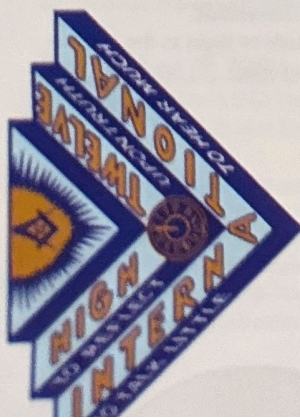


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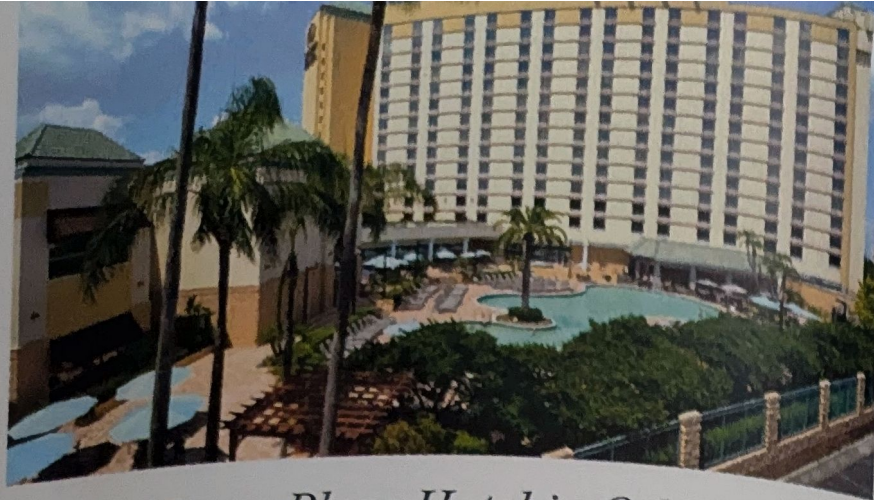
International President - Roberto M. Sanchez, PSP - TX

Brethren and Fellow High Twelve Masons,

It is bittersweet addressing you in my last Magazine article as International President. I had several very ambitious goals for this year, and I hope to finish those out strong as we round the corner on the last quarter of the year. Your executive committee approved a 5-year plan, which is my hope that we establish a strong foundation and action plan for the next 4 years to accomplish our goals. I also have traveled extensively on my own expense to attend as many functions as possible – as I will delineate in this article. I have made myself as accessible as I possibly could, and I hope to have met your expectations as the representative and leader of this great Masonic organization.

Our registration is now live on our webpage for our 104th annual convention, as is the reservation link for the hotel. The 104th convention will be held in the heart sunny Florida, in a 5 star hotel owned and operated by a Masonic Family. The Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando will host our annual convention June 27 through the 30th 2025. You have asked and we have listened and tried to set up a convention with all of your request in mind. We have picked an easy location to fly into, that has a good number of local members (Florida being our 2nd Largest jurisdiction behind Pennsylvania). We picked a location that has a lot of activities for members and their families should they wish to extend their trip. Perfect excuse to visit Walt Disney World or Universal Studios or anything central Florida has to offer. We have ladies' programs hosted by former first lady of Florida Sandy Turlington who previously set up the lady programs for the Grand Lodge of Florida. There are dozens of things to do and places to eat all within walking distance of the Rosen Plaza in the heart of I-drive in Orlando. We have arranged for transportation to and from the airport from the Florida State association. Our convention chairman was able to negotiate an impressive rate of \$149 a night for a 5-star hotel in Orlando during peak season. We will have the three degrees of the Free Gardeners conferred during Saturday evening for those who wish to attend and join another fraternal order. The only complaint I would have, is that due to the nature of todays economical climate the meals and banquets are much higher that I wished we could have gotten – and for that I apologize. But this seems to be the same no matter where we go, as total cost will be comparable to the last few years. I therefore invite all High Twelve Masons to meet us in the sunshine state for this year's annual convention, and hope to be with you and your families during the weekend of June 27-30th.

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Pictured is the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Florida

As mentioned previously, I have been busy traveling and representing High Twelve at various Masonic events. Below are some of the highlights since our last publication. It is my great pleasure to reassure the members that 100% of these trips were funded at my own expense, and none of them were supplemented by High 12 International.

In January, I had the great privilege to be invited to bring greetings on behalf of High Twelve International to the Grand Lodge of Texas during its 189th annual communication by Grand Master Tommy Chapman.

Over 3,000 Masons from all over the Great State of Texas, and dignitaries from sister jurisdictions convened over the weekend of 16 to 18 January 2025 in the Grand Lodge Memorial Building in Waco, TX. While there, I took a point of personal privilege to present the charter and install the officers of North Texas Club No. 811, who will be operating in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Congratulations to Grand Master Chapman on a great session, and a hearty Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Grand lodge of Texas.



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International President Roberto M. Sanchez, bringing greetings on behalf of High Twelve International to the Masons Assembled at the 189th Grand Session of the Grand Lodge of Texas on 16 Jan 2025.



The auditorium of the Masonic Grand Lodge Memorial Building in Waco, TX



Some of the newly Installed officers of North Texas Club No. 811 with International President Roberto M. Sanchez, and International Sargent at Arms (and state President of Texas) William Badders.

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From February 6-9th, 2025, I attended Masonic Week in Washington, DC, where we represented High Twelve at the several Grand Sessions of the dozen or so Organizations that met during that time. While there, I ran into several members of High Twelve, including PIP Sid Leluan, as well as Simon Polkinghorne (England), Oswald Hernandez (El Salvador Club), and Victor Quintero (Mexico Club), just to name a few.



