# The SALTINE SIG

### Finding Lifelong Sigma Chi Brotherhood

This issue of the Saltine Sig has a common theme: There are so many advantages to being a Sigma Chi... if only each brother were to take a moment to seek them and engage. It is all based on the unique respect of brotherhood that should have been experienced during undergrad years, and perpetuated for lifewherever we live, work, and pursue our individual passions. This is not to be confused with conformity or unquestioned loyalty. It is about the special respect (call it brotherhood) that we find each time encounter a Sigma Chi, and especially when in our own chapter house, our common connection of memories and current life experiences.

The articles in this issue are addressed to an essential truth: being a Sigma Chi is not about the separation of undergrad and alumni lives. It is about growing together, and always being there to support, respect, and enjoy all generations of Sig brothers. You can't teach Sigma Chi respect, yet we can engage with what it delivers to us and to our fraternity.

Here are a few simple and winning Sigma Chi respect challenges:

#### Undergraduates

- Love & respect our chapter house. It is the unifying forever home of all Psi Psis.
- Enjoy and make the most of your time as Psi Psi, respecting yourself, your brothers, and our fraternity.
- Respect your future by learning true leadership through Sigma Chi resources—seek a timeless connection with your Alumni Big Brother.

### State of the Chapter: Psi Psi Excels

### Jack Brotman '21 | Pro Consul 2019

The 2019-20 school year was off to a great start at 737 Comstock. Brothers arrived back on campus the weekend of August 23<sup>rd</sup> eager to see the renovations done over the summer. The new wood floors in the foyer and kitchen, repaired fire escape, and new furniture all look amazing. A huge thank you to Jim Whitbread, Lisa Leonard, and all of Housing Corp. for their hard work. The house looks incredible.

We are proud to say that applications for scholarships are already significantly higher than prior years. We believe we are well on our way to raising our overall GPA, with many brothers volunteering as tutors for the chapter. We are also incredibly proud of our record-breaking Derby Days total of \$68,000 last spring and look forward to improving on that total this coming year.

Three years ago, Sigma Chi implemented an online pledge-learning program,

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Psi Psi continues to excel in all aspects of campus life. Our brothers are diverse in every sense of the word. We have brothers from six different countries and 15 states. We have brothers in all academic fields, from business to engineering to industrial design and even acting. We have brothers who play sports, make music, design clothes, and film movies. This is why Psi Psi is such a special place—it is truly for everyone.

The chapter's biggest goals for this academic year are to continue improving on the chapter topics set forward in the "Campaign to Restore Psi Psi Traditions," including recruitment efforts, execution of the ritual, philanthropy efforts, alumni relations, scholarship programs, and raising the chapter's cumulative GPA. Preparation for Brotherhood (P4B), which is designed to make the pledge process more uniform, organized, and informative across all chapters of Sigma Chi. Since the original implementation, we have been able to work past the initial kinks and have found the program incredibly helpful for educating our new members about the values and ritual of Sigma Chi.

This semester, we look forward to growing close with Debbie McKie, our new chapter advisor from the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs. Debbie served as our chapter advisor as recently as two years ago and will take back the position after last year's advisor, Shelanda Duncan, took a job elsewhere.

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### SIGMA CHI BY THE NUMBERS

- **348,126** Total number of members (living & deceased)
- 60,367 Life Loyal Sigs
  - 237 Total number of active chapters
- 70% Percentage of chapters above all-men's GPA average
- \$7,621,224 Scholarships & grants distributed by the Sigma Chi Foundation in 2018-19
- **\$4.8 million** Total philanthropy donations by all chapters

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### Current Officers

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### **Follow Us**

Follow the undergraduate chapter @sigmachisu for updates on philanthropies, brotherhood events, and other happenings from 737 Comstock.

Visit **psipsi.org** for information for and about Psi Psi alumni, events, House Corp., and many other things related to Psi Psi and Sigma Chi.

