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Fall 2019

# Iowa Beta wins Grand Chapter Award from National Fraternity!



Michael Ciabatti (L) and Jack Shover, GPs whose terms covered the period of the Grand Chapter Award, admire the new hardware.

The recent successes of lowa Beta have not gone unnoticed by the National Fraternity, and this fall we were named the 2019 recipient of the Grand Chapter Award. This is an award presented annually to the chapter that is currently considered to be the best in the nation.

If you recall your Fraternity history, Phi Kappa Psi's first form of government centered on a Grand Chapter. One chapter at a time was designated the Grand Chapter, and it was responsible for governing the national fraternity. This lasted until 1886, when a new constitution changed to the current form of government.

In 1992, Phi Kappa Psi began to recognize one exceptional chapter with the Grand Chapter Award. This award was initially granted biennially at Grand Arch Councils. The year 2001 marked the first time that this award was granted in an odd-numbered year, and it has been an annual award ever since.

Special thanks go to Michael Ciabatti, spring semester 2019 AG, who was responsible for submitting the extensive application required in order to be considered for the honor. Of course, success in academics, recruitment, campus involvement, and other aspects of chapter life is a team effort, and that was certainly the case here.

It's easy to think of this award as one for the current undergraduates. But it's really an award for everybody who has participated in any fashion since our restart, from our earliest initiates in our reborn chapter — when it seemed that every other chapter in the ISU Greek community was bigger and better than us — to every alumnus who has made a financial contribution along the way, regardless of size. All participants have played a part. This award is for all of you.

High! High! Phi Kappa Psi! Live Ever! Die Never! Phi Kappa Psi!

# Chapter Report: 30 Initiates, Homecoming Victory, Academic and Philanthropic Success

**New Initiates** 



Front Row, L-R: Wyatt Thomas Wirkus, 1648 (Middleton, WI); Samuel Thomas Loven, 1636 (Plymouth, MN); Spencer Michael Weyer, 1634 (Johnston, IA); Austin Robert Beckhardt, 1629 (O'Fallon, MO); Jordan Alexander Swanson, 1631 (Urbandale, IA); William James Donaghy, 1632 (Des Moines, IA); Holden Robert Larson 1642 (Garner, IA); Fabrizio Emanuele Ducato, 1641 (Rockford, IL); Jack Macmaster Doe, 1650 (West Des Moines, IA); and Spencer James Davis, 1657 (Robins, IA).

Middle Row, L-R: Louie Ray Ervin III, 1651 (Robins, IA); lan Timothy Crumley, 1630 (Marion, IA); Henry Joseph Witterschein, 1649 (Chanhassen, MN); Tyler John Loecke, 1644 (Urbandale, IA); Matthew Patrick Dwyer, 1635 (Rosemount, MN); Gannon Manning White, 1628 (Ames, IA); Mason Michael Fairchild, 1646 (Runnels, IA); Daniel William Coughlin, 1647 (Cedar Rapids, IA); and Kevin John Czerwinski, 1653 (Gurnee, IL).

Back Row, L-R: Gavin James McQuillan, 1639 (Omaha, NE); Nicholas Quintin Schwartz, 1637 (Payson, IL); Caden Nathaniel Ware, 1633 (Lincoln, NE); Jacob Ryan Cort, 1655 (Pleasant Hill, IA); Alec Bennet Jeorg, 1652 (Waukesha, WI); Travis James Loecke, 1643 (Urbandale, IA); Drew Michael Hafner, 1645 (Panora, IA); Brandon Duane Bueltel, 1640 (Waconia, MN); Connor James Trebac, 1656 (Deer Park, IL); Leo Owen Forney, 1654 (Gurnee, IL); and Evan Gregory Smith, 1638 (Urbandale, IA).

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Chapter Report, continued

On November 8, 2019, we welcomed 30 new members into our brotherhood. The newly initiated men show great potential, many of them having already taken leadership positions in the chapter for the coming semester. A special gratitude is owed to our Summer Recruitment Chairs, Oliver Stratton and Gavin Sullivan, as well as our VP of Membership, Jacob Heen, for recruiting our newest class. If you know of any incoming students with high academics and solid character, please notify one of our recruitment chairs for next summer: Gannon White, (515) 509-4015, gwhite@iastate.edu, or Jordan Swanson (515) 777-9490, jordan08@iastate.edu.

#### Academics

Academics remain strong at the chapter! Our overall fall semester average of 3.31 placed us third among the 30 IFC fraternities. Eighty-one men received a 3.00 or above — that's 73% of the 110 men on our roster for fall semester. (By the way, our chapter size of 110 was also third highest among IFC fraternities.) Five men received a perfect 4.00 — John Draker, Pat Karys, Josh Main, Colin Walsh, and Spencer Weyer.

