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Sigs in COVID Times:
Apart Yet Together

“This is Bollocks” ***

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“This is bollocks!”

In these troubled times, I know that there are many people saying it. If you're not saying it, I'm willing to bet that you've been thinking it at some point, or at least the American equivalent! COVID has changed our lives, and the uncertainties and frustrations are many.

I just canceled a re-scheduled trip to see my family in the UK, and I am now faced with the real prospect that - for the first time in my life - I will go a full year without seeing a single family member in person. Add to that the fact that I contracted COVID-19 in March. Living by myself, I self-isolated, but, by the time I had fully recovered, work had become a remote rather than an in-person function, and I didn't have actual people contact for nearly five weeks. For me, it's been a challenging few months. I

recognize that many are in much more challenging situations, facing the loss of a loved one, the loss of a job, financial burdens, or the prospect of having to manage children at home while maintaining a job. *This is bollocks!*

I don't recount

these challenges as an attempt to make us feel worse, but rather to highlight our common circumstances. Not necessarily the commonality of what makes it bollocks, merely that so many of us have probably wanted to throw our hands up and employ that frustrated exclamation.

It is when I find myself low - when I start to feel isolated and shut off from the world - that I particularly rely upon Sigma Phi.

I've attempted to use the lockdown and my own feeling of isolation as a driving force to connect or re-connect with Sigma Phi brothers.

Brothers are the people I call when I need a pick-me-up. They are the people that I contact when I want to celebrate, and they are the people I have relied upon when I've not been able to see and spend time with my family back in the UK. Time after time and in important ways, Sigs have been there for me.

The common bonds that we form with Brothers in our Society can be used as a fire to keep us going. Those bonds can provide motivation to keep fighting... or the consoling touch we need when it all gets to be a little too much. Rely upon it. You have earned a lifelong membership in this Society, and that membership

entitles you to rely on brothers to lift you up, and challenges you to lift others up when they call for your assistance.

As you tackle the challenges that life hurls at you in the coming months and years, and when you're tempted to shout “*This is bollocks!*”, ask for help from, reconnect with, and reach out to your brothers. As we move further away from our undergraduate years and our time living with members of Sigma Phi, we tend to forget that community which supported us so well when we were actives is still there. The shape and circumstances of that community have changed, but out in the world, the remarkable men who made up that community are striving to ‘do life’, just like you are.

Sigma Phi is built upon relationships, and we need those relationships more than ever in times of challenge. As you battle COVID, a capricious economy, a deeply divided political environment and all of life's other difficulties, don't forget to create time to use those relationships to help yourself and to help others.

**Reach out. Connect.
Help each other through.**

*(*** Christy Lambden is a native of Oxford, England, where the word ‘bollocks’ is a polite yet emphatic substitute for more earthy invectives that Americans often use, instead!*

- Ed)





PEARLS for the World

When an author publishes, there's cause for celebration. When the book attempts to lift up its readers via its viewpoint, there's even more cause for celebration. In 2018, Larry Sudbay, V'76, a successful technology entrepreneur, published for the first time – a collection of inspiring stories called 'The Best Is Yet to Come.' Those stories represents short vignettes from Larry's life, with particular emphasis on events or stories which have inspired him. Included are such familiar themes as managing change, the speed of life, teamwork and the like.

One of his stories pays tribute to Sigma Phi. Entitled, appropriately enough, "Esto Perpetua", it offers a personal creed based on the seven letters in the name 'Sigma.' In that chapter's preface, Larry explains that he received his engineering degree at the University of Vermont...but received his *education* at the hands of the Sigma Phi Society.

Explaining further, he offers these meanings for the Thrice Illustrious:

S

'Spirit' The inner strength which comes from belonging.

I

'Integrity' Be your word.

G

'Growth' Always yearn to learn. *(There is no finish line...)*

M

'Manhood' Always be willing to listen to feedback. *(While people may not remember what you say, they will always recall how you made them feel...)*

A

'Attitude' Be positive.

P

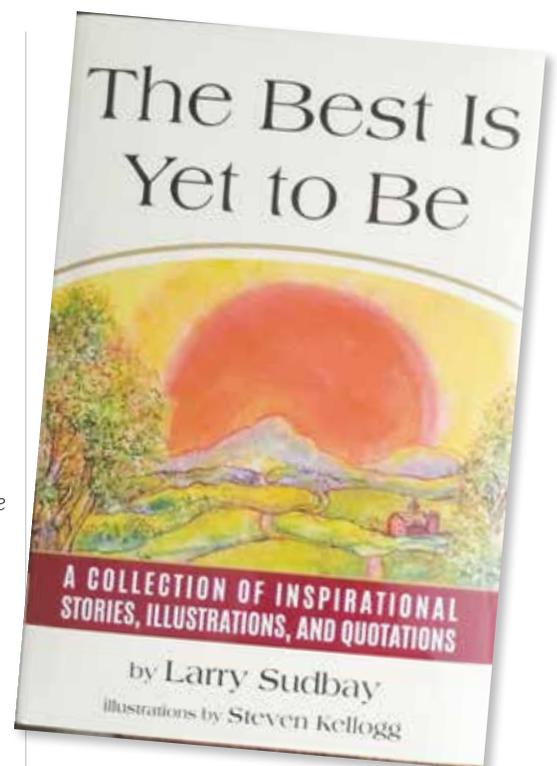
'Pride' The result which comes when you know you gave it your all.

H

'Humor' Be fun. Have fun.

I

'Ideals' None better, the author advises, than Friendship, Love & Truth.



While this chapter was certainly an homage to Sigma Phi, it is something the world can take to heart, too. Very nice work, Mr. Published Author! You can reach Larry at this email address: lsudbay@me.com

Chairman's Message

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Who amongst us could have imagined when consulting the calendar on December 31, 2019, that the new decade's very first year would bring a pandemic still raging and an economic upheaval whose total impact is as yet unknown? The confluence of events in their immensity has caused untold suffering to many. It is my heartfelt desire that the coronavirus has not impacted you or your family and that you are somehow managing well in these difficult times.

Sigma Phi started the year with a special convention called for April in New York City to consider the matter of pulling the charter of the Alpha of Michigan. As you know, NYC became the early COVID epicenter. Exercising an abundance of caution, the convention was called off soon after March 4th. While the situation in Michigan is still unsettled, I can report that lines of communication have remained open with ongoing, constructive conversations that may well bring this episode to a satisfactory conclusion.