# Introducing the Spring 2019 Pledge Class

On November 2, 2019, we initiated 11 candidates as Psi Psi Sigma Chis. We believe these young men are worthy of carrying forward the values and traditions of the fraternity and we are excited to see them continue to grow and excel as members of the Psi Psi Chapter. We look forward to adding more new members during the upcoming spring recruitment period from January 17-31. The 11 members of the spring 2019 pledge class are:

#### **James Amorante**

Northport, New York Studies finance, interested in video games.

Francesco Antonietti Genoa, Italy Major is undeclared, interested in soccer.

**Noah Christian** Richmond, Virginia *Studies sport management, interested in football and film.* 

**Colin Crouse** Chatham, New Jersey *Majors in psychology, interested in baseball, football, and playing the drums.* 

#### Ary Dhawal

Austin, Texas Majors in finance and real estate, interested in skateboarding, music, architecture, cars, and fashion.

**\*\*Dylan Honis** Saratoga Springs, New York Studies finance and real estate, interested in golf, lacrosse, fishing and video games.

#### **Lex Kronbichler**

Rhinebeck, New York Major is undeclared, interested in basketball, soccer, and skiing.

#### **Myles Pearson**

Pikesville, Maryland Studies psychology, interested in basketball, football, and media.

#### \*\*Spencer Pickett

York, Maine Studies information management and technology, interested in hockey, fitness, technology, and the beach.

### **Patrick Romero**

Bronx, New York Studies health and exercise science, interested in sports, physical therapy, hip hop, and community service.

#### **Matthew Spagnola**

Staten Island, New York Majors in policy studies, interested in boxing, soccer, and music.

### (\*\*indicates Psi Psi legacy)



The spring pledge class.

# Graduating Seniors and Where They Are Heading

On May 13, 2019, the following 32 Psi Psi seniors received their diplomas and became Syracuse University and Psi Psi alumni. Here is where they are headed now:

Matt Abt '18 Stamford, CT

Hunter Acone '19 Los Angeles, CA

**Prakash Arrastia '18** New York, NY

Anthony Bellai '18 Albany, NY

Jay Boyington '19 New York, NY

Ryan Carr '19 Connecticut

Connor Cimino '19 New York, NY

Brandon Das '19 Albany, NY

Klint Drici '18 Connecticut

Jack Egan '18 New York, NY

Patrick Feeney '19 New York, NY Adam Gottsch '19 New York, NY

Ciaran Herlihy '19 Washington, D.C. Marcus Holloway

**'19** New York, NY

Matt Intili '19 New York, NY

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Sam Mooney '19 New York, NY Amron Mulat '19

Rockville, MD

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Marc-Eddy Paul '19 New York, NY

Ayal Pessar '18 New York, NY

Joe Potenza '19 New York, NY

Theo Resnick '19 New York, NY

Javier Ruiz '19 New York, NY Corey Sandler '19 New York, NY

Anderson Serrata '19 New York, NY

Jake Slye '19 New York, NY

Evan Surrick '19 Connecticut

Ryan Tabb '19 Los Angeles, CA

### Matteo Chizzola '21 Sydney, Australia

Nick Cunningham '21 Madrid, Spain Killian Cyrs '20 Madrid, Spain

Chris Daus '21 Prague, Czech Republic

> Dylan Gordon '21 London, England

Philippe Halaban '21 Madrid, Spain

Jabari Johnson '21 Madrid, Spain

Jared Kaiman '21 Madrid, Spain Nate Kellar '21 Madrid, Spain

Liam Lawlor '21

London, England

David Ogunnowo '21

Madrid, Spain

Max Pasquina '21 Madrid, Spain

Tim Ray '21

Madrid, Spain Jordan White '20

**Russell Walker '21** 

Madrid, Spain

James Rudman '21 London, England

Sydney, Australia

- Intramural Sports: -Psi Psis in the Game

Psi Psi continues to field numerous intramural sports teams, including ice hockey, basketball, soccer, softball, and flag football.

