

THE HOUR

California Association of High Twelve Clubs
MAY 2015

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PRESIDENT – Ercil Eschbach

The big news, so far this year, is the forming of a new club in Yorba Linda (Orange County). This club was given the number 775 and meets on the 2nd Friday at 12noon at the Yorba Linda Masonic Center, 4847 Main Street in down town Yorba Linda. At the recent Mid-year Conference we all were privileged to meet with the new Yorba Linda officers. The official Charter date and ceremony will be on June 6th.

(R-L Front row: Jim Barden, Steve Forell, Richard, Bridges– Back row: George Roberts & Ercil Eschbach)



The Mid-year Conference was a very successful meeting with some 22 high Twelvians in attendance, including three from our newest club. Reports were made by our State Officers, each of whom have submitted a brief article included elsewhere in this publication. I would like to highlight the work being done by 1st VP Roberts who has worked long and hard to help develop new clubs, including Yorba Linda, and 3rd VP Dilley who has taken on the task of better communication with the clubs by use of the Conference Call. Also, Bro. Dilley has agreed to take on the duties of State Secretary from Bro. Spencer Sargent, PSP. More on these topics will be found in articles by Bro. Roberts, Bro. Dilley and Bro. Sargent.

The International Convention will be this June, in Philadelphia, PA. and will have a lot going on, including legislation and By-law changes, as well as the election of new International Officers and the appointment of International Committees. We expect that our own Jerry Saville, PSP, and 1st International VP, will be elected International President. It is not everyday that California is honored by having one of our own elected as International President. To this end our State Officers plan to make the trip, to represent California and support Bro. Jerry. Although some funds are included in the Budget to cover traveling expenses for the State Officers a motion was duly made and

passed that additional funds amounting to not more than \$2,000 be set aside to help defray traveling costs for the line officers. PSP, Malcolm White advised that Bakersfield HI12 would contribute an additional \$1,000 to this end insuring that California would have a good turn out. *Good Luck, Jerry!*

It is not too soon to remind you that our State Convention will be in October in Bakersfield. We have a lot going on and we need your input. Bring your Club's banner and plan to attend. More details will be in the next HOUR.

1st EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT – George Roberts

Congratulations to our newest Hi-12 club, Yorba Linda #775. We worked with these brothers for several months and 24 masons wanted to be charter members of their new club. Congratulations to all.

I'm now working with 3 other masonic lodges and feel we will have some more good news soon.

Brothers, I have started a certificate program where any lodge in our great state can contact me with the name of their most recent and newest master mason, I will send them a very nice certificate with the brothers name and brief explanation about who we are and what we are about.

President Ercil Eschbach requests that we must work toward retention and expansion and we are all committed to work toward that end.

George Roberts, P.M., 1st Executive Vice President
California Association of High twelve Clubs.

INTERNATIONAL 1st VP – Jerry Saville, PSP

Brethren, For those clubs that mailed their proxies to Spencer – thank you. As most of you know we submitted a By-Law amendment to International H12 making all EA/FCs eligible for H12 membership. At the International H12 Mid Year Conference last January, the Board of Governors voted to pass this amendment to the International H12 Convention for the final vote next June. Your vote is very important so if you have not mailed your proxies take a moment and do so please. Thanks to all for your support!

I attended the State H12 Mid Year Conference last month in Tehachapi. All the State Officers were present and conducted a great conference. Congratulations to our State First VP, George Roberts, for his work in starting a new club –Yorba Linda #775. The Club requested D-Day, 6 June 2015, as their charter date. It was also great to see several members from this club, including the newly elected President, Secretary and Treasurer at the Conference last month.

I joined our International President at the Grand Masters Conference of North America (GMCNA) in Vancouver BC last February. We had our H12 table set up in the convention area with a very impressive H12 display of Brochures, Forms, Pocket Planners and our Tri-Fold Board charts highlighting the H12 Story. High 12 was recognized and we were introduced in the Conference Hall – awesome!

I mentioned in my article last month that the 2015 International H12 Convention is scheduled for next June in Philadelphia – we hope you will attend. I also mentioned that competition is a good thing and we hope that you will consider running for a State, or International, H12 office. It's a very rewarding experience, an honor to serve, and fun. Contact our Secretary for details. And speaking of our International Secretary he's still working miracles with computer programs for ease of club use to make their reports. Check out the professional International H12 web site at www.high12.org !

In closing I hope you will plan your 2016 vacation in San Diego. I know that's a long time away but finally the International Convention is coming back to California. We have booked the Holiday Inn on Harbor Drive as the Convention site. We are trying to book the California Grand Master as the banquet speaker but the International DeMolay Convention is also in San Diego that weekend. While he cannot commit to a time I'm sure he will visit us sometimes during the convention. We will also invite the International DeMolay Officers to visit with us so make your plans to attend – you won't be disappointed!