The events of the past twelve months have impacted the Sigma Phi in ways unprecedented in our 193 year existence. What were at first subtle signs and furtive signals of epistemological shifting came into full view in 2019, challenging our Society's very institutional identity. While the motives of those brothers advocating for expanded membership criteria - gender inclusion - arose from an undoubtedly sincere belief that such a change might be good and was even overdue, the fact is that the strong majority of Sigma Phi believe that such a change is not welcome in, nor beneficial to, the Society. This majority view was in full evidence at...and was formally ratified by...the General Convention held in Burlington in September 2019.

Many brothers have reached out to me to express their thoughts on this matter. I have tried to respond to each but have come up short in that regard. Hoping to make amends, I'll share my thoughts in this 'Flame.' These views are my own. Although I serve as Society Chairman, it is the Standing and Advisory Committee and General Convention that govern the Sigma Phi.



The arguments put forth by advocates of change are strong and can be compelling. Not just the Michigan chapter, by whose deceitful actions the matter has come into full light, but Hamilton, California and North Carolina have to some degree all voiced a desire

for gender inclusive, non-binary membership.

Active and alumni Sigs from North Carolina - to date, 28 in all - have announced their disaffiliation from the Society in response to the Burlington General Convention's decisions as well as their own trustee board's determinations. This is a heartbreaking development. Although I appreciate the honesty these erstwhile brothers exhibit in their beliefs, I disagree with the underlying premises they rely upon to sever their bonds to Sigma Phi.

What hits me hardest is that gender inclusive advocates seize upon "Lead or Die" as their rallying cry. As if a move to co-ed status would be embraced by our forebears for the change it enjoins and the propositions it employs. To oversimplify, proponents insist that a gender inclusive Sigma Phi would remove barriers that have existed for too long, depriving females of Friendship, Love and Truth. Further, they posit that, by embracing this change, our Society... and society at large...would reap incalculable benefits and position Sig as a leader ushering in a better and stronger future.

The UNC chapter has been particularly articulate in presenting this argument. Members point to the "privilege" that comes with fraternal

membership and the chronic inequalities that women face, and have faced, in the world. Continuing to belong to such an organization as ours, they say, perpetuates and reinforces such inequality. In that Sigma Phi is a fraternity, and that fraternity culture in their mind reinforces these attitudes of injustice, belonging to Sig is too heinous. After all, their thinking goes, our Society is part of - and therefore complicit in - a system that harms so many.

No one is arguing that inequalities don't exist in society. No one blindly maintains that fraternities are invariably paragons of enlightenment. But such realizations must be tethered to an acknowledgment that fraternities are not the cause of such inequalities and that, by eliminating fraternities, the inequalities that exist will be not be magically eradicated. For to follow the UNC contention to its logical conclusion, the elimination of fraternities as we know them is the ultimate end. Sig should lead us to the co-ed, non-binary model that they espouse, proponents maintain, or we must walk away from the flame that has nurtured so many for so long and let it die.

Gender theorist Judith Butler's post-structuralist thinking notwithstanding, any conversation concerning gender and sex has to, at its very root, recognize the differences between the sexes. Just as communism needs capitalism to define itself, gender inclusivity incorporates a spectrum. That spectrum finds humans of "xx" or "xy" chromosomes at either end. It is from there that we start to construct or deconstruct theories and beliefs.

What I suggest, instead, is making plain what seems today to be obscured. While gender may be a social construct, sex is a biological marker. To recognize the physiological distinction between men and women is not discrimination... but object reality. The COVID-19 days

we are living through have brought this key difference to the fore; women have a much higher likelihood of surviving the disease than men (<https://casereports.onlinejacc.org/content/2/9/1407>.)

"College age men desire to belong to a group of like minded men in order to navigate their own emotional maturity."

Recognizing that distinction allows me to address a false equivalency some brothers have made regarding our present situation being analogous to a time when Sigma Phi would not initiate Black men or men of the Jewish faith. They rightly point out that clear discrimination as abhorrent. At the time, the chapters that broke down these walls were disrespected and marginalized by other brothers of the Society. Such dismissive views were patently wrong. An all-male society excluding other males because of race, religion or ethnicity is repugnant. It is antithetical to the belief that diversity is welcome and beneficial.

The gender inclusive transformation that had been proposed for Sigma Phi is an altogether different...and altogether flawed....argument. The equivalency is false because it conflates discrimination with differentiation. As a high school senior, I applied to Hamilton College, which at that time was an all-male school. My wife is a graduate of Scripps College and my sister a graduate of Wellesley College: esteemed, time-honored institutions of higher education that differentiate by sex (and high school transcripts) those students who are allowed to enroll.

I hold the strong belief that single sex institutions - the Sigma Phi among them - can be a positive, valuable and much needed asset in today's society. My belief is buttressed by the fact that nationwide fraternity and sorority active membership numbers are increasing and aggregate membership totals are at historic highs. This would not be the case if today's undergraduates did not perceive a value in belonging to organizations defined first and foremost by the sex of their members. That value is more than just having a roof overhead or an alternate meal plan. That value may be found in perceived membership privileges and connections. It might lie in the shared sense of purpose the fraternity can provide. The motivations for joining are many and varied. Peel back all of the possible reasons and you arrive at my core belief: that college age men desire to belong to a group of like-minded men in order to navigate their own emotional maturity.

In a 2011 call to action, education experts Jim O'Neil and Bryce Crapser pointed out what they identified as a fundamental problem: "The real challenge of the profession is to fully accept vulnerable college men are a special group that need our help and support." This thinking most certainly runs counter to popular notions of "toxic masculinity" and "white male privilege." Investigative journalist Alexandra Robbins published *Fraternity: An Inside Look at a Year of College Boys Becoming Men* in 2019. One of the author's key conclusions is: "Today's young men are coming of age at a time when we are renegotiating what it means to be a man, which presents new challenges, reopens old wounds and creates additional reasons for students to seek out brotherhood."

Robbins' observation unexpectedly runs right alongside the gender inclusives' *raison d'être*. If a college

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Society Bylaws: A Cautionary Tale

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Maxwell Gruver – LSU

Andrew Coffey – FSU
Collin Wiant – Ohio U

Noah Domingo – UC Irvine
Dylan Herdandez – San Diego St.