We also have numerous brothers who participate at the club level. We have three brothers playing club baseball, three playing club basketball, four playing club rugby, and one each on the club lacrosse and soccer teams.

# Brothers' Personal Achievements

**Russell Walker '21** recently started a clothing brand going by the name of LASTDAY. He hopes to grow the brand on campus and supply the brotherhood with clothing to sport.

Brothers Abroad in Spring 2020

**Henry Little '21** was named employee of the month for the month of June during his summer internship with the Oakland Athletics. He has also been working as a brand ambassador for Yerba Mate.

**Chris Daus '21** continues to grow his successful clothing company, Nice as Heck.

**Tommy Nolan '22** and **Jack Brotman '21** attended Sigma Chi's inaugural Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop in Bowling Green, Ohio.

**John Aviles '20** earned his lifeguard certification.

**Nick O'Connor '20** has been working as a brand ambassador for Truly Seltzer.

**Ben Alon '21** won the intern case competition during his summer internship with the Brooklyn Nets.

# Brothers Lead in Philanthropy Across Campus

Psi Psi continues to lead the philanthropic charge on campus. On October 3, we welcomed back the American Red Cross to host our biannual blood drive. The chapter is currently working with Psi Psi alumni to hopefully find a way for alumni across the country to donate blood at their local Red Cross locations, yet have their donations count to the chapter's totals.

We are also in the process of scheduling our

second annual Sigma Hoops charity basketball tournament, co-hosted by Psi Psi and Phi Beta Sigma, a multicultural fraternity on campus. Proceeds from this event are donated to the March of Dimes organization.

On November 1, our fall 2019 pledge class completed its community service project by spending the day moving boxes and restocking shelves at West Value Thrifty Shopper in Syracuse to help out the



Brothers celebrate after winning the "Tri Delt Pancake" philanthropy event.

# Become a Psi Psi Alumni Big Brother

The No. 1 reason for college and being a Sigma Chi is obtaining a post-grad Sigma Chi advantage. As Psi Psi alumni, we can relate to undergrad social life, yet we know more about real life after Comstock Avenue. Today's Psi Psi undergrads could use some help in preparing, which only we can provide. Hence, we have initiated the Psi Psi Alumni Big Brother program.

The problem: out of over 1,600 Psi Psi alumni, too few have taken the challenge to match the number of undergrads who have requested an ABB connection. Please read on and take up the challenge.

Very simply, we are looking to give our undergrad brothers an opportunity to connect with a Psi Psi alumnus who is in the profession they are pursuing, live where they now live or where they hope to be, or simply shares interests.

We start with second semester

sophomores already settled into college and ready to declare their majors. Each undergrad will be provided a list of alumni who have volunteered to be ABBs along with their profession, location, and interests, but not contact info. The undergrad will contact me with their ABB pick. I will then reach out to the potential ABB to confirm interest based on the undergrad info provided. If okay, I will then provide the info to the undergrad to make the contact.

This is a very special opportunity to both give back and enjoy the connecting and building a Sigma Chi life. Please respond that you want to become an Alumni Big Brother to a current undergrad Little Brother.

The job is simple-the reward significant.

Phil Oldham '66 Alumni Big Brother Coordinator Poldham405@aol.com



The fall 2019 pledge class members pose for a photo during their community service project.

Syracuse Rescue Mission.

As always, Psi Psi participated in many other philanthropy events around campus, including Theta Bowl, Phi Sig Inferno, Delta Gamma Nachos, and even took home the crown at Tri Delt Pancakes.

Perhaps the philanthropical highlight of the semester was dropping off a check for \$35,000 at Golisano Children's Hospital. The remainder of the \$68,000 raised during last year's Derby Days was donated to the Huntsman Cancer Foundation and the Children's Miracle Network.

