

THE HOUR

California Association of High Twelve Club
JULY 2014

Fourth in this series

State President Cleveland Valrey

I'm hoping that everyone and your families, are in good health and enjoying the many wonderful facilities and opportunities that we have in our wonderful California Golden State and surrounding environs. We must take advantage of every opportunity to spend "quality time" with family, dear friends and associates, let them know we love them and that they are important to us.



Our California High Twelve Masonic Year continues moving with alacrity, indeed, although we face challenges of declining membership, blessed with the good fortune to attain the age of and be seen as "Senior Citizens," and in some instances encouraging attendance at our meetings and social functions, it serves to let us know that we must try harder and that we still have much more work to do so, lets get to work!

In the month of October, in addition to the many notable Masonic activities scheduled, we will have an very special opportunity to come together as California High Twelvans in Bakersfield and God willing, I'm looking forward with great expectations to meet and greet a record number of California High Twelvans and I'm truly hoping that you and yours will be accounted for in this great and wonderful celebration of California High Twelve. Be safe and "Travel in Light."

Sincerely and fraternally, Cleveland Valrey, President,
California Association of High Twelve Clubs

ADAM BUTTONS, 1ST EXECUTIVE VP

The year has gone by so fast we are at mid point. I hope all of you enjoy your summer and please do something fun. Enjoy this great weather we are so fortunate to have. Looking forward to seeing you all in October at Bakersfield.



Adam D Buttons
1st Executive Vice President



GEORGE ROBERTS, 2ND EXECUTIVE VP

Our International V.P. Jerry Saville and myself have traveled to Palmdale and Lancaster to put together Hi-12 clubs. It is in the works and more on this later. We plan to travel to the central coast to see three masonic lodges concerning Hi-12 clubs.

Tehachapi Hi-12 #698

Don Stevens, Club President – Ron Jones, Club Sec.

Tehachapi Hi-12 club is thriving, busy and always enjoyable. Our club recently bought equipment for child I.D. The first outing was a success with many parents praising this action. By the time you read this, we would have had our annual picnic. Usually we have about 50 people every year. We each bring garage sale items and have an auction. In this way we make about 3,000 dollars every year and that money goes to Tehachapi High School for scholarships, which is then given in the name of the Tehachapi Masonic lodge. Our Club President, Don Stevens, is planning another tour for Hi-12 in the fall. They are always fun, very interesting and never dull.

**JERRY L SAVILLE – INTERNATIONAL H12 1ST VP ARTICLE
28 JUNE 2014 CONVENTION**

At the International H12 Convention in Springfield Ohio I was honored to be elected as International's H12 First VP. I thank the California H12 Clubs, and our California State H12 President, for their proxy vote. I appreciate your vote of confidence and will serve to the best of my ability. California was well represented at the convention. Our very own Malcolm White, Wolcott Chairman from Bakersfield H12 club # 95 and his Lady Carol were in attendance. Also attending the convention was George Barber, California State H12 Chaplain and President of Chula Vista H12 Club #502. The 2015 International H12 convention will be held 26-28 June in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – home of our new International H12 President Winton Hewitt.



I'm also pleased to report that Brother Malcolm was elected to another 5 year term as a Wolcott Trustee. Malcolm also agreed to serve as International's H12 Parliamentarian provided there is no conflict with Wolcott – thanks Malcolm. We also have a new General counsel, Will Wilkinson, from Arizona. We are in good hands with these 2 Brothers!

Plans are being made to transfer the International H12 jewelry to another H12 member in Arizona – details will be sent to every H12 club as soon as possible.

I'm also pleased to report that we left Ohio with a balanced budget for International H12 with no plans to increase the per capita fees in the near future.

IRS: Kevin Hokerk, our International H12 Secretary, will continue to file the group exemptions for H12 but every State & Club must file their own taxes. If you have any questions feel free to e/mail Kevin @ klhokerk@cox.net

By-Laws: Unfortunately the By Laws were tabled to allow more time for several States to review. That said, thanks to our State President, and Secretary, I delivered our California State H12 Association By Laws to the International Secretary at the convention – we are in good standing!