What do the young men listed above have in common? All died allegedly as the result of fraternity activities. Many readers will remember the circa-2014 Rolling Stone article which falsely and maliciously attacked fraternity culture at the University of Virginia. While later proven to be completely made up, the article fed into a common narrative about out-of-control Greeks and the harm fraternities do to society.

We live in a time of heightened scrutiny and heightened liability, especially when it comes the activities of fraternities. In addition, ours is an age when peoples' jobs are attacked, the companies they work for are attacked, their personal information is doxed (?), their homes are picketed, and their friends and family are harassed if they express unpopular opinions or act in a manner that a group of activists deems inappropriate and/or worthy of scorn or attack.

What do these two circumstances have in common and how do they relate to Sigma Phi?

For almost 200 hundred years, Sigma Phi has operated with the understanding that our active chapters would govern themselves and act responsibly and safely. (We are proud that, during those two centuries, we have seldom been disappointed.) That understanding is underscored by the structure of our formal bylaws, which severely restrict the ability of the S&A to act and

influence our active chapters, including when they are not governing themselves in a safe and responsible manner. Presently, for example, our bylaws only allow the actives of a chapter to expel a fellow active and that requires a 2/3rds vote. So, if one of our actives does something heinous, but the other actives do not want to expel him from the brotherhood, the S&A is powerless.

Now imagine this. You are the Chairman of the S&A and you work for a large corporation. One of the actives of one of our chapters is accused of rape or of dealing large amounts of drugs from one of our houses. *The New York Times* (or *Rolling Stone*) shows up on your doorstep to get a quote about how you are handling the person in question and all you can say is...*"Discipline is up his active peers and, under our bylaws, the national body is powerless to discipline the offending party."* What are the chances that will to be received well? What are the chances that the cancel culture will protest against the Chairman or call upon his employer to fire him?

More important than mere social concerns, is it prudent that the national should not be able to directly or effectively respond to such an incident?

Or imagine this. One of our chapters is engaged in hazing that is not criminal under the laws of the state in which it operates, or is engaging in racist or other repugnant behavior which is also not

criminal, or decides that it would be fun to have a party where everyone dressed up in Nazi uniforms. This behavior becomes public and that same reporter shows up on the Chairman's door. *"What punishment has been meted out?"*, he will ask insistently. *"Are the offending parties still part of your organization?"* And the only thing the Chairman can say in reply is that our bylaws only allow the revocation of a charter through the act of our yearly Convention. Or the national body only has the authority to take action if something criminal has occurred. How does that play out in the court of public opinion? Would you like to be in our Chairman's position? More personally, how would you feel about being associated with a group, where such behavior occurred and nothing was done?

Sigma Phi is led by alumni volunteers who love the Society and put in untold hours for the betterment of this Society and the ongoing experiences of our Brothers. It is untenable that they could ever find themselves in this type of situation.

The proposed bylaws amendments are designed to give the S&A more flexibility in dealing with unforeseen events WHILE maintaining ultimate authority to overrule with our Convention. I hope that you can understand the precarious position that existing bylaws put your national leadership in, and can support these amendment changes wholeheartedly.

SIGMA PHI BYLAWS:

Proposed Amendments

(Proposed amendment language is shown underlined in bold face type.)

- Article II (2) To promote the values and advantages of college fraternity life in the manner it has since its founding.
- (7) To promote fundamental tenets among its Brothers including friendship, love, and truth, and to promote aspirations and requirements as set forth during the Brother's Initiation ceremony
- Article III Section 1 Each chapter shall be at liberty to adopt such a set of special rules for its government as its own peculiar circumstances may require, provided such rules do not conflict with the letter or spirit of this Restated Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, nor the fundamental tenets of the Society as stated in the purpose, of which the General Convention shall be the exclusive judge. The Standing and Advisory Committee, in the absence of the Convention, shall have the power to make all such determinations pending the action of the Convention.
- Article IV.B. Section 2 Except as provided in Article IV, A, Section 4 hereof, no person but an individual associated with a chapter of the institution within whose pale the chapter is located shall ever be elected or initiated a member of the Sigma Phi, and no person shall be elected or initiated except by such chapter. Any attempt to violate this provision by any Chapter, shall be void ab initio.
- Article IV.C. Section 1 If any member shall ad voluntatem be guilty of divulging the secrets of this association or attempting to initiate any person in violation of the Bylaws and Constitution, he shall be liable for expulsion in accordance with this subsection.
- Article IV.C. Section 4 No undergraduate member shall normally suffer expulsion unless with the assent of two-thirds of the members of the Undergraduate Chapter to which he belongs, nor unless he has been duly informed of the charges and evidence against him and has been allowed sufficient time and opportunity to defend himself, except as otherwise set forth in these Restated Constitution and Bylaws.
- Section 5: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Standing and Advisory Committee may suspend/expel any Brother (whether undergraduate or graduate) for (i) felony criminal action detrimental to the Society, so long as such criminal action is known to the world at large, and/or (ii) a breach or attempted breach of the fundamental tenets of the Society, and/or (iii) any attempt to initiate any person in violation of the Bylaws and Constitution. Any Brother who is suspended or expelled by the Standing and Advisory Committee may be reinstated by a 2/3rd majority vote of the Convention, with each active Chapter having one vote and each graduate Chapter having one vote.
- Suspension shall mean a temporary removal from the privileges of membership in the Society, including, but not limited to, holding any office locally or nationally, attending any social events, and/or casting a vote on any issue, whether local or national.
- Article IV Section D. Sig Sisters
- Section 1 The Society has had a long-standing tradition of the Initiation of women as Sig Sisters to honor how certain women hold a special place in one Brother's heart. Sig Sisters are accorded a special status within the Society. Each member may have one Sig Sister in his lifetime. The Initiation of a Sig Sister shall NOT include a revelation of those items presented or explained at Initiation or any of the other arcana of the Society, shall NOT be held in any conclave or other Chapter room, and does NOT accord such person voting rights within the Chapter or Society or any other special privilege.
- Section 2 The Sig Sister initiation shall be in substantially the format provided by the S&A to each Chapter
- Article IX.B. Section 3 Any Undergraduate Chapter not represented in the General Convention shall transmit to the General Convention in writing its decision with regard to any proposed change in the Constitutional Provision, and any Undergraduate Chapter which fails to report to the Convention either through its duly accredited representative or by writing, as above provided, shall be held to have voted against the proposed change. Any Undergraduate Chapter that has no active members will be considered to not have a Charter for purposes of these votes .