### Lifelong Brotherhood (continued from page 1)

### Alumni

- Reach out through social media, directly, or in person to your Psi Psi brothers, and the Sigma Chi alumni chapter where you live, and find brothers who share your professional and personal interests and the forever bond of Sigma Chi Brotherhood. If you live in NYC, see you at Slattery's, our NYC home on 36<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Recognize that you can affect the future of a Psi Psi undergrad—become an Alumni Big Brother.
- Take the time and opportunity to enjoy and benefit from being an engaged Psi Psi/Sigma Chi. There is much to gain.

Phil Oldham '66 Saltine Sig Editor

# PSI PSI ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD LAUNCHED

Alumni support is critical to the long-term success of any Sigma Chi active chapter. Those chapters with consistent and abundant alumni involvement tend to be our best chapters. We have therefore officially launched the Psi Psi Alumni Advisory Board. This advisory board has a separate and distinct function from the House Corporation, which continues to serve as the landlord and works with chapter officers on issues related to house maintenance, renovations, and finances.

In light of Sigma Chi's mission, the purpose of the chapter alumni advisory board is to:

kind of engagement we are trying to build is for alums to be available to answer a question once in a while via email, text, or phone from a curious undergrad brother looking for some guidance.

We will also try to use the modern digital tools that weren't available to a lot of us older brothers. Most undergrads and alums are on LinkedIn and just intentionally connecting through a Psi Psi page would be a great start. So please respond to this outreach with your latest contact info and LinkedIn or other social presence you can share. If you see a social invite from a

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- · Provide chapters with continuity of chapter vision and goals.
- Act as a liaison between the undergraduate chapter and the International Fraternity.
- · Provide consistency in the advisement of chapter officers.
- Assist in officer transition, leadership retreats, chapter operations, and member training.
- Provide alumni members with an opportunity to serve the fraternity and honor their lifelong commitment to Sigma Chi...and have a little fun along the way.

We are actively looking for alumni advisors to join us to help secure a healthy future for the Psi Psi Chapter. Our goal is to re-establish a strong bond between the undergrads and alumni. While we love to see alums at Homecoming and Clambake, the Psi Psi page, that is probably an alum or undergrad brother, so please accept the invitation.

Current board members of the Psi Psi Alumni Advisory Board (AAB) are John Honis '83, Jim Fini '83, Ted Collins '84, Geoff Geruso '85, and Greg Sozek '82. They reside in Florida, LA, New Jersey, and Saratoga Springs, New York. So, don't let your location hold you back. The more brothers who can volunteer even just a little time and attention will go a long way in helping the undergraduate brothers navigate the complex chapter, campus, and national issues that all fraternities are facing these days.

If you'd like to discuss getting involved, please contact Ted at tedcollins1@gmail.com. For inquiries regarding social presence/ LinkedIn, contact Jim at jimfini@icloud.com.

Have you ever gone to bed at night disappointed because you did nothing to change the course of human history? How about changing the course of an individual college student's life? Well, I am an example of someone whose life was changed by my Board of Bar Examiners. I mentor undergraduate Sigma Chi brothers at my alma mater, Brown University. I am comfortable in my own skin, because of the boost to my self-esteem and confidence built during my undergraduate years in my fraternity.

Keep Psi Psi Alive

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association with my fraternity, Sigma Chi. I am who I am today because of my Greek affiliation. I am a proud parent, grandparent, and uncle. I am the managing partner of my law firm and serve on my state's Sigma Chi provided me with a safe harbor, yet I was challenged by my peers, now brothers, experiencing the same questions, fears, and doubts about college and life in general. We could express ourselves openly and share our hopes, successes, and failures with one another, precisely because we were amongst our brothers from different backgrounds—even when we disagreed. We learned to hold our own, likely in ways we could not have in a mixed gender setting.