Fraternally, Jerry Saville (jsaville@bak.rr.com) 661-203-5747

3rd EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT – Johnathan Dilley

I am writing this article and update after having spent the afternoon hosting the 1st Quarterly Conference Call and I have to say that the calls were a success! So many wonderful stories, thoughts and ideas were shared and there was an overall excitement from each club participating in the call knowing that there is a strong plan for communications at the State level allowing the local clubs to express their thoughts, feelings and needs as well as keeping up to date on the happenings throughout the State.

As was explained in my last published article, the list of clubs statewide has been divided into 4 Zones. Each Zone includes 6 or 7 clubs and each President and Secretary has been invited to be a part of that Zone's Quarterly Call. As an added bonus, the 4 Key Officers of the State have been invited to participate in these calls when their schedules permit, meaning, in a perfect world and in a perfect year, each club's President and Secretary will have communicated with the President of the California Association of High Twelve as well as with the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Executive Vice Presidents by the years end.

I am looking forward to our 2nd Quarterly Conference Call and to more great news from each of the clubs. It's not always positive news that we have reported, however, there is always positive feedback and hopes for the future of all our clubs. An email will be sent out with details for the next Conference Call scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2015.

Here is the current list of Zones and their Clubs:

Zone 1:

Oakland #2
Albany-Berkeley #8
Stockton #9
Yuba Sutter #203
Napa #238
Colusa County #627

Zone 3:

Riverside #115
San Dimas #309
Arcadia #330
Yucaipa Valley #405
San Bernardino #430
San Geronio Pass #691

Zone 2:

Fresno #10
Bakersfield #95
Hueneme Bay #389
The Villages #442
Masonic Home #606
Tehachapi #698

Zone 4:

Montebello #422
Signal Hill #444
Chula Vista #502
Century City #610
Conejo Valley #634
Red Buttons #755
Yorba Linda #775

Fraternally, Jonathan P. Dilley, 3rd Executive Vice President

CHAIRMAN THE WOLCOTT FOUNDATION – Malcolm White, PSP

**THE WOLCOTT FOUNDATION
AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY**

The Wolcott Foundation, as we know it today, came into existence in 1951 as a result of a suggestion by Dr. J. Wallace Forbes at the High Twelve International Convention in Chicago, to establish an annual scholarship in diplomacy and statesmanship in one of the colleges or universities that offered such subjects. The George Washington University entered the picture when Dr. Forbes and his associates were discussing the work being carried out at the George Washington University in the subject areas of Government and Foreign Affairs. The sum of \$1,800.00 was appropriated for the tuition for a student at the University to fund one year of graduate studies. This year, 2015-2016, the cost is over \$66,000.00 for 40 semester hours, which is what is now offered by the Wolcott Foundation. The Foundation provides the funds to finance the tuition leading to a Masters Degree in the area of Government Service. These graduate programs are offered in one of the following: School of Business for International Business Administration, the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration, or the Elliott School of International Affairs.

The qualifications for an appointment are that the applicant must be a U.S. Citizen, less than thirty years of age at the time that the Fall Semester of the year of application begins, be a graduate of an accredited college or university and has a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, and be enrolled, or enrolling into the appropriate school at the George Washington University. The applicant is expected to exhibit outstanding academic, civic and social

credentials and demonstrate a commitment to the Masonic ideals of high ethical and moral standards but is not required to have Masonic affiliations. Each selectee is also required to enter into a Contract with the Wolcott Foundation to enter into public service with a federal, state or municipal body. There are no restrictions in regard to race, religion or gender. The description, requirements and application procedure are contained within the Wolcott Foundation Web Page – www.wolcottfoundation.com. The applicant need not set pen nor pencil to paper. The application must be completed and submitted via computer.

The Wolcott Program has a history of over sixty years and has encourage well over 400 students to go forward to establish an outstanding and productive record of leadership and success in government service. All of this has been possible only through years of support from the members of High Twelve, High Twelve Clubs and other interested individuals. The Wolcott Board of Trustees is composed of eight Trustees, each elected from within the Zone which they represent, and serve for a term of five years and may be elected to succeed themselves.

Each and every member of High Twelve is a member of the Wolcott Foundation.

Malcolm S. White, Chairman & Zone #1 Trustee - The Wolcott Foundation

GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ENSIGN MAYO STUDENT LOAN FUND – William Scott Walsh, President

The Ensign Mayo Loan Fund has funded approximately 35 new NON INTEREST student loans while we project to fund loans for approximately 50 new Masonic Youth and Master Masons in 2014-15. Being the CA High 12's State Project, we must continue to encourage our High 12 Clubs to donate funds in support of this worthy cause.

As President of Ensign Mayo and the father of a heavily student loan indebted university graduate, I understand the effects of predatory student debt. Loan interest on Federal and private student loans average 4 to 9 percent. Kids owe thousands of dollars upon graduation and with the addition of a less than robust job employment market, our grads are behind before they ever get started.

