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**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.

*Our younger selves were wise beyond their years. We took an oath of brotherhood, not realizing the impact that oath would have on our own lives and the lives of those around us. To fully appreciate the definition of Brotherhood, you need to experience it. We have had years to let the meaning of Brotherhood sink in, and while I know that it holds a special place in all of our hearts, the true impact is quite personal. The oath is unique, and it was established by decisions made at an earlier time. I urge each of you to take a moment to reflect on what Brotherhood means to you.*

**FROM THE PRESIDENT:** 2025 has been a difficult year for our group. Some of us have suffered personal tragedies, others have health challenges, and we have experienced some losses. All this brings to mind the reason that we decided to go with annual reunions instead of every 2 or 5 years. We never want to miss a chance to see, to hug, to have a laugh, a secret handshake or to enjoy a toast together with our special friends and Brothers. Because of our reunions, I've become closer to Brothers and their wives that I never knew or hardly knew while I was at UMass. Here in Austin, I've met and become great friends with Steve Sackmary (1960) and his wife Marcia. We were immediately bonded by Phi Sigma Delta and have built that into a wonderful friendship. I hope I get to see all of you at the upcoming reunion.

We will be informing everyone about the new website, [psdumass.org](http://psdumass.org) and encouraging all to be interactive in sharing information, pictures, happy events, significant birthdays and anything else that you want to share. We will be presenting an expanded agenda for the BARF Committee for discussion and approval. And, as always, good and welfare is the most memorable and enjoyable part of our meetings, giving everyone a chance to speak and express their thoughts and feelings.

The reunion will be held September 12-14 at the Courtyard Marriott in Oneonta NY near the Baseball Hall of Fame. You can call the Marriott at 607-432-2200 or go online at Marriott.com to make reservations at the Courtyard by Marriott, Oneonta. Unfortunately, the date for the rate lock of \$239/night has expired. There are still plenty of rooms available for \$289/night and we have funds available to offset the increase. Please do not let this increase prevent you from attending. If you need assistance with hotel reservations, contact Gerry Goldhaber by Cell 917-279-2303 or email [Geraldgoldhaber@yahoo.com](mailto:Geraldgoldhaber@yahoo.com). I will be there starting Thursday Sept 11, so be sure to find me if you arrive early.

If you cannot attend due to other commitments, travel difficulty, or whatever, consider joining us by Zoom. Last year we had several guys do this, including Steve, The Riddler, Karoul who joined from his new home in Thailand. You can see and hear everything, vote, comment and participate in Good and Welfare.

Happy trails to you, until we meet again.

**From the Treasurer:** Our new web site debuted July 1, 2025 and the old photos and items have been brought forward along with some new items. Lots of legacy items and memories. Thanks to the team for all the hard work.

Our reunion is about a month away. Looking forward to seeing you and visiting the Baseball Hall of Fame.

**Scholarships:** If you have a child or grandchild who you would like to nominate for a scholarship, applications can be requested from John. Forward the completed application to Chairman John Cycz at: 23 Capt. Lathrop Dr. S. Deerfield, MA 01373.

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