Now for the H12 status across the land. We have less than 5000 members and 200 H12 Clubs. The hard working members in Arizona and Illinois managed to open a new H12 club in their state and I'm convinced that we can do the same in other states ---especially California--- but we need your help. I'm working with George Roberts, our California State H12 2nd VP, in hopes of opening a new club in the near future. We recently visited a Lodge in Palmdale to tell them about this great organization and hopefully we will be able to charter a new club in this area soon. We also have other trips planned to tell the “H12 Story”. I encourage everyone reading this article to do your best to open a new club AND keep the H12 clubs we have OPEN. There are a lot of good men in your community that would be good Masons but will not ask. It's old school thinking that “if they wanted me to join they would ask me”! That said, there are a lot of good men that would join us for a free lunch if asked! We do not have a number of how many men have become Masons (and H12 members) because of a free lunch at our H12 meetings but even if it's only one it's worth the investment of time and the cost of lunch.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the State H12 convention in Bakersfield in October. Please join us so we can keep moving California forward in Masonry.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jerry Saville, California PSP

ENSIGN MAYO LOANS AVAILABLE!!!

Brothers, we have NON INTEREST College Loans available! The Federal Government just doubled interest rates on FAFSA COLLEGE LOANS (Federal Government Student Loans) to 6.4%!!

Please encourage our Masonic Youth to contact us. The Application Process is quick and easy. Students send their application paperwork to our Ensign Mayo Secretary, Jerry Saville, and we do everything we can to get the loan processed in a timely manner.



Our Treasurer, Gene Grice, coordinates the Loan Collections Section of Ensign Mayo and takes great Pride in finding workable solutions for those Students who are having difficulty finding jobs after graduation. If the Student needs help, we try to find a solution regarding repayment.

We need our Hi 12 Brothers to speak to the youth in their lodges about our interest free loans.

We have money to loan!! We thank all the Brothers and Hi 12 Clubs who continue to contribute money to the loan fund. Our heartfelt thanks.

Fraternally, WILLIAM SCOTT WALSH, PRESIDENT

Highlights of the Wolcott Business Session 2014

The Business Session of “Your, Our, The Wolcott Foundation” was dispatched efficiently with the following results. The Malcolm White and Stanley were re-elected to their
Currently, there are 164 High persons. Contributions for including return on averages to 2 cents per day 1/2 of one Fellowship for



Trustees from Zone #1 and #3, Gardner, respectively, were Terms. The current officers respective positions. 12 Clubs, with 4718 actual the last Wolcott Year not investment, wills or bequests, per member, which paid for 2014. Of the five Fellowships

that were awarded this year, 4 and 1/2 were paid by investment income. Please, Brothers, instead of buying a Starbucks once a week, consider contributing that money to the Wolcott Foundation – putting it into the Little Red Schoolhouse at your Club, making contribution to the Wolcott Representative, or send same to your Zone Trustee. If every member of High 12 would do that, we would be able to fund a minimum of 12 Fellowships next year. Think about the future of our Country.

Speaking of which, our Wolcott Luncheon Speaker was Brother Todd Brighton, an example of what we might get from that weekly cup of coffee. Todd is currently with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, which supports law enforcement, courts, corrections, treatment, victim services, technology, and prevention initiatives that strengthen the Nation’s criminal justice system. Todd was selected in 1989 as a Wolcott Fellow and has a 23 year career in Federal Service. He told us about his professional activities and then capped that off with a presentation from his hobby of the War of 1812 and Civil War artifacts, antidotes, documents and weaponry. This was a most enjoyable and educational presentation, as it was presented by a Masonic Brother.

As our late Wolcott Treasurer, Warren Bolton, was prone to say “ SEND MONEY”.

God Bless you and yours and God Bless America!

Malcolm S. White, Chairman
Wolcott Foundation

DESK OF THE STATE SECRETARY

Spencer Sargent, PSP

Time is flying by and it is now one third the way through July. In three months Grand Lodge will hold it’s annual Communication. Ensign Mayo SLF and California High Twelve will have a booth in the Exhibit Hall, so, if you are attending Grand Lodge, stop by our table and say hello.

Convention - Coming up in October is our Annual Convention and Election of Officers for the coming term. This year the Convention will be in Bakersfield, on October 24th and 25th. My

good wife likes Bakersfield for a variety of reasons, like Antiques and Basque Food. The Woolgrowers Restaurant is see that dinner at this trip. **Believe me you cannot** this issue, Brother Bob the Registration Form for



one of our favorites and we are happy to unique spot has been included as a side **go hungry at a Basque Restaurant.** In Moss, Convention Chairman, has included this Convention, and information on

lodging. Representing the Grand Master at our luncheon honoring him, will be Sr. Grand Warden, Martin D. Perry. Please make your reservations by October 17th we need a count.

Nominating Committee – The Nominating Committee will be presenting a slate of candidates for the coming term. That slate will be in our next issue coming out in September. If your club would like to nominate a candidate for election, to any of the state line offices, please provide to me a letter to place his name in running.