### Philanthropy and Service



Phi Psi dominated the ISU Blood Drive in leadership and participation. Here, L-R, senior Ben Foxen, and superseniors Jonny Williams and James Caldwell, get in the act.

Our philanthropy chairman, Cooper Boeff, tried something entirely new for our fall philanthropy. This semester, Phi Psi hosted a small hockey tournament at the Ames Ice Arena against Sigma Phi Epsilon, while raising around \$2,500 for Ames' Youth Shelter Services in the process. Attendees were able to watch two games against each fraternity's so-called "A" and "B" teams, and it was great to watch this unique philanthropy idea succeed so well! We look forward to expanding on this idea and potentially trying it again next fall.

Our chapter made another strong showing in community service, with over 2,300 total hours volunteered and an average of 22 per member. To achieve this, we continued our volunteer relationships with Youth Shelter Services, Food at First, ISU Blood Drive, Dance Marathon, Blue Sky Days (Homecoming event), and many more great causes across campus.

### **Family Weekend**

Our annual Family weekend was held late in October. All members invited their parents and other siblings to lunch at the chapter house. Families were able to tour the house and see the chapter that their sons are a part of. They were also encouraged to bring gift baskets that were auctioned off to help the chapter

with extra funding. This semester, much of the funds went to the cost of building the new shed, which our chapter has needed for quite some time.

This weekend was a unique opportunity for parents to visit and understand what their sons' college experience is like. Seeing as how big the chapter has become, the house was absolutely packed, which was great to see!

### **Monday Night Dinner Guests**





Dinner guests this year included Miles Moore, '80-1103 (L), and Doug DeBolt, '79-1072.

Almost every Monday night during the semester, we hosted a formal dinner with a distinguished guest. The program is designed to give members the opportunity to network and learn from Phi Psi alumni and/or members of the lowa State University/Ames community. A huge thanks is owed to our house director Bev Lindgren, who makes all of this possible.

This semester, we hosted members of the ISU Women's Swim Team; Dr. Michael Golemo (Director of Bands and Professor of Music at ISU); Alissa Stoehr (Sociology Professor); Miles Moore (Iowa Beta '80), with a huge enthusiasm and love for the chapter); Doug DeBolt (Iowa Beta '79, with a successful career in engineering); Jennifer Seth (Events/Education chair for Climate Reality); Kalli Ann Kennel (from Ames' Youth Shelter Services); and EllieMae Millenkamp (ISU senior and recent contestant on the popular TV show *The Voice*).

We were fortunate to host a far-reaching diversity of guests from many different fields and industries, and our members continue to benefit from this great program!

### **Campus Activities and Honors**

We are especially proud of our on-campus involvement this semester. A few notable examples are explained below.

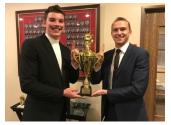
Brothers Andrew Groebe, Justin Watkins, William Beachner, Joel Schillinger, and Matthew Dwyer were all involved in the Engineering Career Fair Executive Team, which was responsible for planning one of the largest intercollegiate career fairs in the country.

We continued to support Iowa State University's Blood Drive. Brothers Michael Ciabatti, Benjamin Foxen, Jacob Heen, Daoud Sajady, Jonathon Hoffman, Jake Nielsen, Lucas Petsche, Justin Watkins, Gavin Sullivan, Jackson Stigers, Colin Walsh, Spencer Weyer, Holden Larson, Drew Hafner, and Jordan Swanson were all a part of the leadership/executive teams.

Jericho Baker and Miles Utley were both elected to executive roles on ISU's Dance Marathon committee, which plans one of the largest philanthropic events in the ISU community each year.

### **Homecoming Week**







Top: Our Homecoming banner on Central Campus.

Lower left: Zach Peraud and Kyle Goodell, our Homecoming Chairs, with the overall first place trophy.

Lower right: Oliver Stratton and Gavin Sullivan, our Yell-Like-Hell chairs, with the first place trophy for YLH.

We won Homecoming! This semester's Homecoming Week was a huge success and a ton of fun, which we enjoyed especially thanks to our team that included Kappa Kappa Gamma and Theta Xi. Many of our members have been joking that we "won without even trying." However, it was a huge group effort led by Homecoming chairs Kyle Goodell and Zach Peraud.