Pictured from left to right. Back Row – Salomon Lahana (Past President Houston Club), Edwin Nunez and Oswald Hernandez (Past Presidents of El Salvador Club), Front Row – Roberto M. Sanchez International President, Victor Quintero (Past President Mexico Club) at Masonic Week Feb 2025 Washington DC.

From February 17th through March 1st I was on 3 different Islands in Hawaii (Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii). I visited with some High Twelve Masons of our Club there and attended the Hawaii York Rite Session in Honolulu, Hawaii. I also had the privilege of attending a BBQ at the Shrine Beach Club in Oahu on February 23, 2025. If you ever get an opportunity to visit Hawaii, definitely put the Shrine Club on your list. The Beach Club is an amazing beach front property that is owned by Aloha Shrine Temple and usually hosts a social for Masons on Sunday. You may even get lucky enough to have a glimpse at the next door neighbor, which is none other than President Barack Obama.

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The front Gate of the Aloha Shrine Beach Club in Honolulu, HI

March seems to be just as busy as the rest of the year has been. On March 7 & 8, I attended some of the festivities of the Grand Session of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico. This included visiting again with Past International President Sid Leluan and Grand Master of the Grand Encampment David Kussman during the York Grand Commandery of Mexico session. I also met up with several members of the Mexico Club, as they showed me all of the interesting programs they have been having.



Members of Mexico City Club and their ladies

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Official Picture of the 1st Grand Commandery session of the York Grand Commandery of Mexico. There are 2 International Presidents of High 12 in this Picture – can you find them?

From March 26 to April 2nd I spent a phenomenal trip to the UK where I visited the new Club in Edinburg, Scotland, for an impromptu meeting. Our International Chaplain, Allan MacDougall, is the current President, and his father Neil MacDougall, is a Vice President of the Club. Their hospitality was above bar, and I could not thank them enough for all they did. The trip included a visit to several Masonic Lodges, including the installation of RWB Allan MacDougall as Right Worshipful Master of Friendship-Waverly Lodge No. 597 in Edinburgh, Scotland, as well as a private tour of Rosslyn Chapel by Ian Robertson – Supreme Magus of the Societas Rosicruciana in Scotia.



Left Our International Chaplain, Allan MacDougall, was installed as Master of Friendship-Waverly No.597 on March 29, 2025.



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Right Supreme Magus of the Societas Rosicruciana in Scotia - Ian Robertson, and Roberto M. Sanchez – International President, outside of Rosslyn Chapel in Scotland.

I hope to see many of you through my travels this year. Let's continue to participate in the Family, Fellowship and Fun that High Twelve International has to offer. As always, your executive committee has been hard at work, and it has been our pleasure to continue to serve the High Twelve Masons internationally. I hope to see you all at our International Convention in Orlando Florida June 27 through June 30th 2025.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP FUTURE!

Roberto M. Sanchez
International President 2024-2025

1st International VP - Jared R. Kichline, PSP - PA

Greetings Members of High Twelve,

Hopefully, you are enjoying the year so far. High Twelve International has so much to offer our members, the fellowship found around the table at a High Twelve meeting can be one of the best examples of Masonry. The bond of fellowship is a key tenet of the craft.

As I referenced in the monthly update my home High Twelve Club just received our shipment of members name buttons, and they look fantastic! It's helps to foster new friendships when we might not remember a Brother's name, but we can quickly glance at a name badge and give them the greeting they certainly deserve.

As members of High Twelve International our organization supports our unbelievable Wolcott Fellows, these impressive individuals are often only able to achieve their dreams through our generosity and support. Making a difference in the lives of our community certainly gives our members something to be proud of. Hopefully, we all look forward to contributing to the little red school house when we go to our next meeting.

Our International Officers are working hard to represent our members and help further High Twelve International, but they cannot do it without your support. Your input is always welcome, and the officers truly ap-

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preciate it. Together we will continue our vital role in the Masonic family and grow our organization by enjoying a fraternal hour.

Keep up the great work!

Fraternally,
Jared R. Kichline, 1st VP

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP FUTURE!

2nd International VP - Terry Hills, PSP IL

Greetings Brethren from the Land of Lincoln,

Local fundraisers are on the mind of my local Club. And many others elsewhere are looking into ways to add dollars to their Club's coffers.

Raffles and Soup Suppers take a lot of volunteer and sales hours that older members don't have. Easier methods are needed for those groups.

Here are a few ideas that have worked for organizations I belong to. Many restaurant chains have a hidden fundraiser on their websites. Often it is a Restaurant Day where flyers, distributed by the Brothers, are take in and stapled to a meal receipt with all of the flyers added up and a percent given to the organization. Here are a few Chains: White Castle, Little Ceasars, Monical's Pizza, Panera Bread, Boston Market, and Buffalo Wild Wings. More can be easily found on the Internet. Check online for applications and available dates.

Other ideas to ponder are farther outside of the box. Dunk tanks outside a Lodge, rummage sales, candy for coins at four-way stops, and present wrapping at a Mall Non-profit table can help as regularly scheduled money makers.

One of my personal favorite fundraiser was an homage to the actor Soupy Sales. Mattoon High Twelve Club #89 auctioned off a chance to hit the new Illinois State President with a cream pie. At the Association State Convention, the winner got to pie me in the face. Lots of fun and laughs were had. [Pictures below]

Please take these ideas and run with them. I promise your Club will enjoy the experiences and funds for philanthropies will grow.

Terry Hills
2nd International Vice President

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International Secretary - Thomas J. Brotherton, III

While we all know that Brother E.C. Wolcott is the founder of High Twelve International, but have you actually read our history.

