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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.

**From the President:** I had a chance to drive my granddaughter back to Worcester Polytech yesterday. She is an engineering sophomore. She talked non-stop, all the way from Somers, Connecticut. The subject was her boyfriend and their pals in common, 3 or 4 of whom all grew up on Cuttyhunk (during the Summer) with Maddy. The internet keeps these kids together during the off season. Maddy went on and on about fraternity life at WPI. Her boyfriend and their pals have pledged TKE. Poor choice aside, Maddy marveled about the "Bigs." (Big Brothers). She thought it a great way to make sure a freshman got integrated into campus life. Same for the "Littles," passing the tradition on to the new pledges, the little brothers. On the Mass Pike I heard all about "scroll numbers" and "house rules." She was disappointed that the sororities on campus weren't as structured. It warmed my soul to learn that our fraternity traditions are still alive and that they continue to bind folks together for life. It has worked for us, let's hope the brothers at TKE enjoy the same ride. We had a great ZOOM meeting and, of course, we will try again. We are working on an "in person" and will keep you in the loop. Mike

**From the Treasurer:** I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and were able to spend some quality time with family and friends. The friendship of Phi Sigma Delta was on display recently as we had our second ZOOM call of 2021. The Brothers on the call shared stories and information about their lives and that of their families. The call was well received and the guys expressed an interest in doing it again. Discussion was held about holding off on any planned reunion in D.C. and instead holding one in the Spring somewhere in New England. I'll do some research and find a venue and hopefully we'll be able to pull it off. In the meantime continue to reach out and keep in touch. Anyone needing a current address list please let me know. I hope you all have a great holiday season and are looking forward to a new year.-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.

When you send your dues if you want to earmark any additional funds for scholarship just let your treasurer know.

**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.

**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 would be great if all Brothers would RSVP and let me know that you are OK or not. Thanks, Stan

Try the website at <u>Phisig.atspace.com</u> Email <u>Stan Kittredge</u>