

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 one-of-a-kind and we can thank our younger selves for setting us down this path. I urge each of you to take a moment to reflect on what Brotherhood means to you.

FROM THE PRESIDENT: I am amazed that 2025 is nearly half over. Our Website Committee has been hard at work pulling the new website together and we now have a launch date for July 1. The Reunion Committee has planned a perfect weekend. The dates are Sept. 12-14 or longer if you wish. The hotel, the restaurants, the Baseball Hall of Fame arrangements and transportation are all perfect. I made my reunion room reservation for Thursday-Sunday by calling the Marriot Oneonta, NY at 607-432-2200 and referencing the group code "PSDS". The Thursday rate was \$189. Anyone else there for Thursday, drinks are on me. I am grateful to all of our Committee participants for their hard work and dedication to the Brotherhood of Phi Sigma Delta and the Alumni Association of Phi Sigma Delta UMass/Amherst. As usual meals and beverages will be pay as you go. Party on Brothers!

FROM THE TREASURER: *Several items actually make this a real newsletter*

Ralph's comments above will provide you with the needed information on the reunion. Please make your reservations today. Note: If something pops up and you are unable to attend the hotel will refund any deposit if you cancel 24 hours before check in. So do it today!

John Earle has made his reservation and is coming from Venise, Fl, Ralph is in from Austin, TX who will travel the farthest?

Please forward me \$30.00 per person for reunion expenses in addition to your annual dues, and any contribution you would like to make to the scholarship fund.

The new web site goes online July 1st. It has been an expensive endeavor and a ton of work to convert those old photos from the 50's and 60's taken with the old Brownie Sure Shot to today's technology. In addition to new items, we have been able to save most of the old site info. The expense of the new site put a dent in our Treasury and without your support we never could have built a new site. I want to thank all of you who contributed funds to make it a reality. I think you will like the results. Please forward your comments..

Sad to announce that Information has reached me regarding the Passing of Dave Whitney '75 (1/5/25) and John (Moose) Barysaukas '76 (5/29/25)

From: The web committee: We are pleased to announce that the Phi Sig website has been migrated to a newer platform based in the USA. It will go live on July 1st under the address <http://www.psdumass.org>

We wish to acknowledge the many years of diligent work by Lloyd Bristol who kept up the initial site that was started by Vinny Grandonico. A firm from NYC, Jonas Music Services, assisted us with the creation of the new site and the difficult task of migrating the content from the old site to our new one. We still have some catch-up work to do with previous reunions that were not in the old site and some reloading of composites that need to be re-scanned as a single photo. We also anticipate inputs from brothers as they view the site and have inputs of their own so it will be a constant work in progress,

Going forward we have created a web team of 4 people with access to the editing tools and their terms will rotate as we do with other committees. They have spent hundreds of hours since our last reunion on researching, designing and editing the new site. They are

Fran Bourdon - webmaster and general content editor

Vinny Grandonico - Umass events and history

Ken Bodzioch - uploading old & future newsletters

Gerry Goldhaber - General editor and Contact to Jonas Music Services

Stan and Ralph assist with content sourcing and approvals needed as the site comes to fruition.

Please visit the site and we can discuss it further at the Reunion. Hoping to see you all there

On the health front: As we begin to age out all manner of ailments begin to kick in. Below are just four guys with issues that I know about. No doubt there are more of you. Reach out if you have a minute.

- Rich Cook continues to rehab at home: c-413-320-8348
- Rick Fortier is rehabbing at home after a knee replacement c-860-202-6130
- Tom Nastasia is also rehabbing after suffering a brain bleed stroke c-508-685-3526 I spoke with Tom on Thursday and he's doing better 5-6 hours of rehab work every day.
- Jay Cammarata continues to work through a shoulder & back issue: c-508-304-2584

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.

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