The nay sayers or those who always look for the negative will never enjoy the good things in life. We all have seen or heard a weather forecast where they are "predicting" a just plain horrible day (snow, wind rainy kind of day) well if you let their guesses ruin your day and never actually look outside for your self, you could be missing a sunny day. Or at the very least make the best of what you can until the foul weather arrives. If you dive into the history of High Twelve Inc (found on our website under the everyone tab) You will see that on August 7th 1920, Brother Wolcott brought the idea of a service organization but for Free Masonry to a group of Brothers who were dedicated Masons. It was that day he explained the purpose of the meeting and reasons for forming the first club. It was in January of 1921 that these Brothers who wanted to share their fellowship with others began the process of starting High Twelve International as we know it and on May 17th, 1921 High Twelve International was organized and "the sun was shining bright" especially at High Noon. (see what I did there)

In 1922 Brother Wolcott, the one who started this, had moved to Kansas City, MO. He would spread the word of High Twelve and talked up the formation of more High Twelve clubs. His Sioux City club flourished for many years, but with Brother Wolcott gone, clouds formed in Sioux City and after 1926 it ceased to function. I am willing to bet in 1925, members through their hands up and faded in behind the clouds until it was now dark.

But in 1942 Brother Wolcott returned and helped to reorganize and that

became #1 Founders. Like the tides, they ebb and flow. While some say things come happen. history always repeats itself, I cant say they are wrong. But if that's the case things always get better. If you always look for the bad things, your blinders will always have you miss the great things.

Those of you who know me or may have spoken to me know that whenever I am asked how I am doing, I will always respond (with enthusiasm) "I am Fantastic". While things may not be fantastic at that moment for me, I will always say that I am. I have learned that life has its hills and valleys, and the occasional mountain. While I may not see what is immediately ahead of me, and climbing that mountain is hard, the view from the top is always great. And while I am just about to reach the summit, I'll hope there is a valley at the top. But sometimes it is an extremely steep ride down.

While this great organization that started with 1 Brother Mason seeing what others have done and thought "why don't we start something"; Put forth the energy with the other charter members over 104 years ago sat down worked on getting High Twelve off the ground. Then to watch the very first club fold, Brother Wallie, then did it all over again to reorganize that club and get it going again. Its easy to throw your hands up and stop climbing when things get hard and give up. But if you do truly want to succeed, you can prepare for the long tough climb and if your in the right place at the right time, there is a group of dedicated Brothers who would rather see a great thing succeed and encourage each other to climb that mountain together, supporting each other, teaching each other how to get over that mountain, to get to the top together and enjoy that view. And if they cleared the path to the top properly, it will make it easier for everyone who comes behind them to get to the top and see what they saw and prepare them for the continuing journey ahead.

Fraternally,
Bro. Tom

International Website: www.high12.org

A place to find out:

- ♦ State officer contacts
- ♦ Club meeting location, times and club officer contacts
- ♦ Events - Association meetings, club/special events
- ♦ Useful information for association and club secretaries
- ♦ Wolcott Foundation information
- ♦ High Twelve merchandise
- ♦ Subscribe to the Monthly eNewsletter



WELCOME ABOARD

High Twelve's Newest Clubs

809 — Jersey Travelers — July 12, 2024

810 — Buckeye Corridor — October 20, 2024

811 — North Texas Club — January 16, 2025

813 — Far West Texas — February 4, 2025

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Change, Rebranding, Modernizing,

They can all mean the same thing. It is a necessity of life, keeps our interest, keeps us moving. This is one thing our clubs should not be afraid of. Keep our beliefs and goals the same just change or adapt new ways to attain these goals. For example, changing a meeting day or time, allowing more guests or different speakers. These minor changes could help your clubs grow. We also must keep in mind that changing should help us be better. Review these Five Steps of Change and go for it. 1. Should we change? What could it do for us. 2. The Need to Change. Is it really required. 3. Benefits of Change. Build your visions, evaluate the strengths and weaknesses. 4. Act on Changing. Put the plan into action make it happen. 5. Accepting the Change. Get everyone on board to accept and believe in the change. Keep it going, continue to monitor do not slip.

Ideas for this article were taken from Gary Bergenske's best selling book Campaign to be a Better Leader. Gary was a guest speaker on a webinar sponsored by High Twelve International, His book is available from your local book store and is well worth a read.

Fraternally,
Conrad

From all around!

Omaha High Twelve Club #68 - NE

Omaha Club 68 has moved their meeting location from Spaghetti Works in Ralston Nebraska over to Johnny's Cafe located in South Omaha the address is 4702 S 27th St Omaha, NE We are still meeting 3rd Tuesday at Noon. Our club recently held a social gathering at Johnny's Cafe we had a great time. On March 29th our club hosted a Bingo Potluck. Below are some photos from that event. It was a great time with great fellowship.

Please join us if you are ever in the Omaha Metro area, we always love to have visitors come and join us for our meeting.

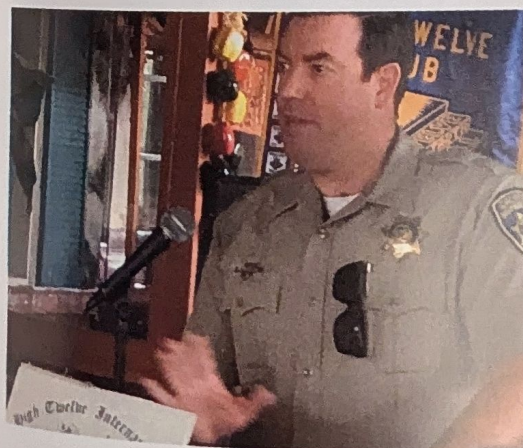
We are looking to have a Fundraiser for our Club, more details to coming soon and hope you all will be willing to support our Club in the future.

Submitted by John Grant, President



Current President John Grant presenting Sean Reed his Past President Certificate at one of our High 12 meetings.