Our team placed first in Yell Like Hell, second in athletic tournaments, and third in the banner and float competition. It was exciting to watch our months of preparation and practice pay off, especially in the case of Yell Like Hell. A huge thanks is owed to our YLH chairs Oliver Stratton and Gavin Sullivan, and to all those who made this week possible. We hope for similar success in the coming semester's Greek Week!

### Socials and Brotherhood Events

Our members enjoyed a great social life over the past several months. A few notable events include a petting-zoo social with our Homecoming pairing, Kappa Kappa Gamma; pumpkin carving with our next-door neighbors, Alpha Phi; and a concert on our front-lawn, complete with a DJ and a performance from our very own Ian Crumley and his musical group, Gold Revere.

Brotherhood was as strong as ever this semester. Early in the year, our brotherhood chairmen organized a paintball outing with about 60 participants. Just before dead week, we hosted a "Secret Santa" Christmas event. And of course, plenty of time was spent in the front yard, playing football and frisbee while the weather permitted. Many members agree that this may have been their most enjoyable semester yet from a social standpoint.

### And a Word of Thanks to . . .

Ron Barnes, '84-1157, for delivering to the chapter house left-over food from the memorial service for his brother-in-law, Dave Palty, '78-1051.

**Brian Peppmeier**, step-dad of Gavin Sullivan, who came by regularly last summer with his top-of-the-line lawn care equipment, making sure we had the best-looking lawn in the Greek community all summer long (really helps with recruitment)!

**Jim Grabenbauer**, '73-948, for once again presenting to the chapter a risk-management talk on alcohol, and providing pizza to boot!

**Jeff Haynes, '88-1214,** for providing free signage for our new piano and nameplates for our scholarship plaques through his company, Custom Awards & Embroidery, in Urbandale, Iowa.

Our **Parents Association** for their generous contribution to our new shed, and everything else that they do to support our chapter!

— Andrew Groebe, '18-1593, Corresponding Secretary

### Recent Improvements to 316 Lynn





Left: Some of the deteriorated bricks that were replaced over the summer. Right: The new storage shed.

For some time now, our men have longed for a new storage shed out back. The existing one, built shortly after the chapter house reopened in 2006, was 10' x 12' and barely big enough to house our existing outdoor equipment and tools.

So last summer, the old shed was replaced by one measuring 20' x 30'. It's proved to be a great addition. There's now plenty of room for all of the equipment and tools, and the chapter has a sheltered place to work on all of the lawn displays, banners, backdrops, etc., that go with Homecoming and Greek Week. Until now, most of that work has been done in the carport or the basement.

We also added a retaining wall between our property and FIJI's, a city light pole to better illuminate the parking lot and volleyball court, and some additional concrete for parking.

These improvements were paid for by the House Corporation, but it should be noted that generous contributions toward the cost were made by the chapter and Parents' Association.

The other big project for the summer was the complete tuckpointing of the chapter house. We believe this is the first complete tuckpointing of the house since it was built. The project involved replacing deteriorated brick, fixing distressed mortar joints, cleaning up mortar patches, fixing mismatched mortar joints, and replacing previously replaced bricks with bricks that are a better match.

Smaller projects included replacing shower curtains with doors in the upstairs restrooms, replacing a laminate counter in the kitchen with a metal table, adding fiber reinforced plastic (FRP) to certain walls in the kitchen, and replacing the front sidewalk along Lynn Avenue.

## Grand Arch Council in Minneapolis, July 15-18, 2020

The biennial convening of the GAC will be close by this summer, in beautiful downtown Minneapolis. We're hoping for a good turnout of Iowa Betans. Why shouldn't the Grand Chapter show up in force! If you've never attended, or haven't for a while, this would be a good year to put it on your bucket list. You can find all of the particulars at: https://www.

phikappapsi.com/grand-arch-council/

# Michael Ciabatti Awarded the 2019-20 William and Lindy Good Scholarship



Senior Political Science student Michael Ciabatti, '17-1533, was named the 2019-2020 recipient of the William and Lindy Good Scholarship. This endowed scholarship was funded by a generous gift from Dennis L. Stanley, '70-893, and his wife Sherri, with the intent of honoring Bill, '69-864, and Lindy for their transformational impact on the lowa Beta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi. The

Stanleys' gift serves as an inspiration to new generations of leaders as well as a recognition of the long-term leadership of the Goods.

The William and Lindy Good Scholarship is an annual scholarship recognizing a brother who put substantial effort into making lowa Beta better as an undergraduate, and who shows potential for continuing his involvement with the chapter as an alumnus. The recipient should be a man who embraces the traditions of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, whose ideals and principles provide a guiding force for life.