Uniform Club By-Laws – I am pleased to announce that all of our California Clubs have signed the acknowledgement for the Uniform Club By-Laws, as requested by International.

Uniform State By-Laws – Earlier this year, we received a format for Uniform State By-Laws, again put together by High Twelve International. The Board of Directors reviewed this document and found nothing that would prevent us from using this format. The Document was signed by the State President Cleveland Valrey and State Secretary, PSP, Spencer Sargent. Bro. Jerry Saville, PSP, 2nd International VP, hand carried it back to the International Convention. This document can be amended to include wording that would be unique to California.

Per-Capita – I am pleased to report that all Clubs have paid their California 2014 Per-capita, save one. I have been informed that we will receive that Club's Dues in the very near future.

All line officers serve one year terms. Clubs may nominate a member for any office. Please provide to the State Secretary, or the Nominating Committee, the name and qualifications of your candidate and for what office by September 1st.

Monthly Reports - The Club Monthly Report, which should be submitted after the clubs last monthly meeting, is necessary for both the State Secretary and the International Secretary to keep a record of new, or departing, or deceased members. These reports should be filled out completely and mailed to the State Secretary, who in turn will forward to the International Secretary. As each club is billed for their membership as of March 31st of each year, not having updated information means that your club will be billed on the best info available and which most probably will not be correct and you may be overbilled. If you need a format form for your club or have questions on how to complete it please let me know.

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OAKLAND NO. 2

President, Alan Filiau - Secretary, Spencer Sargent, PSP

The Oakland High 12 Club NO 2, continues to have a series of outstanding programs and speakers.

For our May program, the speaker was Bro. Russ Aubray who spoke and showed slides of his recent travels to the People Republic of Cuba. A country of Cigars and 50s automobiles, still running (but just barely). This country is still under the control of the Castros, Fidel and Raul. A very enlighten presentation indeed. The topic "A Culture Exchange with the Cuban People."

(Pictured are: Club President Alan Filiau; speaker Russ Aubray; Loren Piper, PP; Program Chair and PP Gilbert Klingham)



Our June program was presented by Ms. Nancy Rosenberg , Executive Director of the Cerebral Palsy Center- Bay Area, assisted by Ms. Kris Viers, Marketing Director. Topic "Creating Possibilities for People with Cerebral Palsy and Other Life Changing Disabilities."

Pictured are: Speaker Kris Viers, Club President Alan Filiau, Speaker Nancy Rosenberg and State Hi12 President Cleveland Valrey.



Albany-Berkeley Club #8

President Clark Johnson Secretary Bill Hastings

President Johnson informed us that their meeting location, Denney's in El Cerrito on San Pablo Ave., was undergoing some remodeling, so they have gone dark, but that they expected to be back to meeting shortly.

Stockton High 12 Club #9

President, Robert Bussman – Secretary, Bill DuBois, PP

It was a privilege to visit the Stockton HI12 Club on Monday, July 7, 2014. There were some fourteen members in attendance, including three from the California State Association. President Valrey spoke on his Military Service, and Bro. Walsh gave an update on the Ens. Mayo SLF. Also, discussed were subjects of interest and concerns to the members.

Pictured are State President Valrey; Ens. Mayo Pres. Scott Walsh; Stockton Club Secretary, Bill DuBois and Club President Robert Bussman.



FRESNO #10

President, Bryon Pretzier - Sec. Jack Farson

Happy 4th of July everyone hope you have a great one. We will be passing out American flags at this year's parade. Come to the parade and support the Villages and High-12.

Everyone did a excellent job at the pancake breakfast, thank again for all your help. This year's pancake breakfast, with our "decades" of practice came off without a hitch. I can tell you that our friends and neighbors had a fantastic breakfast and I was asked numerous times to please share with the crew the appreciation and thanks for a job well done! As well, I would like to send a special High-12 thank you to wives/sweethearts and the special friends of High 12 who helped during the Pancake Breakfast. All High-12 members thank you and send our appreciation. We also want to thank the Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters and DeMolay for their help along with Masonic Brethren from Friendship 210.

The speaker for July will be John Yu, Director of Food & Beverage.

This month's menu is Meat Loaf and the alternate is Filet of Sole Dore. Both will come with Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, and a Small Green Salad.