Conejo Valley High Twelve Club #634 - CA



California Highway Patrol Officer Ryan Ayers, annual visit to the club sharing the latest traffic laws for California.

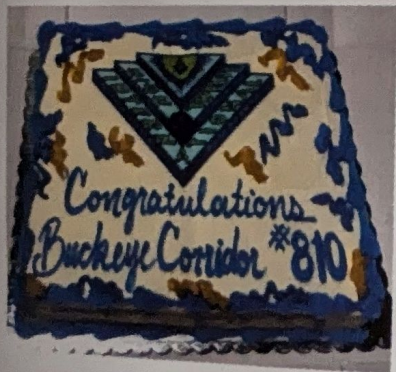
Officer Ayers received our Governor's highest service award for saving a truck driver's life from a burning truck while on a family vacation.

Jerry Michaelson, Secretary

Buckeye Corridor High Twelve Club #810 - OH

Today, March 16, was a big day as we instituted a new High Twelve Buckeye Corridor #810. It was my pleasure as State President (Jeff Shaw) to institute the club and install the new officers along with our State Treasurer Joe Stewart. We also had food and a guest speaker who talked about Billy Graham Chaplains and Samaritan's Purse.

Jeff Shaw OH Association President



Oakland High Twelve Club #2 - CA

The Oakland High Twelve Club #2 met on Monday March 24 at the Oakland Scottish Rite. While enjoying a delicious catered buffet lunch, a past Vice-President, Bruce Rick, presented a slideshow of a Masonic Emergency Response Team (MERT.) Bro. Rick had been a member of a Masonic lodge in Southern California with brethren who were involved with some emergency service agencies.

They developed a program for their Masonic brethren in order to become more involved with their community so as to be certified volunteers in the event of a local emergency.



Pictured are the presenter Bruce Rick along with Vice-President Lambert Yim.

Many of the classes are hands on training. A volunteer must attend and pass training classes through each of the organizations:

- FEMA

<https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/individuals-communities/fair-volunteer/voluntary-organizations>

<https://training.fema.gov/is/>

One of the goals of the self-paced FEMA training is to familiarize a volunteer with the acronyms and reporting agency structures.

- American Red Cross (URL below is for California) First take a First Aid hands-on course

<https://www.redcross.org/local/california/take-a-class/first-aid>

For full certification you need to be familiar with CPR, AED, and pediatric. Thereafter sign up to be a volunteer.

<https://www.redcross.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/disaster-volunteer.html>

- CERT is administered through your local fire department

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You will need to complete and pass a background check. In California, being accepted as a MERT volunteer could qualify you as a Disaster Service Worker/Volunteer (DSWV).

You would become familiar with FEMA's Incident Command System (ICS) and its National Incident Management System (NIMS). Learn about Mass Care procedures, Shelter fundamentals, Food Safety handling, and the like.

The program was developed years ago. Volunteer rules have probably evolved more and are not just limited to the above. Such a program could motivate younger Masons to become more involved with their community.

If interested in the MERT program, Jim Strehlow, the Secretary/Treasurer of the Oakland High Twelve Club has the slideshow that was presented at our club.

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Nelson W. Craig High Twelve Club #73 - NJ

Nelson W. Craig High Twelve #73 convened its regular monthly meeting at the Lamp Post Diner, in Blackwood, NJ on the Third Monday in March, which this month, happened to be St. Paddy's Day! With 16 Members in attendance, we received 2 new Petitions, and are continuing to grow the club in good fashion. This year we are planning to host a comedy Benefit over the summer to raise a little green for The Wolcott Foundation. During the Meeting, we presented the President and Past President Pins to our President, Al Burger, and our immediate Past President, Jerry Barnish. We also got a picture of the past president's in attendance, Pictured Left to right, Bruce Zielinski, Ken 'Peaches' Pierce, John Zioance, Jerry Barnish, Joe Dinovi, Conrad Dombkiewicz, and Jim Butler. Conrad is the International High Twelve Parliamentarian, and Ken Pierce is the President of the High Twelve Club at the Burlington NJ Masonic Home. We had the pleasure of hearing about information about the Suicide Prevention Resources (afsp.org, and 988lifeline.org, and members took flyers to place in their lodges for awareness. The Nelson W. Craig High Twelve Normally meets on the Third Monday each month at the Lamp Post Diner, except on Jan and Feb, due to MLK and President's day, where the Diner is too busy, in which case, we meet on the 4th Monday of Jan and Feb.

Submitted by James Butler

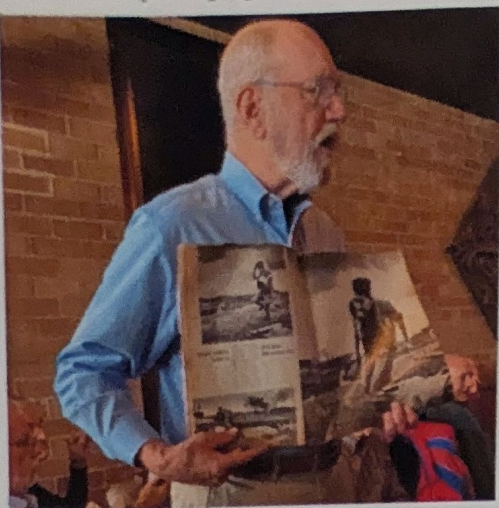
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Valley Forge High Twelve Club No. 305 - PA

Another packed house for our April Meeting at Marchwood Tavern with over 35 in attendance! Thank you to Brother Dave Tatum PM for his engaging talk on his involvement with the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum and his time serving our country in Vietnam. Our Club will be taking a private tour of the Museum on April 28th. As a bonus, we welcomed two new members to our growing Club. The following evening, 10 members of our Club took part as we welcomed our DeMolay Chapter's Master Councilor into the Fifth Masonic District. Eric Downs, President





Hamilton High Twelve Club #414 - OH

The following picture is of Past President and Ronald L. Harris Sr. presenting the Past Presidents Certificate to Gary Kleinwaechter. This was presented early in the year due to unforeseen circumstances.

