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FROM THE PRESIDENT: “Welcome. Welcome. Welcome. Thrice welcome to these portals. Earthly cares for this brief hour, leave to baser mortals.” It’s interesting that certain things stick in your memory banks. Those words were used to open our mysterious fraternity rituals way back in our collective youths. Who could have known that we were the most cutting-edge organization of our time? Nowadays you cannot accomplish anything anywhere without setting up a portal. Medical services, banking, investing, shopping, entertainment, car repair, veterinary service, on and on all require you to set up a portal. Of course, you need a password. Then they have rules for the password. You must include numbers, upper case, lower case, characters, * & ^ % \$ # @ < > ” : { } !. This is how they used to show swear words in print back in our youthful days. Now we have to say the swears out loud as we fumble and bumble. There are more rules than A E I O U and sometimes Y, I before E except after C. Now we all have so many complicated passwords, we need Google to remember them all. I have a spread sheet for all my passwords and I need a password to protect my passwords. And next “A I” is going to create an extinction event. Sigh. I am definitely a man out of his time. Please help rescue us from this curse. You can do this with your presence at an event of time travel. Time travel is exactly what our reunions feel like to me, a chance to travel back to the days when we were young, cars had carburetors, portals were doors and we had mysterious fraternity rituals. When you attend our reunion, I will open the meeting with these words and I will transport us through time and space to those great days. TheOneTheOnlyRalfoooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo

FROM THE TREASURER: Prior to Memorial Day Bob Band and I placed a wreath on the gravestone of brother Tom Ghelli. As most of you know Tom is the only brother from our chapter to be killed in action. Opening the attachments to this email and clicking on the + will enlarge some photo’s we took while placing the wreath. Bob knew Tom well and wrote the following comments. Tom graduated from Holliston High School in 1965. He attended the University of Mass. for a year 1965/1966 during which time he joined Phi Sigma Delta fraternity, where he participated in many memorable capers. He worked for Bell Telephone before being drafted during the Vietnam War. At that time he entered the US Army. On Jan. 10, 1968 Tom was killed in the Que Son Valley in Vietnam. In a firefight during a search and destroy mission, he spotted two wounded comrades lying in the open. Tom rushed out and pulled them to safety, but was fatally shot as he moved to aid another soldier. He was 20 years old and left behind his parents, Elizabeth and Francis, four brothers and three sisters. Tom was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and V pin. He was posthumously promoted to corporal. For those Brothers of Phi Sigma Delta who knew Tommy, he was a happy and loyal friend, loved to joke around and was a willing participant in many of the great “ideas” which we cooked up during a weekend evening of profound creativity. We miss his great smile and friendship.

2023 REUNION INFORMATION: Hosted by the Irish Village Emerald Resort October 13-15 HYANNIS, MA (formally the Cape Cod Conference Ctr.) To make a reservation the On line Group Code must be used or call into reservations at Toll Free 866-828-9111 extension 1 and ask for the Phi Sigma Delta Reunion Group Rate. Below is the Code and On line Instructions for Guests to follow when making a reservation to obtain the group rate. 1) Go to this website only www.capecodresortandconferencecenter.com 2) Click on the Check Availability/Book Online tab 3) Complete the check availability form **Note this is where the GUEST NEEDS TO ENTER THE GROUP CODE FOR THE RATE GROUP CODE: PSDR23 Once completed click the "Search for availability and Pricing" tab 4) Choose from available room types and rates by clicking the Book Now tab on the desired room type 5) Review Reservation information and Complete Guest information and payment, must check to agree to cancellation & guarantee policies,

SCHOLARSHIPS: At our 2019 business meeting the Brotherhood voted to increase the amount of our scholarships to \$250. each. Since beginning our scholarship program we have awarded 84. If you have a child or grandchild you would like to nominate for a scholarship, applications are on our web site PHISIG.ATSPACE.COM or may be requested from Scholarship Chairman John Cycz at: 23 Capt. Lathrop Dr. South Deerfield, MA 01373

DUES; Probably the best buy you will ever have. Annual dues are \$10.00 and can be sent to Stan Kittredge 399 Old Farm Rd Franklin, MA 02038 Dedicated to Thomas A. Ghelli KIA Jan, 10, 1968 at the battle of Que Sanh, Vietnam