Having expressed the value of my college fraternity experience, let me address an unfortunate move by one of America's premier halls of learning, Harvard University. Diversity is a critical and compelling attribute on a college campus. Students of diverse backgrounds, temperaments, talents, and convictions benefit from their personal selection for affiliation from a wide choice of campus and social groups. Colleges throughout North America recognize the significance of providing their students

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### From the Executive Committee: Answer the Call

Brothers,

We Sigma Chi alumni brothers are over 250,000 strong. We are diverse and proud, and, individually, we are also vital to the longterm success of our fraternity and to the success of our individual brothers. Our brothers, whether in or out of college, share with us bonds, ideals, memories, and current situations that are stronger because of the special bond that being a Sigma Chi can inspire. engagement that do exist at all levels of participation. We are in the process of correcting this and connecting brothers.

Regardless of how one chooses to be involved, there remains a base level of expectation of our brothers: that all possess at least a consciousness that we are Sigs for life, rather than merely a small component of the collegiate experience. Such is our belief and our responsibility. We recognize, in the words of one of our brothers,

"Our Sigma Chi experience is rooted in a lifelong commitment of leadership and support that continues, unbroken by graduation."

At initiation we made a lifelong commitment to each Sigma Chi brother and to the general fraternity. Yet for many, the benefits of being a Sigma Chi have been left behind with graduation. Keeping Sigma Chi alumni engagement alive is integral to the health and wellbeing of our current undergraduate chapter network—from our home chapters to alumni and undergrad chapters where we now live.

Our Sigma Chi experience is rooted in a lifelong commitment of leadership and support that continues, unbroken by graduation. As such, each Sigma Chi can and should reflect lifelong brother involvement, rather than separating alumni and undergraduate segments as distinct. We have this amazing opportunity to strengthen our base and revitalize those brotherly feelings. While no easy task, we brothers of all generational eras, individually, can do it. The fraternity offers various methods of engagement and connectivity. Still many are unaware of the opportunities for "I do not need to always DO Sigma Chi in order to BE a Sigma Chi." But by being a Sig, by proudly acknowledging the favor and distinction shown to me by wearing my badge, "I have greater satisfaction in my life simply because I AM a Sigma Chi."

Our values and ideals are not dormant in my life. Brothers, NOW is the time to begin to give back, to engage, to help even one brother. The resources have never been more numerous. You can make that difference, lead, and encourage those successes that will truly change Sigma Chi and the world. Won't you try? Our fraternity has given opportunity to you once before; we will gladly do so again. Get involved. Let us show you how we can foster those opportunities.

Bob Wilson '81 Zeta Tau (Fort Hayes State University) Alumnus at Large Representative to the Executive Committee of Sigma Chi Fraternity

# NYC-Area Alumni Take Advantage of Psi Psi's Downstate Dominance

### Phil Oldham '66 | President | poldham405@aol.com Rob Case '88 | Vice President | robmcase@gmail.com NYC Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter

The New York City area is home to the largest assemblage of Sigma Chi's anywhere over 8,000—and we Psi Psis dominate. Take advantage of being a NYC area Psi Psi—making professional, personal, and just plain Sigma Chi brotherhood connections with your NYC area Sig neighbors.

Rob Case '88 and I are building the NYC Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter to fully benefit our NYC Psi Psi brothers. Reach out and be part of what NYC Psi Psi/Sigma Chi will be for you.

Join us and your Psi Psi & Sig brothers at **NYC Sig Brothers Nights** the first Wednesday of every Month **at Slattery's** (36<sup>th</sup> Street, east of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., close to all in-town and suburban commuter transportation). See you at Slattery's.



(L-R) Charlie Goetz '85, Jim Fini '83 AAB, John Honis '83 AAB, Scott Ward '83, Greg Sozek '82 AAB, Bill Gerbig '84 House Corp, Ted Collins '84 AAB

### State of the Chapter

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We were able to build a very strong relationship with Shelanda and the rest of the office last year by scheduling weekly check-in meetings and will continue to do that this year.