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SIGMA PHI BYLAWS:

Proposed Amendments

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Article IX C. Amendment of Fundamental Tenets and Purposes of the Society.

Section 1: It is hereby decreed that not one jot or tittle of the purposes or fundamental tenets of the Society of this Restated Constitution and By-Laws shall be altered or added to unless with the assent of 90% of all the existing chapters of the Society, including each Graduate Chapter acting individually, as hereinafter provided; nor except at a regular or adjourned annual General Convention of the Society; nor unless each Undergraduate and Graduate Chapter has received a written notice of proposed change at least sixty days before the date of the General Convention at which action upon such change is taken.

Section 2: In the enumeration of existing chapters for the purpose of this subsection, the graduate Brothers (from each Graduate Chapter) acting through a vote S&A delegate for such Graduate Chapter in which the vote is taken shall each have one vote, aye or nay, as reported by such delegate.

Section 3: Any Undergraduate Chapter not represented in the General Convention shall transmit to the General Convention in writing its decision with regard to any proposed change in the Constitutional Provision, and any Undergraduate Chapter which fails to report to the Convention either through its duly accredited representative or by writing, as above provided, shall be held to have voted against the proposed change. Any Undergraduate Chapter that has no active Brothers will be considered to not have a Charter for purposes of these votes.

Section 4: In any vote by chapters under this subsection a failure to vote by any chapter or a tie vote shall be regarded as a vote in the negative.

Article XII Section 3 For grievous collective action such as hazing, endangerment of a pledge or Brother, rape, drug dealing and similar crimes when done in concert or assented to by the Chapter, initiation of any person in violation of the Bylaws and Constitution, or an attempted change in the fundamental tenets of the Society or other criminal acts, deemed to be serious in nature by the S&A Committee, the S&A Committee (but not the Executive Committee) upon an two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the S&A Delegates (or Alternate Delegates if the Delegates are not present) present shall have the power to provisionally suspend, but not take away, a chapter's charter subject to a review and affirmative determination to take away such charter (pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 of this Article) by the General Convention at the next General Convention. The General Convention may reinstate any such Chapter by a 2/3rds majority vote of all Undergraduate and Graduate Chapters. Failure to receive a 2/3rd majority vote shall result in the continued suspension of the Chapter unless and until a 2/3rd majority vote is received to reinstate or a vote is made to revoke such charter.

“Floating”

by Dewey Benedict, V'1846

One brother's homage to the passage of time, first published in the 1911 Sigma Phi Annual.

*Yes, Brothers, Row! Row each his boat!
I row no more, I only float.
The stream, which long has been my road
On which I hurried as it flowed,
And where the busy oar I plied
Or shaped my course from side to side,
Still strongly bears my failing boat –
I row no more; I only float.*

*I see the stream more swiftly run
Than when its course was first begun;
The rapids' boding voice I hear
Still drawing nearer and more near.
The noontime brilliance all is past –
Eastward the shadows long are cast –
But I no longer row my boat,
Or try to row – I only float.*

*Yet still find round me, nonetheless
Abundant cause for thankfulness.
So that, as still I float along,
Even my midnight has a song.*

*O Lord! Send Thou Thy peace to be
Still a companion unto me,
That I may know no shade of fear
Of unknown rapids, drawing near;
That I may hear the distant chime
Of bells beyond the walls of time;
That I may feel my failing boat
Still in thy guidance as I float,
Till I shall reach the tideless sea
The ocean of Eternity!*

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

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gender identity matches their sex assigned at birth) in a world of shifting definitions and expectations, where does one go to find their safe space? I do not dispute that this question turns the conversation on its head. We find ourselves in a room full of mirrors. The fact of the matter is that college students' mental health is a higher priority on campus than it has ever been. This past December, the American Psychological Association reported, amongst other troubling statistics, that over the period 2007 to 2017, students who received any mental health treatment rose from 19% to 34%. (www.apa.org/monitor/2019/12/numbers-college) This is cause for concern.

The phrase "toxic masculinity" is much in vogue these days. In print or on the air, this phrase is loosely used to describe someone or some event evincing the worst expressions of manliness – rudeness, boorish behavior; sexual assault or rape; drunken loutishness, property damage, etc. Such behaviors are rightfully condemned by civilized society but such behaviors don't fit the actual definition of "toxic masculinity."

Our society constructs, separate and apart from the biological "xy" chromosome, the attributes that define what it means to be a "man." Virtues, from the Latin *vir* which is translated man, make up a long behavior list which - on their own - are laudable and worthy of praise: bravery, endurance, dignity, modesty, temperance, sincerity, honesty, self-sufficiency. These personal attributes denote moral excellence. In a perfect world, these characteristics are what we all should strive to possess and embody.

Alas, we humans are far from perfect: perhaps none more so than an adolescent male navigating his way into and through manhood. Falling short of

what society tells him he should be, the young man feels the corrosive effects of self-doubt and questions his own worth. The result of this self-inflicted and society-generated belittlement is toxic masculinity, often producing stunted emotional maturity, substance abuse, and reckless behaviors of all kind. The failure to reach an unobtainable ideal propels the young man to act in ways that are gross distortions of what he first set out to achieve. Masculinity turns toxic. Virtue turns to vice.

Certainly, fraternities at times can portray themselves as poster children for bad behavior. "Frat bros" as presented in today's popular culture are not what Aristotle contemplated when he drew up his list of 12 virtues. However, I believe - most certainly for Sigma Phi - that fraternities did not set out with the intention of churning out mere rote "bros." The human need that Elihu Root described in his timeless 1935 letter to our brotherhood never should be construed to mean anything other than the need for companionship amongst men intent on improving each other's character.

Root espoused and applauded friendship so strong that it allows truth to be spoken without fear; truth spoken when wrongs need to be righted; conversations enjoyed when character flaws are evident; and bonds so authentic and deep that personal failures are addressed and helping hands are extended in love. Fraternal bonds that draw on the core elements of a progressive, diverse and equitable brotherhood that can and should focus on building up each brother and celebrating successes with unfettered joy!

The past year has not been easy but it has illuminated many

of the best aspects of Sigma Phi: passion, conversation, open thought, questioning and urging ourselves as a group and as men to reflect on our values and beliefs; to view who we are as Sigs and who we are as men in the world and to hold each other accountable to Sig...and to ourselves... and to the world in which we live.