The criteria for this award include financial need, fraternity involvement, community service, campus involvement, academic excellence, and a special emphasis on leadership successes. In addition, the scholarship recipient must be a full-time student current in all of his financial obligations to the chapter and to the house corporation, in good standing with the chapter as so determined under its bylaws, and in at least his third year as an undergraduate student. A preference is given to fourth year students.

Michael has been actively involved with Iowa Beta throughout his undergraduate days. He has served as President, Corresponding Secretary, Fraternity Education Chairman, Community Service Chairman, and Greek Week Co-Chair. He was President during the semester the chapter achieved its highest GPA since rechartering, and as Corresponding Secretary, was the one primarily responsible for preparing the application for Grand Chapter. On campus, he served as a residence hall floor officer during his freshman year, as a legislative ambassador for the Student Government, and in multiple roles for the ISU Blood Drive, including as Co-Director his senior year.

Michael looks forward to being available to mentor undergraduates. He adds, "lowa Beta has made me who I am today. I hope the effort I've put into the chapter will inspire others to do the same."

Michael will receive \$5,000 to be used to help cover his educational costs, and his name will be added to a plaque in the chapter house.

— The Section Committee, appointed by the House Corporation Board, consists of Cody West, '16-1503, Chair; Josh Jensen, '07-1336; and Jim Reynolds, '71-930.

# Fall 2019 Most Valuable Brothers: Pat Karys and Gavin Sullivan



The chapter chose **Gavin Sullivan**, '18-1598 (L), and **Pat Karys**, '17-1554, as the Fall 2019 recipients of the Most Valuable Brother Awards.

Pat is a senior from Bartlett, Illinois. He will graduate this spring with a major in Finance, a minor in Accounting, and a GPA that is almost perfect. He has served as

the chapter's Finance chair and as VP of Relations, overseeing six committees). Last year, he was Tournaments Director for Greek Week Central. After graduation, he will start his career at Ecolab.

Gavin is a sophomore from Urbandale, lowa, majoring in Finance. He was one of the co-chairs for our winning Yell-Like-Hell Homecoming skit, and one of our two recruitment chairs who recruited a large new member class last summer. He has been a member of the Public Relations Committee for the lowa State Blood Drive, a member of the Emerging Fraternal Leadership Council, and an Ambassador for the Business Career Fair. Last spring, he was selected as the IFC Freshman of the Year.

Both Pat and Gavin are brothers who have done far more for the chapter than this brief summary indicates. They are solid brothers worthy of these awards.

The Most Valuable Brother Award is a \$1,000 scholarship given to the undergraduate who has made the most positive impact on the chapter during the semester, as determined by his peers. The positive impact made by the recipient must fall within the parameters of the four pillars of the Greek Community at lowa State: scholarship, friendship, leadership, and service. Two awards are presented each semester, one to an underclassman (first or second year of college) and one to an upperclassman (third year of college or above).

The inaugural MVB Awards were presented spring semester, 2013. They are awarded through the ISU Foundation, and have been funded by the generosity of **James P. Grabenbauer**, '73-948, and **Jerry A. Soper**, '73-956. See related article below.

### **MVB Award Made Perpetual**

In 2013, **Jim Grabenbauer**, '73-948, shared with me his vision of donating a certain dollar amount to the ISU Foundation before retiring. But he wanted to do it in such a way that would primarily benefit Iowa Beta. The result was the creation of the Most Valuable Brother Award, which has been reported on in each issue of this newsletter since its inception. This award has proved to be a great way to incentivize and reward the chapter's leaders.

Since then, Jim, along with some initial help from his good buddy, **Jerry Soper**, '73-956, has generously funded this award. And while his generosity has made it possible for the awards to be continued for several more years, the scholarship fund was never set up to be perpetual. It would eventually run out.

That has now changed, thanks to the generosity of **Gary Short**, '58-699, who has made contributions sufficient to fund these awards in perpetuity. Brother Short has a history of supporting Iowa State and Phi Psi, even during the lean years of the late 1990s and early 2000s when the chapter was not in operation. Many times I've heard Gary express thankfulness for all that Phi Psi has done for him. By endowing this award, he is helping to strengthen the chapter, and to assure that current and future Phi Psis have the same opportunity for a great fraternity experience that he had.

Thank you, brothers!

— Bill Good, '69-864

## Will Beachner Elected District V Archon

If you remember your Fraternity history, the National Alumni Officers — President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary — are elected in even-numbered years at the GAC. The National Undergraduate Officers — the Archons representing the six districts — are elected in odd-numbered years at District Council meetings. These ten men form the Executive Council which governs the Fraternity between sessions of the GAC.



