

## **MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUBS**

**WHAT IS A MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB?** A Masonic High Twelve Club is an association of Master Masons who desire an hour of Masonic fellowship (usually meeting at 12:00 O'clock High Noon within their local community) and independent of the formal blue lodge rituals and dedicated to service to the Masonic Fraternity and its Youth Programs.

### **WHEN WAS THE FIRST HIGH TWELVE CLUB ORGANIZED?**

The first High Twelve Club was founded by E. C. "Wally" Wolcott in Sioux City, Iowa on May 17, 1921. Today there are over 300 active High Twelve Clubs in the United States, Canada and other foreign countries. Those in the United States are chartered in states where the Grand Lodge Jurisdictions permit such appendant organizations. The local High Twelve Club is the foundation upon which the state and international organization is dependant. Currently, there are twenty-two (22) Clubs operating in Pennsylvania.

### **WHAT IS THE PUROSE OF A MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB?**

Each local Masonic High Twelve Club affords valuable assistance to the local Blue Lodges in whatever manner is judged most needed. The *Masonic High Twelve Club* represents the "Principles of Freemasonry" (*Masonry in Action*) in the local community where each club holds its meetings and in the state where the several clubs are banded together in common purpose. Masonic High Twelvians adhere strictly to Masonic Law of that jurisdiction.

#### ***Among the various purposes of each local Masonic High Twelve Club are:***

- provide an hour of Masonic fellowship for members
- support local Blue Lodge mission as applicable
- support local Masonic Youth Organizations - *Order of DeMolay; Order of Job's Daughters; Order of Rainbow Girls*
- support scholarships awarded by the "Wolcott Foundation, Inc." (a non-profit "501 C-3" organization that presents scholarships to graduate students at the George Washington University, Washington, D.C.)

### **IS THERE A LOCAL MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB IN FRANKLIN COUNTY?**

Yes, *Franklin County High Twelve Club #726*, was chartered with fifty (50) members in October of 2002 under the guidance of its first President, Norman L. Funk, Jr., Past Master of the George Washington Lodge #143 and currently serving as the *47<sup>th</sup> President of the Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs (2006-2007)*. Since October 2002, the *Franklin County High Twelve Club #726*, continues to

draw its membership [now numbering seventy (70) plus members] from the ten (10) Blue Lodges located in the Third Masonic District. *The first PA High Twelve Club was organized in 1957 under Brother and First President, J. Wallace Forbes, Philadelphia Club # 050.*

**WHO IS ELGILBE TO JOIN A HIGH TWLEVE CLUB?** The local High Twelve Club is open to *ALL MASTER MASONS* in good standing in lodges recognized by the grand lodge in whose jurisdiction the club is located and upon application and approval by the local club is eligible.

**WHERE AND WHEN DOES THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HIGH TWELVE CLUB MEET?** Your local club, The *Franklin County High Twelve Club #726*, meets the 4<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH (except Nov. and Dec. which meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday respectively) at 12:00 O'clock High Noon at the *Family Traditions* (formerly the Lighthouse) *Restaurant, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.* In addition, the Club is dark during the months of July and August. Conducted during each meeting is a buffet meal (\$10.00 per person), a guest program speaker and club business.

**ARE THERE DUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLUB?** Yes, the local club annual dues amounts to \$20.00 per individual member. Of this amount, \$3.00 covers your subscription to the International Association of High Twelve Clubs Magazine, *The High Twelvian*, \$3.00 for the Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs; \$8.50 for the International Association of High Twelve Clubs – the other \$5.50 remains in the local club treasurer for special projects and in support of our Masonic Youth Organizations. In addition, there is a \$10.00 application fee (which is off-set by your first meal cost of \$10.00 and is applicable during your first attended meeting).

**HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?** You may join via a number of opportunities to include:

- FIRST, you must be a Master Mason in good standing
- contact a Master Mason who is a member of the *Franklin County High Twelve Club #726* who will provide you with an application
- come to a regular monthly meeting at the Family Traditions
- contact an officer of the *Franklin County High Twelve Club #726*

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