Brothers, let us not extinguish the flame of this time-honored Society, nor suggest that a co-ed Sig is the future. Instead, let's exhort each other to reflect upon all that makes our Society a betterment to the world. Let us acknowledge our shortcomings, pledge to correct our errors, straighten our course and go forward in the fashion that our Charge commands. Don't let us deceive ourselves with pretended perfection but rather reach for those actions and attitudes that will make us better today than yesterday. Let us direct our energies and seek out the ways to improve all of our tomorrows... and those of our world.

Esto perpetua.



Senior Year, Interrupted

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As it happens, I was quite far from my home in Virginia when a key decision was released over spring break, March 11th to be exact. I was on an academic tour, in the back of a Michigan law classroom, when UVA President Jim Ryan's email buzzed my phone. He announced that classes would be proceeding online for the foreseeable future to help stop the spread of COVID-19.



John Addy, S'17

Initially I was ecstatic. As a resident of the Alpha of Virginia's chapter house, I foresaw many days ahead spent with my brothers, plowing through virtual lessons without difficulty and enjoying an entire Charlottesville spring full of Sigly leisure.

Of course, that's not at all how things played out. Shortly after President Ryan's email went out, the university called all off-campus landlords, including ours, and urged them to send their tenants home. This meant my final semester was effectively over. Like so many other UVA seniors, I would not see Charlottesville again as an undergraduate.

The ensuing months in lockdown have given me more than enough time to reflect on my fateful last semester and the three and a half years which preceded it. This time, this reflection, has not lessened the hurt of memories not made. It has not dulled the pain of time not spent with my brothers. Certainly, it has not dampened my anguish over a graduation not celebrated.

But more than that, it has not extinguished what Sigs uniquely know as The Flame. Having my time as an active brother of Sigma Phi so abruptly terminated has put a sour note at the end of an otherwise sweet few years. This contrast between the great times and their bitter ending will only serve to amplify the beauty of the Thrice Illustrious memories I

was fortunate enough to make since being initiated in April of 2017.

Allow me to illustrate. Sigma Phi Place at 163 Rugby Road has a porch on the third floor we call, "The Beach." Save for President Ryan's house, there is no higher point on the UVA campus. On sunny spring and summer days, it is unquestionably the place to be and many of my greatest college memories are up there. In my final semester, I was again anticipating spending far too much time with my brothers on the Beach lounging around and contemplating the world as we know it. That now being out of the question, I'm left to think fondly back to the days spent there last May instead, when several of us played a game called "dye" to celebrate the graduation of the Class of 2019.

Another painful result was the postponement of the 2020 Foxfield Races, a horse race held every year outside Charlottesville that's attended by most of the UVA student body. Just as importantly, it was a time for cross-chapter bonding as we would host many of our Union brothers! I've been to every Foxfield since my first year and was greatly looking forward to it again at the end of April this year. That event being gone, the memories of previous Foxfield Races, replete with cigars and boater hats, are instead held all the more dear.

I'm certain most of the Sigma Phi graduating class of 2020 would agree that losing our last semester has been brutally difficult. Forced separation from our brothers is just not natural. It has left a longing in our spirits for a return to fraternal normalcy. These places and events I've mentioned were where I felt happiest and most comfortable during my undergraduate experience because the bonds forged between me and my brothers were so strongly felt there. The longing to return embodies more deeply the longing to be with Sigs again. The anguish over lost time is more accurately anguish over a separation from the men who made my time at UVA worthwhile, meaningful, and fun.

Going forward, once our country has moved past this crisis - soon, God willing - I expect that this time apart will lead us to cherish the time together that we do get, and to fondly savor the memories of the times we've had. In these ways we can try to find that normalcy again. Informal reunions will be all the more significant to recoup the time apart. Reminiscences of Foxfields, or Quad Parties, or regular days on our third-floor porch, will be all the more dear. For Virginia Sigs and those at every chapter everywhere, the Beach will be all the brighter...and Sigma Phi itself will become all the more important.



Coping With COVID in Berkley

by Leor Bases, I'17 lbases227@gmail.com



The 7 - 10 actives remaining on campus during COVID times have found refuge in our beloved Teakwood Towers. To no one's surprise, Sigs have found that sheltering in place isn't too grim in the hallowed Greene & Greene halls of our Little Fairy!

We believe an update from us, the current guardians our beloved home and its sacred realms, is well overdue during these crazy times. It sounds like jolly fun to us to author this letter to Sig alumni, since the days run long, yet the task list runs ever shorter in this trying era.

We have been trying to maintain the ever jolly and always loving status quo at our home at 2307 Piedmont Avenue. We have consistently held Monday meetings, where house business is discussed and openly debated with a vigor not at all made ill by any sort of novel virus. Workdays have continued as scheduled, and we continue to greet Saturdays with a delicious communal meal and several hours of necessary house maintenance.

We continue to observe our increasingly important otherworldly Thursday nights. They have become such a key part of each week in times where much of the world, for good reason, seems void of song and laughter. And we continued and finished our semester's pledge process by inviting two incredible humans to change form with us.

On April 26, the Deathless Band led by Vince Donato, I'17, our Bodhisattva, effectively swung Hunter Profant

Komuro and Jonathan Jauqiun Herreros De Tejada Friedman, two noble characters who are now forever intertwined in the story of Sigma Phi. It broke these brothers' hearts that we couldn't host our beloved alumni, but rest assured — it was an excellent time full of illusion, confusion, hilarity, darkness and – ultimately – joyful clarity. Beaches were stormed, seats were sat upon, and the charge was delivered marvelously by the one and only Jackson Gray, I'17, who set about memorizing the entire lordly script in its entirety. Bumpers were surely brimming high at the Alpha!

Each of us is incredibly thankful to be here, in this beautiful home, during this pandemic. We have been social distancing and avoiding contact with other people,

be they friends, relatives, or whoever. We are taking COVID-19 very seriously, but, as a society, we have nonetheless been enjoying each other's company and passing the time productively and beautifully. We have enjoyed house basketball tournaments, piñata parties, hiking endeavors, and barbecues. You can have faith in the Alpha that its actives are continuing our longstanding tradition of making the most out of any time. We are ever so grateful to have the opportunity to live here, caring for each other and this place during all of this.

We hope each of you and your loved ones stay safe during this crisis, and look forward to the time when we can meet to practice Sigma Phi in person once more.