We are in District V, and at the District Council meeting for our District held last summer, **William R. Beachner**, '18-1591, from our chapter, ran for Archon and won!

Will is a very capable guy, practically a 4.00 student in Mechanical Engineering. Last spring semester, he was selected for the chapter's Most Valuable Brother Award (underclassman), and also selected for the Cardinal Key Honor Society (as a sophomore. It is very rare for someone that young to get into Cardinal Key). He is currently the chapter's SG and VP of Relations. He will represent our chapter well.

Will is only the fifth brother from our chapter to serve as Archon. The others were Richard C. McRoberts '36, Winston B. Henderson '40, Burns H. Davison III '79, and Daniel H. Canova '91.

# The Paul T. Troupe Emerging Leaders Scholarship



Paul Troupe with dinner guest Paul Rhoads, former ISU football coach, in spring 2015.

Editor's note: As reported previously in this newsletter, Paul Troupe, a 2011 initiate, was tragically killed by a distracted driver just months after graduating from Iowa State, marrying his college sweetheart, and starting his career. As a tribute to Paul and his relationship with Phi Kappa Psi, Paul's parents, Doug and Sherri Troupe, recently established a scholarship fund with the Phi Psi Foundation to recognize, annually and in perpetuity, young emerging leaders of the Iowa Beta chapter. This scholarship was announced in an article appearing in the Fall/ Winter 2019 issue of The Shield. and it is reprinted here in its entirety:

Doug and Sherri Troupe had no idea what was coming when their son, Paul (lowa State '11) said he was thinking of joining a fraternity after his first semester at lowa State.

Doug's own Greek experience as a Pi Kappa Alpha at the University of Nebraska is reminiscent of many of his generation; one filled with a social atmosphere rather than an academic one. The two wanted more for Paul, who had always been at the top of his class.

If only they knew then what they know now — that Paul would blossom as a Phi Psi.

"The Phi Psis helped him connect the dots," said Doug. "We all have different areas of our lives — academics, personal relationships, what it means to be an upstanding member of the community. Phi Psi helped Paul connect and thrive in each of these."

Paul gave membership in Phi Psi his all, as he did most things in life. He remained his goofy, fun-loving self, dedicated to his schoolwork, a loyal and trusting brother, an active participant in community service events, and even started a Bible study for others in the chapter.

Tragically Paul's story was cut short when he lost his life in a car accident just months after graduating, starting his career as an Aerospace Engineer at Boeing, and marrying his college sweetheart, Sarah.

While saying goodbye to their oldest child on what would have been his 23rd birthday, they learned storles that made them laugh, cry, and beam with pride over the man Paul had become. Doug and Sherri still find comfort in the outpouring of love they received from Paul's Phi Psi brothers in the time that followed. From stories of Paul putting aside his books to spend the day with a brother who just needed a friend despite the test he had looming the next day, to helping brothers find their career path, Paul resembled the very best of what it means to be a Phi Psi.

"So many of Paul's fraternity brothers came to the funeral," said Doug. "Each one came up and hugged me saying, 'Mr. Troupe, my name is so and so ... I'm a brother of Paul's.' I told every one of them, 'anyone who is a brother to Paul, is a son to me."

Today, their ties to Phi Psi run deeper than just the relationships with Paul's chapter brothers. In then houseparents William (Iowa State '69) and Lindy Good, Doug and Sherri found friends and confidants. The couple treated Paul as their own during his time in the chapter. "Bill and Lindy are just spectacular," said Sherri. "We can't thank them enough for investing their experience and their wisdom in Paul and the other men in the house."

"We really attribute Paul's success in his short life to Bill and Lindy, and the Fraternity as a whole. It gave him a great outlet to continue what he had been."

Doug and Sherri have made it their mission to honor Paul's legacy by sharing his story and providing opportunities for others to live up to their potential. Working with the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation, they established the Iowa Beta (Paul T. Troupe) Emerging Leaders Scholarship Fund for up-and-coming Iowa Beta brothers who are positively impacting the chapter.

Phi Psi provided a strong atmosphere for Paul to thrive, and it is their hope that this scholarship helps many other young men do the same. The scholarship will be awarded for the first time in spring 2020.

"Unfortunately, now, there are no students left in the chapter that would know Paul. They've all graduated by now," said Sherri. "We hope that recipients of the scholarship will take the time to know who Paul Troupe was, what he stood for, and what he accomplished in his short life."

