

## Newsletter XXXIV NO. I August 2022

**Brotherhood** - is not a one year commitment, it is a life-time commitment.... We took an oath to remain brothers. An oath is something that cannot be taken back, that's what makes it an oath. Some of us have outgrown pounding down beers but you can never outgrow your commitment and the bonds of brotherhood.

**From the President: Mike Parker** We are trying to get back on the horse. After being bitten, kicked, thrown and bucked to the ground by that untamed mustang called COVID-19, the powers that be at Phi Sigma Delta have been trying, with all or what is left of their might to schedule an in-person, kick in the face, "annual" reunion and liars' contest. I know there was a move to try and find space in Washington, D.C., others scouted Boston, Orlando, the coast of Maine, even New Hampshire. When a last ditch effort to lock up facilities in the arm-pit of Massachusetts failed, it looked like the GAME OVER light was about to flash. I refuse to disclose my anatomical opinion of the Bay State's arm-pit?

What the caped crusaders in the now over-worked Travel and Leisure section of our economy didn't count on was Stan Kittredge, the super glue of Brotherhood and the rebar of PSD. The silver-tongued, sweet water Stan booked us a mildly inexpensive suite of rooms at the Sheraton Tara in Framingham. I know that Framing (here insert your preferred, pejorative ending), does not scream "vacation delight" nor does it assure escape from the threat of the several corona mutations now running around the countryside. But it is a nice place with not such a bad deal. We do not get far anyway.

There are not so many of us left with the energy to party till dawn. The will may be strong, but the bodies are weak. So, we have a super nice place where we can gather, be wined and dined and conduct our formal meeting. The Tara is centrally located for all those who remained in the New England, New York area. For those smart enough and able to leave, it is an hour to Boston or Hartford. Jet Blue even has a couple of bi-wing flights direct into Worcester Airport, I'm just not sure from where. It has the distinction, however, of being one of the few major carrier served airports in the country where you can park in a lot directly across the street from the terminal.

I am urging every Brother who is still able to walk or crawl or otherwise have his ass transported, to get that ass signed up to attend our reunion in Framingham. There are plenty of restaurants, ale houses, tea rooms and bake shops in the area to service the needs of the wild and crazy. Seriously, though, it has been a while since we have gotten together. We lost some Brothers in the meantime and it seems there are more with serious medical issues every day. Our opportunity to make up for the two years that COVID took from us is fast diminishing in the rear-view mirror. Let's make every effort to get together this year.

### **From the Treasurer Stan Kittredge:**

It is about time I got off my ass and back on the horse and put together the reunion so many of you have asked about. As Mike said we have looked at several locations but settled on Framingham because it is so convenient for so many and it had the greatest attendance last time we were there.

So here is the deal.... The weekend of November 4-5. Recognizing that many of you incur considerable expense with air fare, car rental and weekend costs I believe I've put together an affordable plan still living up to your standards.

**Friday: 5:00 Group dinner at the Olive Garden**

**Saturday: 6:00 Group dinner at the 99 Restaurant**

**Saturday Morning Brothers breakfast meeting 8:30 at the Sheraton**

I have made arrangements at both restaurants for you to order directly off the menu and pay as you go.

By guaranteeing a number of rooms I was able to negotiate a \$35.00 a night room reduction. By telling them you are in the Phi Sigma Delta block of rooms you should pay only \$149.00 + tax per night.

However you must call the Framingham Sheraton at 508-879-7200 by October 4<sup>th</sup> after which I can not guarantee the rate or a room.

You may request a single or double beds if you are sharing.

There should be plenty of time for socializing and bonding with old friends and if you are also combining the trip to visit family or just a vacation, New England is a great place to be in the Fall.

There are a few things I need each of you to please do.

Let me know your plans:

1. will you be staying at the hotel and one night or two
2. will you be bringing a guest
3. will you attend both Fri and Sat night dinners
5. will you attend the Saturday morning business meeting (for me that has always been the high light)  
You guys come up with some great comments.
6. Please forward to me \$ 30. per person for related reunion expenses as well as any dues or scholarship donations. (meals at the dinners are on you). 399 Old Farm Rd Franklin, MA 02038
7. DEFINATELY RSVP EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO MAKE IT, I WANT TO KNOW YOU ARE ALIVE!

Thanks, Stan

**Scholarships:** At our 2019 business meeting the Brotherhood voted to increase the amount of our scholarships to \$250.00/ea. Since beginning our scholarship program in 2001 we have awarded 81 scholarships. If you have a child or grandchild who you would like to nominate for a scholarship, applications are on our web site **phisig.atspace.com**. or can be requested from John. Forward the completed application to Chairman John Cycz at: 23 Capt. Lathrop Dr. S. Deerfield, MA 01373.

**Website:** Lloyd Bristol continues to maintain, update and offer many things that might be of interest. If you have not visited the site lately please check it out at: **phisig.atspace.com**

Lloyd is always looking for your comments, photo's or whatever you might share. Lloyd is also the PSD Historian with many photos not posted on the website as well, so if you have some items of nostalgia from your PSD days share them with us via photos. Lloyd can be contacted at [lgbristol@verizon.net](mailto:lgbristol@verizon.net).

**Dues:** Probably the best buy you'll ever have. Annual dues are \$10.00 and can be sent to Stan Kittredge 399 Old Farm Rd Franklin, MA 02038

One more thing: During these crazy times it is more important and worth mentioning a second time, if all Brothers would RSVP and let me know that you are OK or not. Thanks, Stan.