HoH Leor Bases, I'17, in the Alpha's splendid dining room

Staying Connected in Isolation: “Lifting Moments”

by Bob Shages, U'69 rshages@gmail.com

In mid-April as the Coronavirus pandemic was really taking effect and we were all staying home, Alumni President Ridgley Harrison, U'2000, emailed a message to brothers young and old from the Alpha of New York. The message encouraged Sig recipients to reach out to those they knew and enjoy 'lifting moments', just as they had at the Sigma Phi Place years ago. Ridgely concluded his email by advising: *“Reach out and share the companionship and support that has always meant so much.”*

Randy Miller, U'09, took this message to heart and on the first Friday in May organized what he called the *Union College, Alpha of Alphas Virtual Reconnect & Happy Hour*.

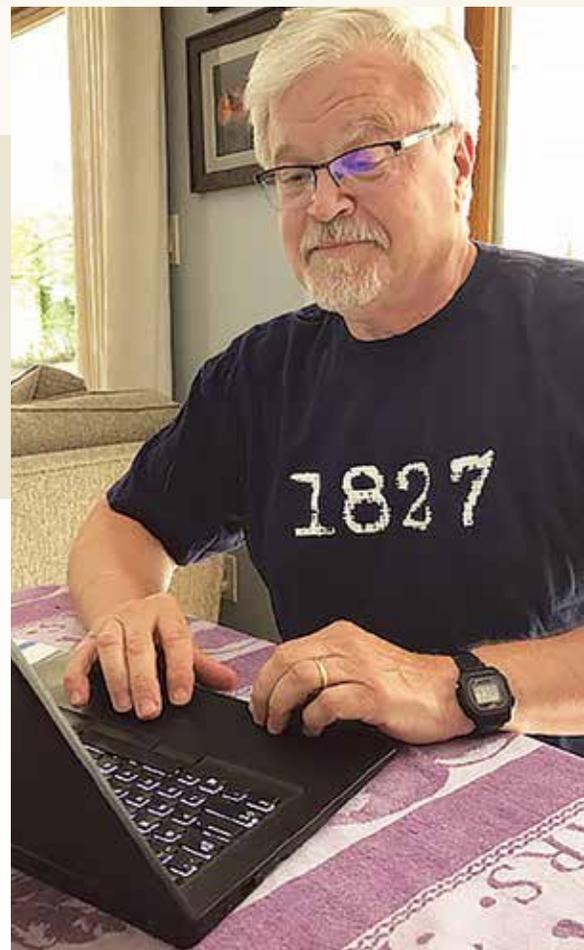
This Zoom meeting brought together a whole group of Sigs from the U'07-U'09 era plus a couple of us older guys from the late '60's. With a beverage or two in hand, members of this far-flung group from Boston to Chicago to Florida to New York convened electronically at about 5 o'clock. We found out what others were up to - from sequestering at parents' homes where the food service and internet (for work) were better than their distant apartments...to having to take a break to pick up toddlers from daycare. Sig stories of all kinds were swapped. Tales of road trips to the Alpha of Virginia and the Foxfield Races were told, and shared initiation and living experiences

were recounted. Steve Schultz, U'68 and I were there to offer some historical perspectives while laughing over the antics of our younger brothers.

The group included organizer Randy Miller, U'08, Anthony Perez U'08, Rob Connelly U'08, Lenny Ancuta U'07, Gordon Carlson U'03, Brandon Bartell U'07, Joe Tardi, U'10 Ian Austin U'06, Chase Chevalier, U'04, Steve Schultz U'68, Steve's wife, Annie, who knew the group very well, and myself.

It was scheduled for sixty minutes but went on for an hour-and-a-half, ending only (and only reluctantly) when drinks were running low and some Sig participants were reminded by wives that they were responsible for dinner that night!

Of all of the comradery we shared on Zoom that day, there was one thing which most impressed me.



Bob Shages, U'69, connecting via keyboard

It's the same phenomenon I enjoy about all Sig gatherings, in fact: that brothers who have not seen or talked to each other in years can meet, greet and then pick up on their last conversation right where they left off...just like it was yesterday.

As one of *your* strategies for beating back the anxious effects of COVID-19, I recommend enjoying such 'lifting moments' very highly!



Making Lemonade Out of the COVID Lemon

by Jim Hansen, V'80, Society Vice Chair jimh@bctonline.com

My experience so far with the COVID landscape brings to mind Alice's wonderland in *Through the Looking Glass*. What should be is not and what is not, should be. Then tomorrow arrives, and everything's the opposite.

*The only certainty is
that COVID is leaving
no stone unturned in forcing
change – but change always
provides opportunity.*

As it stands today, July 11, 2020, we can only speculate what September's "landscape" will be. Will we be able to travel between states? Will Sigma Phi's host universities offer online-only programs? Should residential buildings be open or closed? If colleges keep campuses closed, will that stop students returning to college towns? How will school policies at host universities and colleges limit or force Sigma Phi, one way or the other?

Research by Cornell, for example, indicates that over half of its student body will return to Ithaca even if the University only provides "remote learning" with campus facilities mostly closed. Consequently, its modeling predicts a worse pandemic outcome for

Ithaca at-large if the University stays closed than if the University opens while providing extensive COVID testing, contact tracing, and quarantine protocols. So staying closed likely exposes Cornell to more liability and public relations risk than opening with some new policies and procedures: There's Alice's looking glass, again; open is better than closed, despite the pandemic!

I have read about young people mocking the pandemic by holding "COVID Parties" where the first attendee to test positive after the party wins the cash pot. I think we can agree that's foolish even if COVID-19 is a "mere" transitory respiratory illness. But if a new theory proves correct - that COVID is a hematological (blood systems, i.e. vessels, heart, liver) disease with long term or permanent damage impacts - then a very different response will be required come September as decisions are made about opening or closing Greek houses, how the houses will operate, and what social activities should be allowed.

While I can't yet tell you what life will be like this fall at our chapter houses, I can guarantee it won't be like last year. The S&A Executive Committee is working to stay informed and will be assisting local chapter leadership teams in deciding and implementing changes as the fall semester draws nearer.



Jim Hansen, V'80

This is where we can make lemonade out of the COVID lemon: deepening the ties between caring grads and our actives. We need your help keeping our actives safe. We need help coaching, mentoring and assisting our young men in understanding, implementing and enforcing whatever policies are decided on as the 2020-21 school year starts. Your involvement can be virtual or physical: very brief or more involved.

Please volunteer to help by contacting Jim Hansen at jimh@bctonline.com because even one encouraging phone call or outreach to an active can lead to better decision making, increased safety, and an even more positive Sigma Phi experience.