# Fall Semester 2019 Chapter and Alumni Officers

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# Spotlight on: Frederic A. Bushnell III, '73-958

My grandfather, Fred Bushnell, Sr. (WI Gamma '19-311; transfer to IA Beta '21-110) was a Phi Psi; my father, Fred Bushnell, Jr. (IA Beta '49-503) was a Phi Psi; my uncle, Malcom Bushnell (IL Alpha '52) was a Phi Psi. My grandfather told stories of the building of the current chapter house (the original chapter house was north on Grand Avenue). He told of mules pulling slip scoops to dig the basement. My father told of the mischief of the Phi Psi brothers in the later 1940's who played football for Iowa State. I was born into an Iowa State Phi Psi family, assuming pin number 958 in 1973. Two of my younger brothers, John ('74-985) and Cade ('78-1048), followed to join our brotherhood at Iowa State, as did one of my nephews, Ross ('13-1449). Our family of fathers and sons are proud to be the embodiment of Phi Psi legacy at Iowa State.

I was at Iowa State in the mid-1970s. Most would recall this era as full-fledged Animal House craziness. We were 50 brothers between the ages of 17 and 21, with scant and sporadic adult supervision. Laughingly, I ask myself now, "Who thought that was a good idea?" But it seemed to make sense to all of us at the time. Even today I ask this of my now 89-year-old parents, and we all just laugh. It was really just standard juvenile behavior for the time.

My best friendships were with people like Dick Havran, Tom Blyth, Ernie, Andy, Jim, Bob, Steve — far too many to recall here. And it seems that each was the co-conspirator or perpetrator of pranks and behavior best left unmentioned in this forum. I remember barn parties, hosting 12 fraternities on our front lawn for Greek Week, and weeklong activations. I personally coordinated a campus-wide VEISHEA blood drive and graduation breakfast for the university in 1977. The year I was rush chairman, I had the house nearly full before August; we only needed two or three men that rush week. We were big men on campus by virtue of the number of activities we participated in. In that era, if there was a campus activity, a Phi Psi was involved in leadership. We were such a busy, social house that I'll never fully understand how that era produced adults who achieved so much.

After graduation, I went back to my family farm in Illinois. I was restless after such a rich college and fraternity experience, though, and I felt I had dropped myself off at the end of the earth. Somewhere in the early 80's I started a natural gas consulting business. I combined the concept of natural gas pipeline 'deregulation' with the first IBM PC and Lotus 123 (version 1.2) spreadsheets. I bought natural gas in Texas and resold it into the Chicago market from a new venue at the time called "the home office."

In the late 1980s, I was bored again and put myself in MBA school. I slogged through six years of night school, one class at a time. Then, two weeks before graduation in 1993, a classmate suggested that I go to medical school. Sparing many details, I was accepted into the University of Illinois College of Medicine on my first application. In 1995, at 42 years old, I found myself sitting in a classroom as a first-year medical student. At the end of that M1 year, I was in the top third of the class and qualified for the honors program.

After graduating with my MD in 1999, internship in Pittsburgh and three years of residency at Loma Linda, California, followed. I then came to Pasadena, California, in 2003 to join a 30-man private practice anesthesia group. It was big-time, game-on, night-call, trauma-call, critical-care anesthesia, and I loved it. Our group was big and prestigious, and all through my 50s I managed to do the most weekend calls of anyone in our group, and not by a small margin. In my spare time, I self-published three books, did anesthesia for four medical/surgical missions in Arusha, Tanzania,



and found six kids whose education needed to be sponsored. I managed to "adopt" two of them; Irene graduated with her CPA last year, and my son, Hillary, is in his fourth year in medical school. I could not be prouder.

In 2013, I quit private practice and joined the Shriners for Children hospital system (the guys in the funny hats). I have since written a novel medical pain management protocol that my colleagues and I have presented in multiple major international conferences. That protocol saves nearly 80% of the opioid pain medicine doses physicians formerly exposed children to after surgery. As a result of that protocol, I am now the Chief of Anesthesia for the 22 Hospitals in the Shrine system. I intend to work until I'm 75; this is my retirement project. I can do this because it is free medical care for children — scoliosis, cleft lips, bone diseases, acute burns, and burn reconstruction. We have children

here from many of the war zones around the world. I'm all over this mission, and have remaining in me ten years of energy for it.

The point of it all is that it's been a remarkable post-graduate professional and personal life that I could never have predicted during the days of sleeping 30 people in the cold air dorm at 316 Lynn. There was scant hint that any of us would go on to achievement. Most of us had only a vague idea of the adult pathways we would walk or where life would take us. I think many of my undergraduate colleagues would be surprised that I amounted to anything, but in fact, most of us did.