We are also excited to continue building our relationship with our Sigma Chi Chapter Advisor Mark Alton. Mark has been an incredible asset to our executive board and is always eager to help with any issues or questions we may have.

The future of Psi Psi is very bright. We have a large group of young, emerging leaders who are sure to continue the upward trajectory of the chapter as soon as they take the reins. We are all eager to see and contribute to the future of our chapter.

### Letter From the Foundation Chair

When I was initiated into Sigma Chi I wasn't aware how formative the experience would be for me. I certainly had no idea how important Sigma Chi would be to me more than 50 years after I graduated.

So in 2014 when I joined your Sigma Chi Foundation's Board of Governors I wanted to do all that I could to assure that many years from now young men would have the opportunity to share the bonds of brotherhood and enrich their lives as mine has been enriched. What is necessary to assure a healthy, vibrant Sigma Chi?

Success starts with recruiting men of character and good hearts. We need to help them understand the core values, ideas, and beliefs that have made our fraternity so successful. World-class learning programs are needed to help our young brothers develop leadership and social skills. Finally, it is crucial that we support our chapters with the help, wisdom, and guidance of engaged alumni. Without engaged alumni, chapters don't flourish.

I'm proud of the fraternity's new, groundbreaking transformational leadership programs. I'm proud of all that fraternity staff and volunteers do to assure Sigma Chi's future. I'm proud of the foundation team's efforts to provide funds to support scholarships and the fraternity's work. I'm proud of our undergraduate brothers, who challenge each other to help Sigma Chi be the best it can be. And I'm proud of my Psi Psi brothers who give money, time, and emotional energy to keep the chapter healthy and the house in great shape.

These words are truer than ever–I'm proud to be a Sigma Chi and a Psi Psi!

Joe Durzo '67 Chairman, Sigma Chi Foundation Board of Governors



Brotherhood in action: Alumni gather on the porch for Homecoming 2019.

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with such diverse choices—including most of Harvard's Ivy League peers.

Harvard University has chosen a path of enforced emphasis on conformity by denying, indeed punishing, its students for choosing to associate with single sex organizations. Beyond being antithetical to the First Amendment, taking away the opportunity to belong to a singlesex organization undermines Harvard's educational mission. It hampers the ability of its students to succeed as individuals, it sullies its remarkable reputation, and it does a disservice to society. The bonding that takes place in a single sex fraternity empowers us to succeed and build lifelong connections. This precious right—the right of decision and association—is powerful and life changing. Do not take it away!

Our individual challenge as Sigma Chis is to take fresh advantage of the unique bonds and benefits of brotherhood, by

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building (or rebuilding) connections with our undergraduate and alumni brothers for their and our continued personal and professional growth.

Reach out to the brothers from your chapter or the alumni chapter where you live, and make the most of what began in Sigma Chi chapter houses all across our country and Canada.

> Michael A. Ursillo Brown '78

# Psi Psi Alumni Send Their News

### **BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!**

Don't Miss This Year's Mid-'70s/Mid-'80s Era Reunion

### June 25-28, 2020

Early arrivals show up **Thursday after-noon, June 25**. Dinner will be informal. Head to M Street or organize a barbecue off grill. Card game or backgammon at the House. BYOB.

**Friday, June 26**, Golf at Turning Stone Resort on the Atunyote course (White tees 71.7/134 6561 par 72. Greens fees are \$225; includes cart, warm up, and locker). We will head back to the house, where there will be a BYOB happy hour from 4:00-7:00 p.m., followed by a family-style sit-down dinner starting at 7:00 p.m. (a catered barbecue off the grill; burgers, salads, etc.).

On **Saturday, June 27**, golf at Green Lakes State Park (White tees 69/121 5920 par 71. Greens fees are \$43; includes cart). After golf, we will gather up at the house, where there will be a BYOB happy hour from 4:00-7:00 p.m., followed by a family-style sit-down dinner, starting at 7:00 p.m. (catered barbecue off the grill; burgers, salads, etc.).