July is our big birthday month—Brothers **Bernal, Brady, James, Teague, & Wood.**

Upcoming events for your calendar: August, 16th: Our High 12 picnic. September 13th: Our High 12 Fall Dinner. **Membership is now 27 regular members and 1 honorary member.**

BAKERSFIELD HIGH 12 CLUB #95

President, Ron Preston – Sec. Malcolm White, PSP

Our Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month and we are proud to say we have gained 5 new members since March of this year. We welcome them all.

We continue to have a variety of speakers for each meeting that are of interest to most every member, their ladies and our widows. Some recent subjects covered have been Make A Wish Foundation, California Living Museum, our local Meteorologist, the California Highway Patrol Information Officer, a 911 Operator, Taft Oil Museum, Safeguarding Your Assets, and coming up in the future will be the Housing Market in Bakersfield, Kern County Museum and 'Honor Flight'.

Our Club President Ron Preston was the guest speaker at the Tehachapi High 12 Club recently. He spoke on his experiences when he was working for the California Highway Patrol as an Inspector at the Agriculture Check Points within the state.

We invite any of you to attend our meetings at John's Incredible Pizza on Rosedale Highway (Hwy #58) located just west of Hwy #99 and across the street from Costco. We start at 12 Noon and you pay for your meal at the meeting – not at John's counter.

Have a safe summer – try to stay cool – and God Bless you all!!

SAN BERNARDINO #430

President, Roy Acreman - Sec., Ray Cenicerros

San Bernardino HI12 #430 is reporting some sad news, the loss of member Chuck Kensett who passed away in May and the daughter of Madeleine Pope whose husband served High Twelve as State President (2001-2002) and in other offices as well. Also, our condolences to Pat Smith who recently lost her son.

San Bernardino reports that the Annual Shrine 66er's ball game which was shared with High 12 and the Native Sons, was a great success! Seems everyone had a good time, lots of good food, and marvelous weather! The 66er's lost by one point, though. Also, some of us plan to visit San Gorgonio High 12 at their meeting on July 24th.

San Bernardino High12 Club #430 meets weekly on Fridays at the Arrowhead Country Club. The food is great, and setting is superb.

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF HIGH TWELVE CLUBS

2014 COVENTION IN BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

OCTOBER 24 & 25, 2014



NAME-----LADY'S NAME-----

STREET ADDRESS-----

CITY< STATE & ZIP CODE-----

EMAIL ADDRESS-----

PHONE NUMBER-----CELL NUMBER_____

CLUB'S NAME & NUMBER-----

OFFICE(S) CURRENTLY HELD-----

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN: Bob Moss 714 847 6924 bobmoss7429@msn.com

CONVENTION REGISTRATION: FRIDAY THE 24th -11:00 am TILL 6:00 pm

SATURDAY THE 25th -8:00 am TILL NOON

OCT 24th LUNCHEON, Sr. GRAND WARDEN. MARTIN D. PERRY \$30.00/Person NUMBER COST

Diced Grilled Chicken Breast With Crisp Romaine Leaves. etc. -----

Hearty Sandwich with Turkey, Roast Beef, Swiss cheese, etc -----

OCT 24th DINNER (WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY A GENUINE

BASQUE DINNER SUGGESTED BY MALCOLM & CAROL WHITE.

IT WILL TAKE PLACE IN A BASQUE RESTAURANT NAMED

"WOOLGROWERS". \$35.00/Person

Roast Tri-Tip & Fried Chicken with Soup, beans, Pickled Tongue, Salsa,

Marinated Tomatoes, Salad, Vegetables, French Fries, Dessert & Wine -----

Roast Pork & Fried Chicken with the same Side Dishes as listed

Above. -----

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2014

(Woolgrowers needs a count 7 days in advance)

OCT 25TH BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN.

OCT 25TH LUNCH IS ALSO ON YOUR OWN

OCT 25 TH INSTALLATION BANQUET

\$49.00/PERSON

JUST PICK ONE

#1 SEARED SALMON FILET SERVED WITH A WINE SAUCE -----

#2 TOP SIRLOIN STEAK WITH ROSEMARY POTATOES & WITH
A CREAM SAUCE -----

#3 LIGHTLY BREADED CHICKEN BREAST FILLED WITH HAM &
SWISS CHEESE SERVERED WITH A CREAM SAUCE -----

#4 VEGETARIAN-BREADED WITH PARMESAN & PANKO CRUMBS
SERVED WITH CAPELLINI PASTA WITH A TOMATO SAUCE -----

REGISTRATION FEE \$ 30.00

TOTAL -----

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STARDARD DOUBLE: SINGLE & DOUBLE RATE - \$ 99.00 PER NIGHT

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