(Jim Hansen, V'80, serves as the Society's Vice Chairman. In that role, he is responsible for matters related to Society insurance and risk management. He advises that his 40 years as a Sig have shaped him to be proud, loyal, participative and a better man.)

"Among so few..."

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Archway entrance at the Epsilon of New York.

How Social Distancing Brings Us Together

by Daniel Mansoor, C'76 djmansoor@hotmail.com

Timely. Practical. Proud. On the evening of June 10, at the height of the international crisis, five Sigs shared their COVID expertise and experiences in a truly remarkable Zoom video-conference.

One, a world-class infectious disease expert, is the CEO of one of the largest private medical research centers in the world. Another, a career executive in health and life sciences, now partnering with an innovative venture capital firm providing seed-funding for breakthrough technologies and services - including COVID vaccine developer, Moderna! A third is a serial entrepreneur who is now CEO and Chairman of a company that may provide the technology and means for delivering over a billion vaccines. Along with a co-founder of a unique Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) start-up and another co-founder of a resourceful "farm to foodbank" social venture, these gentlemen shared their exciting work and inspiring ideas with the audience gathered on Zoom.

All the featured panelists are from the same university (Cornell). All are from the same fraternity (Sigma Phi). It was a special evening that launched a new program initiative for the Epsilon - and got us thinking about how to share our common bonds and uncommon lives in the months and years ahead.

As students disappeared from campuses, and alumni cancelled visits to their alma maters, video-conferencing and webinars began to fill the void. While these technologies and channels have existed for many years, the COVID pandemic is highlighting these powerful and suddenly essential means of alumni and student engagement which will promulgate long after this crisis ends.

The Epsilon initiated a series of webinars and panels this summer, and is planning a portfolio of sessions for the fall. Along with the five decade-old Oliphant (now Tanenbaum) Speakers Fund, these programs will showcase alumni journeys. This July, serial entrepreneur Richard Jaffe C'72 (and his daughter Charly) shared the highlights of their book, "From Crisis to Success." In August, Peter Kaestner C'72, one





of the world's leading birders (with a count of 9,450!), shared the passion which has led him to 174 countries and to the discovery of a new bird that bears his (Latin) name. And in an effort for us to better understand race, racism, and racial justice in our society, three brothers - Reuben Munday C'66, Kwame Griffith C'98, and Larry Slaughter C'10 - will discuss their insightful perspectives on their personal journeys in Sigma Phi, at Cornell and in America.

Additional events may include guest speakers, career forums, remote poker tournaments, and virtual tours of the house (It's always nice to "walk" through the halls of our campus homes).

As students prepare for a return to campus, these programs can help fill the vacuum of modified social and academic activities. We encourage every chapter to take advantage of this economic and convenient approach to alumni-alumni and alumni-student engagement. It is by showcasing these lifetime connections to the Thrice Illustrious that we are reminded of our proud legacy of intellectual curiosity, professional success, and profound friendships. Through these occasions, we can remind the current generation of Sig students about the community they will be part of for this millennium.

All Sigma Phi alumni and student and guests are invited to these sessions, which also are recorded for delayed viewing. We'll be posting on the new website www.sigmaphicornell.org which goes live in late August.

(Dan has provided fundraising and alumni engagement support to the Epsilon for over 35 years. In COVID times, he sees a greater need than ever for connecting and engaging Sigs. In June, he arranged a video-conference with his near classmates. A week later, the COVID panel. Response has been favorable and the Epsilon is planning a full portfolio of sessions this fall, which, Dan hopes, will supplement a return to in-person events in a post-COVID era. - Ed)

2020: The Banquet Which Wasn't

by Mike Imirie, M'69 mimirie@aol.com

For the first time in many years, the Society did not hold a flagship banquet this past March. COVID was the culprit. In a time of soaring COVID-19 diagnoses, it made no sense to risk bringing large numbers together, even to celebrate a remarkable posterity of 193 years.

But COVID's cruel impact didn't stop me from ruminating about the meaning of our anniversary. In fact, only a few days of any year are formally called out by month and number. There's Cinco de Mayo, of course. In addition, all Americans recognize and celebrate July 4 at midyear. After those two red letter days, there's only one which easily occurs to me.....March 4.

March 4 is the day we celebrate our Society's anniversary. Season after season, we know that our circa-1827 organization celebrates another trip around the sun on that late winter day, moving ever-closer to 200 years. While we don't know for certain why the four founders chose March 4, the Sigma Phi Catalogue advises that the likely reason was the 19th century American custom of national elections being held on March 4. Whatever the actual reason, that special date gives each of us ample reason to reflect on our experiences within Sigma Phi... and the remarkable legacy that we share.

It was my daughter's encouragement that we should go to her favorite Mexican restaurant to enjoy a Cinco de Mayo meal which started my train of thought. I'm grateful to my girl that, quite by accident, Cinco de Mayo reminded me of the far dearer and more personal March 4 date. On that day and all year long, I give thanks for the many substantial gentlemen I have met who continue to be influenced by the Thrice Illustrious.



Scrubbing Toilets and the Lessons of Sigma Phi



Scrubbing Toilets and the Lessons of Sigma Phi

by Jack Romaine, L'90 jeromai1@yahoo.com

I found myself scrubbing the toilets in my house this morning, and the darndest thing happened. That necessary and tidy act invited Sig Spirit in me so greatly, I felt compelled to put pen to paper - well, type my thoughts up, at least - to see if my experience might resonate with others.

Having been fortunate in life and our careers, the Romaine family normally has a cleaning person come in to tidy the house. But because of coronavirus and living in a "COVID Red" zone in Pennsylvania – alas! - this cannot be.

I first hired a cleaning person many years ago when I moved to Boston due to a "you can choose to move or be unemployed" situation. My wife (today) was my girlfriend at the time and we began a long distance relationship, with me in Boston and Teri in NJ. I worked long hours all week and we took turns traveling back and forth each weekend. As thrifty as I was in those days regarding services, I reluctantly decided that having someone clean my apartment for \$80 was a good trade-off to allow me to spend more time with my love, so I hired a service. The very first Sunday night I came home to a completely clean apartment with that blend of lemon and Clorox smell was life changing! I have never looked back. But I digress...

As I was starting to feel the burn in my aging knees this morning, crouching down to the wafting aroma of Soft Scrub all in my face, I thought back to clean-ups from my active days. You see, at the Sigma Phi Place at the Alpha of PA, brothers and pledges cleaned the house every Sunday morning at 10:30AM.