Robert N. Sears, Secretary

Masonic Villages at New Jersey High Twelve Club #640 - NJ

President Craver is bringing new and exciting programs and ideas to our monthly meetings. Attendance has been strong and the meals very tasty. The Who Are You? Program encourages each member to give a quick history of himself. What a great time to pass the afternoon. Family, Fellowship, Future is alive and well at the Villages in Burlington. Submitted by Conrad Dombkiewicz



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Sun City West High Twelve Club #567 - AZ

At the Sun City West High 12 Club's April breakfast meeting, Pastor Mike Turner, of the Light of Hope Church, spoke about Easter and Passover and the special meaning presented by the season. Below is a photo of Pastor Mike (on the Left) receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from Sun City West High 12 Club President Don Winscot.



At the Friday, 11 April Meeting, Kevin Hokerk Robinson (right) was recognized for his many years of dedicated activity on behalf of the Wolcott Foundation. In the photo, Kevin (on the Left) is presented the prestigious Wolcott Foundation's Dr. Philip D. Grub Award recognition. Making the presentation is Sun City West Club High 12 President Don Winscot. Kevin has an extensive history of serving High Twelve International in a number of executive level offices and being a regular participant in High 12 International and local High Twelve Club functions.

On Sunday 13 April, Sun City West High 12 Club President Don Winscot visited Bethel No 19, IOJD. The youth group meets at the Sun City Masonic Center. During his visit, he presented a check from the Sun City West High 12 Club to the Bethel. In the photo of Don Winscot with the members of Bethel No 19 are the Bethel Senior Princess, Kalleigh, and the Bethel Marshall, Katelyn. Also in the photo are the Behel Guardian, Tricia Troiano, and the Associate Bethel Guardian, Eric Jameson. Bethel No 19 members and adults assisted with the Annual Pancake Breakfast held in February sponsored by the Sun City Masonic Lodge and the Sun City West High Twelve Club.

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The Sun City West High Twelve Club continues to work on including local Masonic Widows in Club events. The Club's efforts have assisted local Masonic Lodges in maintaining contact with the Masonic Widows living in the West Valley area.

David P. Miller, PSP, PP

Freeport High Twelve Club #43 - IL

Nothing new at Freeport High Twelve #43. Attendance has been low over the winter months, but hopefully it will pick up now that spring is here. We still meet at This Is It Eatery in Freeport, IL. Visitors are always welcome.

Freeport needs new members, and hopefully that will happen in the upcoming months. The club still supports the local Salvation Army, and recently gave them \$200 to help refill their pantry.

Something to think about --- If all is not lost, where is it?

Roger Carson, PSP
Secretary



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New Jersey Travelers Club #809 - NJ

Travelers got to travel. On the road again. The Travelers supported a Local Lions Club at their pancake breakfast. Wearing our Tropical Blues we attract attention and are able to start conversations about Masons and High Twelve International. We love spreading the Family, Fellowship, Future of High Twelve. We could be in your neighborhood soon.

Conrad Dombkiewicz



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mousetrap and/or how & where to acquire it!

This is there High-Twelve becomes the pre-eminent marketing tool of our fraternity! Invite that potential Mason to your next meeting OR if he is a good potential "program" provider, invite him to be a presenter at a future meeting! I am aware of both methodologies giving our fraternity good members who might otherwise not even know we existed, much less how & why to become a Mason. (And if your guest speaker is a woman, let her know she is welcome to bring her husband, brother, boyfriend, etc to also attend!) AND there are so many ways to subtly bring up Masonry to a potential brother. He comments about seeing Mt. Rushmore for the first time? **So your reply** "do you know two of the four men depicted were Masons as was the sculptor?". "Hey, that was a great rendition of our national anthem or 'man, do I love Sousa marches'. Well did you know Francis Scott Key, John Phillip Sousa etc. were Masons? And here in Iowa when a potential brother speaks favorably about our John Wayne & "Buffalo Bill" Cody museums, the Mayo Brothers clinics or Ringling Brothers' circus? Well sir, they are were all born in Iowa AND were Masons! (You know all the prominent Masons in your state right? Ours **even** includes the President Pro Tem of the Senate, Bro, Chuck Grassley!). **TO BE CONTUNUED IN THE MAY UPDATE!**

Submitted by Gerald Edgar, Waterloo High Twelve Club # 46 - IA

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the International Bylaws Adopted June 26, 2021; Article IV - Meetings; Section 2 - Notice of the time and place of holding conventions shall be mailed to the Secretary of each Club at least sixty (60) days before the annual convention and at least thirty (30) days before a special convention. Publication of such notice in the official publication of High Twelve International, Inc. within the time prescribed in paragraph "A" above shall be deemed sufficient compliance as to annual conventions.

The Annual Convention will be held beginning on Saturday June 28th, 2025 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. The Governing board shall consider and act upon all business properly brought to the floor. Registration can be done online via HTI website or see the following page.

The administrative body of High Twelve International shall be the International Governing Board. It shall consist of the officer's of High Twelve International, Inc. together with the President of each State or Multi-State Association or an alternate person, designated by him in writing, who shall serve for the term of such officer.

Every Member with a official and valid dues card of a Club that is current with their Per Capita who is registered and present at the Convention at the time of the vote is entitled to vote on any legislation moved forward from the Midyear Governing Board meeting as well as the election of International Officers.