In this moment of contemplation at age 66, I would like to reach out to my brothers from that era and thank them for being wonderfully accepting, forgiving, and loving people, even in the midst of craziness. I would like to thank Brother Good for his profound legacy of leadership. His vision, commitment, and wisdom were evident to all, even back then. He has always been a total class act.

Most importantly, though, I want to encourage our undergraduates to always be ready for opportunity and change. Don't delegate your career and personal happiness to others; learn to take control by believing in your own self first. Don't take no and don't tell yourself you can't. Own your mistakes as well as your successes, and just never quit. It will be a long rich life by you making it so. Your Phi Psi brotherhood has given you the best possible start.

In the Bond,

— Rick Bushnell, MD, MBA rbushnell1231@yahoo.com

### Let's Have a Centennial!

Yes, we know that we already did that, when in 2013 we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the chapter's founding. But that was such a blast, we felt we needed an excuse to do it all over again.

And now we have one! So, mark it down — **August 26-27**, **2022** — because 2022 marks the 100th anniversary of the building of the house at 316 Lynn Ave. A chapter house centennial — Why not?

The chapter's centennial in 2013 was such a success, and such fun. More than 120 alumni registered, and around 300 attended the Saturday night banquet. It was a Phi Psi event for the ages.

Details will follow, but for now, save the date. Especially you older guys. We know the younger alumni will turn out, but older guys need to realize that these opportunities for a large-scale reunion with your contemporaries don't come along that often. Just saying.

It will be a hoot!

## **Obituaries**



Leo L. Nady, '39-284, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died August 10, 2016. Leo was born in 1921. His younger brother, Robert ['43-347], preceded him in death in 2013. Leo graduated from Fairfield (lowa) High School in 1938. At Iowa State University, he majored in Mechanical Engineering and was a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps. He met the love of his life, Fonda Gustafson, while

attending lowa State, and they were married in 1942. Shortly after their wedding, Leo was called to serve his country as an officer in the Army in World War II. He helped train troops in the US for two years, before going overseas in the fall of 1944, serving with the 1st Army in Belgium. Leo was honorably discharged in December 1945. Leo and Fonda spent over 30 years leading the S.E. Gustafson Construction Company. They built roads and airports in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, and South Dakota before retiring in the mid-1980s. Fonda passed away in 2002, after 60 years of marriage. Leo is survived by children Leo, Robert, Nancy Goodson, Alcira Ball, and Gregg; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Gene H. Oulman, '43-368, of Owatonna, Minnesota, died September 26, 2006. Born in 1922 in Rock Falls, Iowa, Gene graduated from Iowa State University. While at Iowa State, he enlisted in the Navy and played college basketball. He married Violet Willadsen in 1951. In 1952, the couple moved to Wichita, Kansas, where Gene worked for Boeing Aircraft until 1955. They then moved back to lowa, where Gene operated his family's rental cottages on Clear Lake and worked with his brother at the Clear Lake bowling alley. In 1961, Gene bought Fairlanes Bowl in Owatonna, operating it until 1969. He then managed Sno-Bird Lanes in Northfield and later returned to Fairlanes Bowl. Gene was a member of the American Legion, Elks, and Eagles. He was an avid sports fan, and enjoyed jazz music and carpentry. He is survived by his wife, Violet; daughter Cristy Huntington; sons Thomas and David; seven grandchildren; and six greatgrandchildren.



David R. Hamilton, '43-370, of Des Moines, died October 23, 2019. In high school, he played football, basketball, and trombone. After completing his freshman year at Iowa State, he joined the Army Air Corps in 1943 as an aerial gunner on the B-17, and flew missions out of England in WWII. In 1946, he returned to Iowa State, graduating in 1949 in civil engineering. He worked as a consulting

engineer for Portland cement companies. Dave married Nadean Lind in 1949. They had four children: Mark, Lisa, Bradley, and Eric ['83-1142]. Dave liked boating, sailing, golf, ping pong, shuffleboard, croquet, and cards, and was forever a Cyclone fan. As a big band music lover, he attended the Glenn Miller Festival for 20 years. He traveled extensively. He was a founding member of St. John's United Methodist Church, and a member of the 8th Air Force Historical Society and American Society of Civil Engineers. Dave was preceded in death by Nadean and son Eric. Surviving are his other three children; a granddaughter; and six great-grandchildren.



