

Installation of Club Officers
Variation #3

* (*rap*) Will the retiring Officers please stand? Brothers, your duties for this year are now completed. On behalf of High Twelve International, Florida State Association, and the members of this Club, I thank you for a job well done. It takes time and dedication to serve in these offices and we appreciate all that you have done. (*Applause*) * (*rap*) You may be seated.

Brother Marshal ... will you please light the Red Candle.

The Red Candle is to remind us of the Brotherly Love that we are taught in Masonry. To help, aid and assist our Brothers along the path of life.

Brother Marshal ... will you please light the White Candle.

The White Candle is to remind us of the charity and relief which we are to extend to a Brother in time of need. Charity of thought, as well as material things helps us to protect the reputation of a Brother at all times.

Brother Marshal ... will you please light the Blue Candle.

The Blue Candle is to remind us that to be good and true is one of the early lessons in Masonry. The symbol of truth, a divine attribute, is the basis of our Masonic Trust in each other.

Brother Marshal ... will you please open the Holy Bible.

The Volume of the Sacred Law on the Alter is filled with some great lessons of LOVE, RELIEF, and TRUTH. Through its pages runs the Golden Thread of Divine Inspiration and the Spirit of the Golden Rule. The Bible is a significant part of the foundation of our Masonic fraternities.

Brother Chaplain ... please led us in prayer. *** (*rap three times*)

* (*rap*) High Twelve is a non-political, non-sectarian organization. Its object is to unite Brother Masons in the happy bonds of a social hour. To inform each other of the progress and truths of Masonry. To inspire the practice of those virtues which will aid in civic betterment. To promote the principles of good government and to advance education, particular as it refers to our Wolcott Foundation and our Masonic Fraternity.

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As I call the names, the newly elected and appointed Officers will come forward under the direction of the Marshal.

Brother _____ President

Brother _____ 1st Vice President

Brother _____ 2nd Vice President

Brother _____ 3rd Vice President

Brother _____ Treasurer

Brother _____ Secretary

Brother _____ Sgt-at-Arms

Brother _____ Chaplain

Brother _____ Masonic Representative

Brother _____ Wolcott Representative

Brother _____ *3 year Director*

Brother _____ *2 year Director*

Brother _____ *1 year Director*

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*** (*rap three times*) Will all Master Masons please rise and take the sign of fidelity. Only those Officers being installed will repeat the obligation.

My Brothers, before being installed you are required to take a solemn obligation.

Say I, pronounce your several names, and repeat after me. Before God and these witnesses, I acknowledge and vow that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office to which I have been elected or appointed to the best of my ability/ That I will conform to and abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, rules and regulations of this Club the Florida State Association and of High Twelve International/ I will, so far as my power, attend the Meetings of this Club and of its Governing Board and take an active part therein/ I will endeavor to promote genuine Fellowship and friendship among the members, and lead the Club in rendering true service to the community, our country, and the Masonic Fraternity/ So help me God and keep me steadfast.

You may lower your hands. All but the President may be seated. * (*rap*)

Brother Marshal ... Please present the President Elect.

President

Brother _____, you have been elected to serve

_____ High Twelve Club #_____ as President during the ensuing year. You have been entrusted with this exalted Office because of the confidence that your Brothers have in your integrity and ability. This is no small responsibility. It is an honor of which you may well be proud. They confidently look to you as their Leader, believing you possess the ability and knowledge to successfully lead this Club. Are you willing to accept the duties attached therein?

Brother Marshal ... escort the newly installed President to the East.

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Brother Marshal ... please present the Vice President(s).

Vice Presidents

Brother _____ & Brother _____,
you have been elected First and Second Vice Presidents respectively.

Brother _____, *Brother* _____,

and Brother _____, *you have been elected First, Second, and Third Vice Presidents respectively.*

Your Offices are of great importance and have much responsibility attached to them. You are to support your President in all matters concerning the Club and be ready to assume the duties of a higher station should occasion require. Are you willing to accept this responsibility?

Brother Marshal ... you will seat the Vice Presidents and present the Treasurer. (*or Secretary/Treasurer*)

Treasurer

Brother _____, you have been elected Treasurer of this Club. The Members have great confidence in your ability to successfully handle our finances. Are you willing to accept this obligation?

Brother Marshal ... you will seat the Treasurer and present the Secretary.

Secretary

Brother _____, you have been elected Secretary of this Club for the ensuing year. This is a position of great responsibility. You are to receive all monies due the Club and pay them to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for therefore. You are also required to keep all records, make all reports, and handle all correspondence for the Club. Are you willing to accept all these duties?

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Secretary/Treasurer

Brother _____, you have been elected Secretary/Treasurer of this Club for the ensuing year. This is a very demanding position. It requires you to handle all financial transactions for the Club as well as keeping all the records. You are also to handle all correspondence and make all reports. Are you willing to accept all this great responsibility?

Brother Marshal ... please present the Sgt-at-Arms, Chaplain, Masonic Representative, and Wolcott Representative.

Sgt-at-Arms

Brother _____, as Sergeant-at-Arms you are to maintain order and decorum at the Meetings. To set up and store all paraphernalia. You are to make arrangements for the convenience of the Members and guests, and to assist the President and other Officers in performing their duties. Do you accept the responsibilities of this Office?

Chaplain

Brother _____, as Chaplain you are to lead us in our devotions. As we travel down life's pathway we need the guidance of the Great Architect of the Universe. Do you accept the responsibilities of this Office?

Masonic Representative

Brother _____, you are to keep the Club informed of the events of High Twelve International, the Florida State Association. You are to report on the meetings and the activities of the local Masonic and Appendant Organizations. Do you accept this responsibility?

Wolcott Representative

Brother _____, you are to keep the Members informed of the activities of the Wolcott Foundation to the best of your ability. Do you accept this responsibility?

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Directors

Brother _____, Brother _____,

Brother _____, you have been elected to serve this Club as Directors for the coming year. To keep the Club running smoothly and in accordance with the By-Laws and regulations requires much careful consideration of each item that is brought before you. Do you accept this responsibility?

To the newly installed Officers, permit me to commend you for your willingness to assume the responsibilities of handling the affairs of this Club. Work towards increasing its membership and to build it into a stronger organization.

Congratulations to the Members of _____

High Twelve Club # _____. I congratulate you on having this fine Corps of Officers who are willing to give of their time and their talents for the benefit of the Club.

By the authority vested in me by the Florida State Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs, as Installing Officer, I declare the Officers of

_____ High Twelve Club # _____ duly installed. * (rap)

I wish to thank my Installing Marshal _____ and

Chaplain _____ for assisting me in this installation. You have done a fine job. Thank you.

Brother President ... I now place in your hand the gavel of authority by which you will rule and govern this Club. May you use it wisely.

Brother President, would you care to say a few words? (*Pause for President to speak*) If the President desires, we will close the Meeting. (*Return gavel to Installing Officer*)

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Brother Chaplain and Marshal, will you please attend the Alter.

Brother Marshal, if you will act as I recite.

May the light from the Volume of the Sacred Law shine on forever.
(*Close the VOSL*)

When we light a candle its rays travel out to infinity. When we extinguish a candle no more rays are generated, but the existing ones continue on their journey.

After we put out the Red Candle, may the Brotherly Love it represents continue, the Charity and Relief of the White Candle persist and the Truth of the Blue Candle go on forever and ever.

Brother Chaplain ... please led us in prayer. *** (*rap three times*)

* (*rap*) Brother President this concludes the installation. (*Hand him the gavel if not already done*)