North Jersey Club High Twelve Club #137 - NJ

North Jersey is back at it. President Jay Schwartzapfel continues to have great speakers at the monthly meetings. So far they were visited by RW Michael Czech who spoke on Conflict Resolution and RW Ron Murad who had a great presentation on The Path to the Perfect Ashlar. Great interesting speakers, good food and fellowship is the perfect recipe to a successful club. Stay tuned to see what North Jersey has to offer.

Submitted by Conrad Dombkiewicz

East Valley High Twelve Club #765 - AZ

At the April meeting of #765 Brother Adam Pittman explained how home inspections work, the process, regulations, inspector do's and don'ts, liability and handed out the AZ Standards of Professional Practice Booklet. It was a very informative program. Pictured is President Lee Stith presenting a speakers certificate to Brother Pittman.

President also presented a new member certificate to Brother Kenneth Conway (left) and then presented the junior Past Club President Gerhard Obrikat his Past President Certificate. Submitted by Kevin Hokerk-Robinson, PSP.



Hamilton High Twelve Club #414 - OH

Pictured is Past President Ronald L. Harris Sr. presenting the Past Presidents Certificate to Gary Kleinwaechter. This was presented earlier this year.

Robert N. Sears
Club Secretary



Mt. Laurel High Twelve Club #770 - NJ

We were happy to have a special guest at our last meeting. We were visited by Brother Kenneth E. Sparr and his son Keith. Brother Sparr is the Past President of what was Camden #73, currently named Nelson D. Craig from 1973. This club is the first club chartered in New Jersey by Wally Wolcott back in 1946. It was a pleasure hearing about the Good Old Days of High Twelve. He even brought his past presidents certificate for proof. By the way, could that be Kevin's signature? I can't tell (editors note not my signature was not a member until 1978), We look forward to more visits from Ken and his son.



Submitted by Conrad Dombkiewicz

Browning High Twelve Club #739 - OH

Officers are as followst:

David Black - President
Barry Vincent - Vice Pres.
Steve Grindle - Secretary
Steve Robison - Treasurer.

We have 11 paid members and growing.

We have been averaging 14 to 18 at our monthly luncheons.

We have our meeting and luncheon on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Meeting Topics/Guest Speakers over the last few months:

January - Brother Mark Harris - presentation on the story of Jesus told through the eyes of Joseph.

February - Waterville Historical Society (Julia Wiley) presentation on some of the History of Fallen Timbers Battles and some keys players in battle.

March - Mayor Timothy Pedro of Waterville, Ohio. Discussed what he does and what it takes to get things done and what is happening in Waterville.

April - we have some members of the Local Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers coming in to talk.

Upcoming Meetings:

May - We have someone coming in from the Better Business Bureau to talk about Scams etc.

June - We have Diane Worcester who Volunteers in the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) at a local hospital to talk about that along with drug abuse and volunteering.

We are getting things going again here at the Browning High Twelve and are looking forward to future growth.

Fraternally,

Dave Black - President

And now some other things!

Rajah Shrine Concert Band - A Legacy of Music and Brotherhood

Our Shriners' Band is an esteemed musical group, which traces its roots back to its charter in 1896. (Shriners International is a fraternity established in 1872 known for its philanthropy and dedication to community service). The band serves as a harmonious extension of the Shriners' mission, using music to unite and uplift. Shriners Bands are known for their rich tradition of musical excellence. They perform a wide variety of music, from classical and marches to contemporary hits, showcasing their versatility and talent. These performances are not just for entertainment; they often serve to raise awareness and funds for the Shriners Hospitals for Children, a network of 22 non-profit medical facilities across North America. This year our band's 47th Annual Pops Dinner and Dance Concert, on May 4th, will engage many community musicians. Seventeen guest musicians and seventeen noble bandsmen will combine efforts to bring joy and music to an audience of all ages. This special event highlights the Shriners' commitment to community involvement and support.

Being part of the Shriners Band is more than just playing music; it is about being part of a brotherhood. Members share camaraderie and a common purpose, fostering lifelong friendships and a sense of belonging. This fraternity of musicians supports each other both on and off the stage. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

Through our music, the Rajah Shrine Concert Band has made a lasting impact on communities and individuals alike. Our performance has helped to generate support for charitable causes, particularly the Shriners Hospitals for Children. The legacy of the Rajah Band is one of dedication, service, and the unifying power of music.

Submitted by Bryan Snyder, Fellowship High Twelve Club #669 PA

Spring 2025

High-Twelve is without a doubt the greatest marketing tool our fraternity possesses, bar none! What's marketing you say as compared to what we also call "sales"? Well, as a professor at the U of Iowa's College of Business shared with my Intro to Marketing class years back, "marketing puts the corn on the ground so when the ducks come down to feed, sales can shoot them!"

We know our fraternity cannot solicit membership as do service clubs, veterans' groups, unions & professional associations and other fraternities. A potential 'brother' must of his own accord, seek out a member of a local lodge and ask for a petition. So unless the potential member has a father, brother or perhaps an OES member wife, how will he know why he's NOT being asked to join?? We have all heard of the men who never joined our fraternity because they believed they were not wanted as members. At one time I thought that was an urban myth, but years ago I met a senior citizen who I had met while on an out-of-state business assignment & became friends with (we shared a love of railroads AND the Beach Boys!). One day, at a 'dress-up' occasion, he noticed my masonic lapel pin and asked if I thought there was anything about him that made him undesirable to become a Mason. I replied, "Of course not! Did you ever Petition?". "Well no," he replied, "I figured it was like the Lions' Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the church I initially visited before joining them; someone would ask me to join!"

How many men out there, who would be great additions to your and my lodges, truly know why & how they must seek membership? My Grand Lodge (Iowa) had a Grand Master a few years back who recognized that challenge and did two things. One he made sure we were all aware that we are ALWAYS free to speak about Masonry and explain how & why to become one. He also initiated the process of a pre-balloting on a prospect and then communicating to said man he was pre-approved IF he chose to petition.

