

## **HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL**

### **CHARTER PRESENTATION CEREMONY**

This ceremony is recommended to be used at the chartering of a new club. (A *short, inspirational message may be added before the charter presentation ceremony*)

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Opening Statement: "I am pleased to be with you today to recognize the chartering of a new High Twelve Club. As you are aware, High Twelve is an organization of Master Masons who support Masonic causes with special emphasis on our philanthropy, youth support and patriotic events. Although only Master Masons can join High Twelve, anyone is welcome at the meetings.

High Twelve is an association dedicated to the unification of Master Masons dedicated to service to the fraternity; it is a social extension of the Masonic experience. Although many High Twelve clubs meet at noon, the membership usually establishes the meeting time. There is no ritual; but it strongly encourages its members to be active in their lodges and communities.

High Twelve is Masonry in Action in the community where our clubs hold their meetings and in the State where the Clubs are banded together for a common purpose. High Twelvians are expected to adhere strictly to the rules and regulations of their Grand Lodge. Our main philanthropy is the Wolcott Foundation which is established to provide scholarships for students attending George Washington University who seek careers in the government sector. It is now time to establish this new club and recognize those who have been selected to lead it."

**# # # (three raps of the gavel)**

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"I now call forward the President and other officers of this club. You have been selected and by your presence here, accepted the responsibility of being the board of directors for \_\_\_\_\_ (name and number of club). The President is expected to preside over the regularly stated meetings of the club. In his absence, or if he is unable to serve, the vice presidents (in descending order of their rank) will assume his duties. The other officers have assumed the obligation of providing the club with leadership and guidance in the performance of their respective positions. On behalf of High Twelve International, do you accept these responsibilities and are you willing to exercise them to the best of your ability? If so, answer 'We do.' (All officers respond.) Congratulations!"

Brother President, I present you with your Club Charter (bell, banner, gavel, etc. as appropriate) pins and membership cards for you and your members and welcome you as fellow High Twelvians! You have accepted a significant role by accepting a position of leadership in this club. You will be expected to support High Twelve International, follow its rules and regulations, and provide quality programs to your members. The time you devote to these endeavors will be rewarded in the satisfaction you get from seeing your members enjoy themselves.

This concludes the Charter Presentation Ceremony."

# (one rap of the gavel)

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