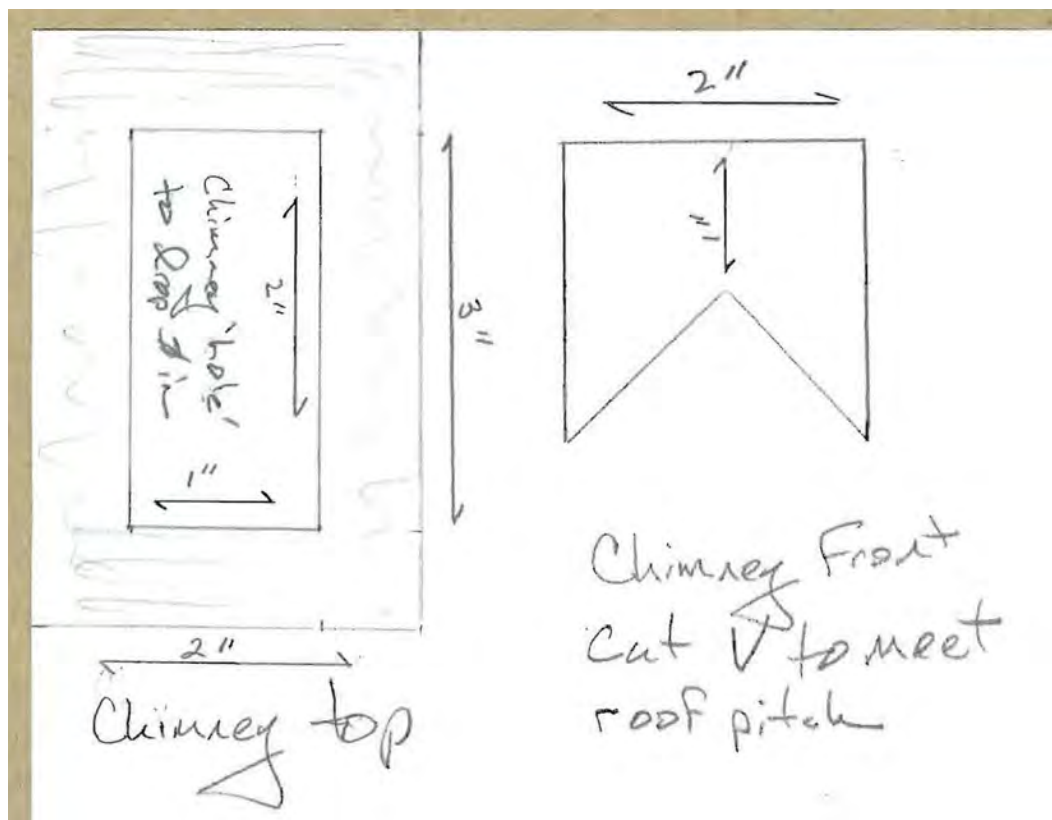


**Plans for building the school house above follow:**

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### East Valley High Twelve #765 - AZ

Our August speaker was **Dennis Gorman**, President, Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #1011 East Side Arizona, 480-589-3114.

Lee Stith, President

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### MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

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Permanently Hospitalized Vietnam War Veterans who served on the same active duty dates listed above are eligible to join Vietnam Veterans of America at no cost.

## Mike Haxton, PIP - KS - A Bit of Humor

### The Adoptive Circus Parents

A husband and wife go to an adoption agency looking to adopt a child. They are well dressed and well spoken, and the social workers are quite impressed with them.

However, when asked about their profession, the couple said that they run a circus. Hearing that made the social workers raise an eyebrow. It didn't sound so good to them, an environment with animals, that is moving all the time? Doubts were raised about their suitability as parents. So the couple produce photos of their 55 foot motor home, which is clean and well maintained and equipped with a large and spotless nursery.

The social workers are happy to see this but then raise concerns about the kind of education a child would receive while in the couple's care. The husband puts their mind at ease, saying, "We've arranged for a full-time tutor who will teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin, and computer skills."

Next though, the social workers express concern about a child being raised in a circus environment. This time the wife explains, "Our nanny is a certified expert in pediatric care, child welfare, proper nutrition and exercise - all that a child requires."

Their questions met with such excellent answers, the social workers are finally satisfied and ask the couple, "What ages were you looking to adopt?" The husband says, "It doesn't really matter, as long as they fit in a cannon

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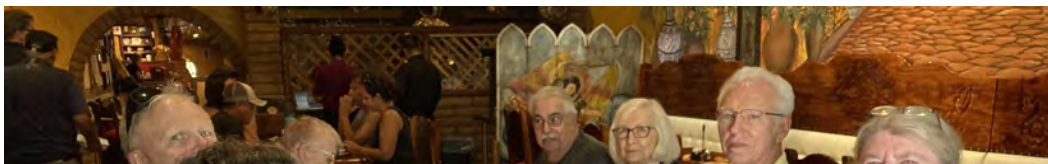
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### Sun City West High Twelve #567 - AZ

Sun City West High 12 Club recently completed its Summer Lunch visitations with lunch at a local Mexican Cantina. The photo shows several of the lunch attendees.







Since May, the Club has been making monthly visits to several local restaurants offering a variety of cuisines. While the weather heats up in the Phoenix Arizona area, and some of the Club members take time to leave the area for other parts of the USA, Club members who remain in the area enjoy the opportunity for monthly fellowship.

The Sun City West High 12 Club has been working on including local Masonic Widows in Club events and has met with some success. The Club's efforts have assisted local Masonic Lodges in maintaining contact with the Masonic Widows living in the West Valley area.

In October, the Sun City West High 12 Club will resume breakfast meetings on the 2nd Friday of the month at a local restaurant. The Friday, October 13th meeting will focus on fire safety and have a presentation from a member of the Sun City Fire and Medical Department.

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