There is also one other challenge to our attraction of good candidates: do non-Masons know we exist? Yes, we have our usually obvious Temples/Lodge Halls but that still doesn't mean they know how and why to petition. And do we publicize what we do locally, state-wide and nationally? Do non-Masons know Shriner Hospitals, York Rite vision initiatives & clinics AND Wolcott Fellowships are funded by Masons; men that are their neighbors, co-workers and fellow members of their church, Rotary and/or other groups? The old saying of "build a better mousetrap and the world will beat a path to your door" has a major flaw. The world will NOT come to your door if either **they** are not aware of the improved

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WOLCOTT NEWSLETTER



Information on the Wolcott Foundation Fellowship Recipients, videos of Wolcott Luncheon Speakers, and Wolcott Fellowship Application information are available at www.wolcottfoundation.com

Wolcott financial reports are on the High Twelve International website at High12.org under the Wolcott tab at the top of the page.

Wolcott Foundation Mission Statement

The Wolcott Foundation Inc is a nonprofit 501C-3, supported by Masonic High Twelve International. It is established to provide Fellowship Grants to graduate students attending George Washington University's College of International Business, Public Management, and International Affairs, who exhibit an interest in government service. These students must possess outstanding scholastic achievement, social awareness, and high individual ethical standards.

Secretaries and Treasurers - Due to banking procedures of the Wolcott Foundation and banks in general, it may take 3-5 months for a Wolcott contribution check to be processed by your Zone Trustee, Trustee Representative, Wolcott Administrator, and/or at least two banks. Please be patient!

WOLCOTT FELLOW BRIANNA GIST TO SPEAK AT WOLCOTT FOUNDATION LUNCHEON AT THE 104th HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN ORLANDO FLORIDA

The tradition of hearing one of the current or past Wolcott Fellows speak at the Wolcott Foundation Annual Luncheon as part of the High Twelve

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International Convention will continue at noon on Saturday, June 28, 2025, in Orlando, Florida.



Ms. Brianna Gist, a current Wolcott Fellow at George Washington University, will be the main speaker, discussing her reasons for wanting to become a Wolcott Fellow, her current studies at George Washington University, and her plans following graduation in June of 2026.

It is planned that the Wolcott Luncheon and Brianna's presentation will be broadcast over the High Twelve International broadcast network. Please plan to tune in to this event showcasing the results of your contributions to the Wolcott Foundation. Ms. Gist's presentation will also appear as a video on the Wolcott Foundation website in the Fall of 2025.

Wolcott Chairman and Wolcott Fellows attend George Washington University Dinner Honoring Contributors



George Washington University President Dr. Ellen Granberg joins Wolcott Fellows Robert Reasoner, Brianna Gist, Ashley Alessandra, Megan Nicolaysen, and Wolcott Chairman Michael Clark at GWU Dinner

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It was a Gala evening at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, DC, as George Washington University honored individuals and organizations who fund fellowships, scholarships, and other academic awards for students attending the university.

A distinguished gathering of over 250 persons was treated to a wonderful meal and an evening of fellowship with other contributors, as well as an opportunity for our Wolcott Fellows to gather together and share their experiences as Wolcott Fellows at GWU. Several student speakers were also featured and honored with awards. Additional Wolcott Fellows attending were Octavia Rolle, Julian Enriquez, and Abigail Martin.

Wolcott Foundation Fellows George Washington University Fall-2024 Graduating Spring-2026



Maren Nicolaysen



Eliana Hensley



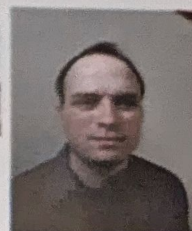
Brianna Gist



Amanda Krantz



Octavia Rolle



Robert Reasoner

Wolcott Foundation Continues to Expand Contributor Base with Addition of Senior Wolcott Fellows Group and the George Washington University Alumni Annual Giving Appeal

The Wolcott Foundation Board of Trustees has announced a new funding agreement with George Washington University's Annual Alumni Giving Campaign and with a group of distinguished Senior Wolcott Fellows who will be contacting other Senior Wolcott Fellows directly to expand the base of Wolcott Contributors worldwide.

George Washington University (GW) has now added the Wolcott Foundation to the list of Foundations eligible for direct giving by GW graduates during the university's annual alumni-giving appeal. GW graduates can direct their contributions to one or several groups providing funding for GW students and activities within the university. The Wolcott Foun-

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 dation has been added to the list of distinguished funding organizations eligible for direct funding. GW has over 300,000 living alumni worldwide.

Wolcott Senior Fellows, including former United States Ambassador to Honduras Charles Ford and Former United States Diplomat to Turkey Lincoln McCurdy, and other Senior Wolcott Fellows have formed a committee to contact Senior Wolcott Fellows and encourage them to contribute to the Wolcott Foundation Fellowship Trust Fund at George Washington University. This program will be an annual appeal in conjunction with the Annual George Washington University Alumni Giving Campaign.

The Wolcott Foundation Board of Trustees would like to thank all those working diligently to establish these programs for the benefit of the Wolcott Foundation and its ongoing mission of providing graduate-level fellowships to outstanding students at GW.

THE COFFEE'S READY.....
 I SMELL HEAVEN



**"BUT FIRST, I MUST PUT MONEY INTO
 THE LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE!"**



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Deadline for Submissions: May 15th 2025



High Twelve International 104th Annual Convention

Orlando, Florida – June 28-29, 2025
Registration Form



Member's name: _____ Guest(s): _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____
 Arrival: _____ Departing: _____ Hotel Confirmation #: _____
 Member of _____ High Twelve Club No. _____
 Current Office: _____

ALL PROFITS MADE FROM THIS CONVENTION WILL BE DONATED TO WOLCOTT.