**Sunday, June 30**, there will be a light breakfast served at 7:00 a.m. The house will be closed up at 12:00 noon.

On a first-come, first-served basis, you can stay at the house, or if you are afraid of the ghosts from eras past—book a room in a local hotel. If you plan to stay at the house, plan to bring linens or a sleeping bag, pillow, towel, fan, etc. Here is the link to the RSVP form, which is also on the psipsi.org website: https://tinyurl.com/PsiPsi2020.

All the options to participate are on the website registration form.

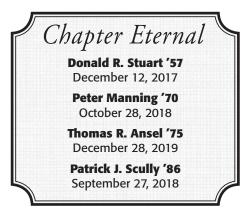
### Any questions?

Email me at hank@suomi33.com or call me at 617-312-6800.

**Robert "Rabbit" Bowles '51** writes, "Things pretty much the same here in small town USA. Monsoon very poor this year. Very little rain—dry, dry, dry! Interesting fact: (I think) in this town of 20,000 we have three Sigs. All in our church of 60 pepole. Myself, a brother from Denver, and the minister. 'Til next time, *in hoc.*" (1096 Calle Del Rancho, Oracle, AZ 85623 or r.bowles6@icloud.com)

Hank Suominen '78 writes, "Mid-'70s era gathered for the second time June 27-30, 2019, at 737 Comstock Avenue for a weekend of golf, good food, and plenty of catching up. It was great to see Glenn Nunnamaker '78, Ron Andenmatten '75, Billy Peskin '76, Warren Boin '76, and Gary Katz '77. Played Green Lakes State Park and at Turning Stone's Kaluhyat Course. Keep the last weekend in June in mind for a road trip to the 'Cuse as this will be an annual event going forward. Also had drop-ins by Butch Gilbert '77 and Larry Kloock '77. One of the best attributes of Psi Psi is how over 40 years friendships have endured the test of time."

Jeff Sumner '88 writes, "Started my own company, JMS Private Car Services, providing transportation requests in the Tucson, Arizona, metropolitan area. Living in sunny Arizona, 300-plus days of sunshine a year. I am not missing the arctic blasts from living in Chicago. Running half marathons for fun. Still stay in touch with Jon Lamb '88." (5755 East River Rd., #1320, Tucson, AZ 85750 or jeffrey.sumner1@gmail.com)



### Remembering Brother Thomas R. Ansel '75

Psi Psi Brother Tom Ansel '75 entered Chapter Eternal on December 28, 2019. Tom had a gifted personality and engaging



L-R: Larry Kloock '77, Rick Annenberg '77, Hank Suominen '78, Tom Ansel '75, Billy Peskin '76.

manner that drew so many to befriend him. He was one of my NYC roommates in the early '80s, an usher in my wedding, and fellow partisan of conservative politics. Many of us enjoyed our times getting Tom all up in a twist over politics—the Ansel rage is what it was known as—over things he just knew were wrong and for which most of us would not argue, as we knew he was right. Tom left us too soon and will be sorely missed. RIP.

Hank Suominen '78

### **Connecting with our Psi Psi Brothers**

Connecting with your 1,600-plus Psi Psi brothers is the basic advantage of being a Psi Psi, yet a great many have been lost because we do not have their current email or mailing address. Here are three steps you can take to help find our missing brothers

Go on to the psipsi.org website to check your own contact info.

Check out the list of lost Psi Psis on the psipsi.org website to see if know any you can contact to update their contact info.

Be bold and email me to confirm that you received this latest *Saltine Sig*, hence we have your correct snail mail address—and confirm your email address. You can also offer any comments or reach out to any Psi Psi brothers you want to be in contact, or to share your professional or personal interests to make connections.

Let's get and stay connected.

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