We need our clubs to double or triple their donation goals so that we can meet the ever increasing demand for Masonic NON INTEREST student loan funding. I anticipate that the Ensign Mayo Loan Fund will be challenged to service as many as 65-70 loans per year within the next five years.

I ask the Presidents and Line Officers of each club to consider organizing a separate fund raiser for the Ensign Mayo Loan Fund.

Fraternally,

Scott Walsh, President - Jerry Saville, Secretary – Gene Grice, Treasurer

STATE SECRETARY – Spencer Sargent, PSP

Do you know who your State Officers are? Would you recognize them if you saw them? If not, then look below:

Pres. - Ercil Eschbach



1st Exc. VP – George Roberts



2nd Exc. VP – Ron Preston



3rd Exc. VP – Jonathan Dilley



More from your State Secretary



Spencer Sargent

New State Secretary – As you are probably aware, Bro. Johnathan Dilley will be taking over the duties of State Secretary. This will be a gradual change over. I have placed the Per-Capita billings in the mail to the Club Secretaries and will follow through with collecting and depositing the receipts, copying both the State Treasurer and the new, to be, State Secretary. Once that is complete most of the Secretary duties will fall to Bro. Dilley.

The HOUR – I will continue to do the HOUR for the time being. Next issue I plan to put out soon after the International Convention probably the first of July. If your club would like to submit an article, with or without pictures please send to me by June 20th.

Non-Profit Status – The state lost it's Non-Profit by not filing a 990N with the IRS for three years. When we realized that this was the case we found that we had to resubmit the necessary forms, together with copies of our By-laws, Articles of Incorporation, and fees, to the IRS in order to regain the Non Profit Status. I am pleased to report that this was done and the State Association has now regained it's Exempt status. This was done for the State Association only, each club is responsible for it's own Non-profit status. All cubs should be filing their 990N each year.

Monthly Reports – Each club is responsible for submitting a report after the last meeting of the month, detailing any changes to membership, and other pertinent data. Our International Secretary believes that the best way to do this is using the International Web-site link for the F-200a and F-200b and making your report direct to the International Secretary. To access the International Web-site go to: High12.org. Tap on the "**ONLINE Monthly Reporting**" and follow the prompts on the e-mail form. Easy to do and no postage costs. Questions? e-mail or call me (spencesgt@att.net or 415-584-8889) or our International Secretary Kevin Hokerk (secretary@high12.org or 623-239-6170).

MAX KING AWARD – The Max King Award is given to the California *High Twelvian of The Year*. Every club has a member who has done outstanding things for his High Twelve Club, for the Fraternity, for his community, Masonic Youth Organizations and/or for local education. You know who he is, so submit his name to your club's President or Secretary who will then submit to our State Organization. Submission should be accompanied by a list of accomplishments. Award will be given at the state Convention.

IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE – It has truly been a pleasure for me to be your state Secretary for these past few years. I have found the work to be both interesting and rewarding. Your new Secretary has great qualifications and will do for you a superior job. Even so, he will need your help and support to be able to do the job as it should be done. I am not going anywhere and will continue to be a resource person should he so need. Thank you for allowing me to do this job and represent the California Association.

News from the Clubs:

Oakland #2 – At our April Meeting we were joined by 14 members of the Masonic Home High12 Club No. 606. Our speaker was Mr. Giles Miller, Director of Development for the Bay Area Community Foundation. A Non-Profit that works with other Non-Profits for the betterment of the Bay Area Community.



Cleveland Valrey, PSP; Loren Piper, Program Chair;
Speaker Giles; Oak Club Pres. Howard Roberts

Pres. Larry Sadler, Masonic Home Hi12 & Oak Hi12
Pres. Howard Roberts

Oakland No 2 meets on the Fourth Monday at High 12, all are welcome. Howard Roberts, President – Spencer Sargent, PSP, Secretary

THE VILLAGES HIGH12 #

We were recently advised that the Villages will be holding their annual Pancake Breakfast and expect to feed approximately 1,100. This is a great fund raiser for this club and proceeds are used to fund worthy causes including Masonic Youth groups. The villages meet at a beautiful setting at the Villages Golf Course on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 12:00 noon.



Picture taken at the Villages during a High12 luncheon.

Sam Rotner, Club President – David Fullerton, Club Secretary.

THE FRENZO HIGH 12 CLUB #10

Taken from the Fresno High 12 bulletin, *The Chime*:

Brethren: Although we did not have a speaker for our April meeting, Brother Ray Miksch spoke to us about his recent cruise. His comments were very interesting and we thank Ray for providing an interesting pro-gram for our members. I regret that we do not have a speaker scheduled for our May meeting. We will just have to enjoy the good fellowship and social meeting that we all enjoy with our members and guests. We always have a wonderful time with or without an outside speaker. Please come out and enjoy our May luncheon at Denny's on Shaw Avenue.

Fresno meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 12:00 Noon.

Byron Pretzer President - Jack Farson, Secretary