REGISTRATION FEE

REGISTRATION FEE (If Not Staying at The Rosen and Purchasing at least 2 meals)	\$75.00	=\$ _____
REGISTRATION FEE (If Staying at The Rosen and Purchasing at least 2 meals)	\$20.00	

PROGRAMS

Saturday, June 28, 2025 Free Gardeners in Scotland Degree. (Men Only) Must be Preregistered & a Male to receive this Degree with Life Membership (Please see the Agenda for time and room.)	QTY _____	X \$ 50.00	= \$ _____
Saturday, June 28, 2025 Ladies Program (No Cost). Hotel Shuttle for Shopping at the Port Of Orlando 9A-11A		Total Attending	= _____
Sunday, June 29, 2025 Ladies Jewelry Bingo (No Cost). In the Hotel Beginning at 9A		Total Attending	= _____

Saturday, June 28, 2025 Wolcott Luncheon (Open to Men and Ladies)

ROSEN PLAZA CITY CENTER CAFÉ Buffett

QTY _____ X \$ 85.00 = \$ _____

Includes: Salad, grilled flank steak chimichurri, poached salmon, curried chickpea and sweet potato stew, roasted cauliflower "rice", Farmer's market vegetables and Assorted Mini Dessert Selection & Fresh Seasonal Fruit and Berry Display

Saturday, June 28, 2025 Dinner (choose one entrée per person)

Choice of Salad, Chef's Daily Fresh Vegetables, Dinner Rolls & Butter, Choice of Dessert, a selection of Teavana® Herbal Teas and Freshly Brewed Seattle's Best Coffee® and Decaffeinated Coffee

Grilled Rib eye w/ Au Jus Horseradish Mashed Yukon Gold Potatoes

QTY _____ X \$ 110.00 = \$ _____

Pan Seared Red Snapper - Fillet of Red Snapper Pan Seared and Served with Paella Style Quinoa

QTY _____ X \$ 95.00 = \$ _____

Rosemary Mojito Chicken Free-Range Breast of Chicken spiced with Chili, Cumin and Garlic with Rosemary Lime Sauce Crushed New Potato Tostones

QTY _____ X \$ 90.00 = \$ _____

Sunday, June 29, 2025 Lunch (Open to Men and Ladies)

Choice of Salad, Chef's Daily Fresh Vegetables, Luncheon Rolls with Butter, Choice of Dessert, a selection of Teavana® Herbal Teas, Iced Tea and Freshly Brewed Seattle's Best Coffee® and Decaffeinated Coffee.

Bonita Springs Chicken (Macadamia Crusted Breast of Chicken, Lite Soy Butter, Green Tea-Infused Jasmine Rice with Edamame and Pineapple).

QTY _____ X \$ 70.00 = \$ _____

Grilled Picanha Steak Tender Herb Marinated and Grilled Sirloin Cap Roasted Shallot Au Jus Home Style Mashed Potatoes).

QTY _____ X \$ 70.00 = \$ _____

Vesuvius Pasta w/ Shrimp (Roasted Shallot and Caper Cream with Roasted Vegetables)

QTY _____ X \$ 70.00 = \$ _____

Vesuvius Pasta w/ Chicken (Roasted Shallot and Caper Cream with Roasted Vegetables)

QTY _____ X \$ 70.00 = \$ _____



High Twelve International 104th Annual Convention



Sunday, June 29, 2025 Installation and Award Dinner (Open to Men and Ladies)

Price includes House salad, entrée, and dessert (Tiramisu). All Plated Dinners include specialty rolls and butter, our chef's selection of seasonal vegetable and potato/rice.
 Fillet Mignon & Jumbo Shrimp
 Cipollini Onions, Barolo Demi-Glace
 Chicken breast and short rib of beef

QTY _____ X \$ 120.00 = \$ _____

QTY _____ X \$ 120.00 = \$ _____

Event Registration can be done via www.high12.org

Make check payable to High Twelve International or pay online. Enclose registration and food selection in mailing.

Mail to:

High Twelve International
 Attn: 104th Convention
 1308 Brownsville Rd.
 Treviso, PA. 19053-4609

Hotel Reservation can be done via online at
 Hotel Reservations:

ROSEN PLAZA HOTEL
 9700 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE
 ORLANDO, FLORIDA
 800-627-8258 (For Convention Hotel Reservations)
 Room Rate - \$149 (*Single/Double Occupancy)+Taxes & Fees

Our Locked in Rate is Good From June 27th till July 1st.

(HOTEL RESERVATION and Convention Registration CUTOFF DATE IS JUNE 7, 2025 or when our block of rooms are filled.)

Transportation: A shuttle service is being provided by Brother Fred Kidwell. Please Contact him to schedule your Pickup and Drop Off at 407-334-4622 or by Email at fkidwell@gmail.com to schedule transportation between the Hotel and the Airport.

Important information

As per International Bylaws that were passed at the 103rd Convention, Each Member who is registered is entitled to ONLY one (1) vote no matter your position in High Twelve or Club(s) you may represent. In order to vote, All of the following criteria must be met.

- 1) You must be registered and paid up for the 104th Convention.
- 2) You must be present at the convention at the time of voting.
- 3) You must have a Valid High Twelve International produced Dues Card for inspection.
- 4) Your Club's Per Capita MUST be paid in full by the close of the Day 1 of the Convention.
- 5) YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN LAPTOP OR SMART DEVICE to vote that is able to login to the internet (specifically High12.org). NONE WILL BE PROVIDED by High Twelve International.
- 6) You Must use your Valid High12.org Log In.

No Exceptions Will Be Made