Clang! Clang! Clang! House Manager John Walser L'90, would march down the halls banging pots and pans and rousing us from oh-so-short nights following parties on the Hill from previous night. My goodness, we hosted a party almost every weekend and - at the same time – there were probably 15-20 weekend parties elsewhere on campus back then. And that was after Lehigh University

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cracked down and banned kegs and rolled out a long list of social rules.

I'm not sure why, but I liked to clean the back upstairs bathroom. Two brothers were assigned to that bathroom with its row of sinks, two stalls, two or three urinals and shower room. We could knock it out in under an hour and then get back to bed. It was predictably gross, but the lesser of evils because I hated mopping the sticky floors downstairs and our kitchen

always seemed to take hours even with a larger crew of brothers working on it.

At the time, I thought our weekly exercises just represented doing what we were supposed to do to keep the house livable. But as I look back now, I see that those yesteryear clean-ups have had a much larger impact on my life. As we Bethlehem Sigs labored, we learned discipline, responsibility, and the need to do things that are for the best, although not in themselves enjoyable. We worked together, brothers and pledges side by side, toiling for the greater good. Everyone did his part. We were bleary-eyed and tired but Sunday's work sessions furthered the tangible bond between Brothers: the kind that adversity seems uniquely to bring out.

I learned to clean and to maintain at the Sigma Phi Place in Bethlehem. At the time, I didn't realize I was learning *anything*, but these lessons have stayed with me my entire life. I learned them because of Sigma Phi and because of the traditions, rules, and processes of those countless Bethlehem Brothers who came before me.

Fast forward to 2020..... As I diligently attended my own porcelain vessels at home this morning, I was once again aware - even *amazed* – by the formative and enduring lessons of Sigma Phi.

Mystery Monogram in Ithaca's State Theater

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Imagine setting foot inside a lovely, circa-1928 theater in at 107 West State Street in Ithaca, New York. Your goal is to enjoy a stage play...or perhaps a concert....and you know that the State Theater is a time-honored and truly handsome venue, resplendent with frescoes, stained glass and Gothic architectural bric-a-brac of all kinds.



Imagine your surprise when, as you traverse the lobby and approach the auditorium, you spy a small but recognizable stained glass panel depicting the Sigma Phi monogram mounted in an entry door!

Not long ago, Dean Smith, S'82, who lived in Ithaca for a time and serves yet on the Epsilon's Trustee group alumni board, shared this photo. He marveled at this surprising find during his time in Ithaca, and understood that your editor would, too. Dean had no clue about the reason Sigma Phi was included in the theater's design motif.

Online research didn't shed much light. The theater's architect was one Victor A. Rigaumont, who was noted for his work

designing both theaters and churches. According to Wikipedia, the theater's design drew on "the Collegiate Gothic symbolism of Cornell University." And it's quite true that the theater was erected at about the same time that the original Sigma Phi Place was being torn down to make room for Cornell's Law School. Glenn "Rusty" George, C'82, posed an excellent and provocative question: "Did Rigaumont perhaps visit the old house during demolition and obtain any of its artifacts, like that stained glass window?" Architect Peter Flynn, C'62, opined that perhaps the academic and organizational themed art choices inside the State suggests the builder trying to reflect something of the Cornell culture to better draw in patrons...

While the specific reason, if any ever existed, is lost in the mists of time, the serendipity of this Sigly discovery is obvious. Once COVID allows the State Theater to open anew and should you find yourself with a ticket in hand, seek out that heirloom Sig artifact and marvel for yourself.

(Rigaumont appears to have had no direct Sig connection. It happens that he did design an entertainment venue in a town which hosts another Sig chapter, however: the still-extant Smith Opera House in nearby Geneva!)





Never Forget These Brothers

These deaths have been reported to the Society since publication of the December, 2019 'Flame'.

In Memory of...

When someone passes away, he/she leaves mourners behind. Some are mourned by a few. Others are mourned by many.

When former Alpha of Michigan Head of House Alan Klein, M'78, died on August 13, Sigs were most certainly among those who mourned. Many were aware of his decade-long health struggles, but *all* remembered Alan's generous exercise of friendship, his leadership skills and his keen sense of humor. At a memorial service on August 18, sixteen Sigs from six different initiation years (!) rallied to honor their dear friend.

This picture tells the story: *front row* (L-R): Dave Moore, M'80, John Tulloch, M'78, Ernie Sellers, M'77, Chris Mumford, M'78, Jim MacDonald, M'78, Craig Brennan, M'78; *back row* (L-R): Jim Oshanski, M'75, Mark Kraushaar, M'78, Kirk Scott, M'78, Jim Pollock, M'76 (kneeling), Jim Allardyce, M'79 (kneeling), Chris Block, M'78, Gary Gozmanian, M'75, Mickey Everson, M'78. Not shown in this photo but likewise paying their respects that day were Bob Palffy, M'80, Steve Wasko, M'80 & Sig Sister Pat Moore, MSS'81.

On that August day, all faithfully demonstrated one of Sigma Phi's key teachings: ***Never forget the brother.***

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When the time comes that you have feedback, suggestions, photographs and/or Sig stories to share, please contact editor Mike Imirie, M'69 (mimirie@aol.com).



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Your Dues: “Emphatic on the Pulse”

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The Society’s finances suffer in turbulent times, as you might predict. This year, more than most, we need our brothers to step up and help solidify finances. The annual undergraduate and alumni dues payments help ensure we have a strong financial foundation to help us through current challenges as well as those we’ll face in the months and years ahead.

Thanks in advance for your continuing support, brothers. Your generosity is always appreciated, and contributes directly to publication of the *Sigma Phi Flame*, to annual convention planning and to undergraduate and administrative services of many kinds.

Uncertainties Surrounding Convention 2020

Convention 2020 was scheduled to be hosted this fall by the Epsilon of New York in Ithaca. In the face of COVID, Cornell University has prohibited gatherings of visitors on campus, effectively scuttling any hopes of presenting the Society’s annual gathering in Ithaca. To worsen the challenge, New York State has imposed travel restrictions on visitors from out-of-state. As this issue of the *Flame* goes to press, no solution has crystallized. The intention of the Standing & Advisory Committee is to hold a 2020 convention in some form. Stay in touch with your S&A representative or the Sigma Phi website for planning details as they develop.



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