John H. Reuber, '50-542, of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, passed away December 29, 2019. Born in 1931 in Mason City, Iowa, John graduated from Mason City High School as senior class president in 1949 and was subsequently inducted into the high school's hall of fame in 2018 for his wrestling achievements. He then attended Iowa State University, where he was a member of Alpha

Zeta, a national honorary agriculture fraternity, and Phi Eta Sigma, a national scholastic fraternity, graduating with a degree in agriculture business in 1953. He married Nancy Parr, who lived in the sorority next door, in 1954. John's subsequent interest in law prompted their move to Des Moines to attend Drake University Law School. There he graduated in 1958, received the prestigious "Order of the Coif" for graduating second in his class, and was given the Juris Doctor Degree with Distinction. John and Nancy then returned to Mason City, where he practiced probate and real estate law for 55 years. He participated and volunteered in many local organizations, including the Lion's Club, the Easter Seal Drive, Junior Chamber of Commerce, the YMCA, and the Cerro Gordo County Bar Association. John and Nancy moved to Clear Lake in 1999. In addition to time at the lake and the family farm, John loved watching his kids and ISU sporting events and attending the Drake Relays. In 1991, he decided to re-enter competitive sports for fun and participated in the Iowa Games in shot put, discus, and free throw events. John and Nancy moved to Eden Prairie in 2015. John is survived by Nancy; son Mark; daughters Linda and Lisa; and two grandchildren.

William J. Wentzel, '55-650, of Manhattan, Kansas, passed away May 28, 2018. He was born in Newton, Iowa, in 1935. Bill graduated from the University of Iowa and began an accounting career. After moving to Manhattan, Kansas, he became a big fan of Kansas State football and followed the team for many years. In later years, he enjoyed travel in a motor home and visited the southwest and west coast on a yearly basis for 10 years. Summers along the Oregon coast were especially memorable. Bill was preceded in death by his first wife, Beatrice, and his brother, Jon. He is survived by his wife Bonni; children Debra Anderson, Scott Wentzel, Kristi Schoen, and Mark Wentzel; stepson Brendan Ryan; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**Richard Rasmussen, '55-655**, of La Harpe, Illinois, died February 15, 2017, at age 81.

Charles H. Foster, '55-656, of Phoenix, Arizona, died May 11, 2015.



Philip A. Groth, '57-680, of Pella, lowa, passed away January 20, 2019. Phil was born in1935 in Des Moines where he attended Roosevelt High School. A talented athlete, Phil was recruited by lowa State, where he played baseball and graduated with a degree in industrial engineering. His senior year at lowa State, the baseball team went to the

College World Series in Omaha and finished third. Phil signed a professional baseball contract with the Chicago White Sox as a pitcher, and played minor league ball in Holdrege, Nebraska; Twin Falls, Idaho, and Lincoln, Nebraska, as well as with the Slater Nighthawks. After retiring from baseball, Phil was an engineer for several companies, including Armstrong Rubber, Massey Ferguson, Shaeffer Pen, and Pella Window Corp. After 35 years with Pella, Phil retired in 2011. Phil was active in the Pella Kiwanis.\ He loved spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as the frequent fishing trips to Canada with his stepson, Steve, and grandson, Chris. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Ellie; stepson, Steven C. Foulke; three grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. According to Ellie, "He was one wonderful guy, and is deeply missed."

David A. Palty, '78-1051, of Phoenix, Arizona, passed away on September 1, 2019. Dave was born in Montville, New Jersey, in 1958. He earned a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering from Iowa State University, where he was a member of the Dean's Engineering Council. Dave was married to Mary Pamela Barnes in 1986; they were married 33 years. Dave worked as a HVAC sales engineer and



manager for Trane for the majority of his career. He later worked

as a consultant with sustainable and green HVAC companies and products. Dave was LEED Green Building Certified, and was devoted to moving his industry towards greater energy efficiency. He was actively involved in his professional association, ASHRAE, and was most recently the Government Affairs Chair for the U.S. Western Region. Dave was devoted to promoting STEM education and bringing a new generation of leaders into the industry. Outside of professional work, Dave enjoyed spending time with his family, cooking, hiking, swimming, skiing, lowa State football and basketball, the New York Yankees, Broncos football, and all things Colorado. Over the past two years, he was able to take many trips with Pam to enjoy sight-seeing, cultural activities, and photography. Dave is survived by Pam, and children Mary Veronika Kloer, Alyssa Barnes Palty, and David Andrew Palty II.



J. David Pepper, '81-1108, passed away December 28, 2019, at his home in Barrington, Illinois. He was born in Evanston in 1960, and was a civil engineering graduate of Iowa State University, where he met his wife, Katy. Dave served as CEO of Pepper Construction Group. He enjoyed cooking, boating, and traveling. He was a champion of education, and held

multiple leadership roles, including president of the Associated General Contractors (AGC) Education and Research Foundation, a nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to improving the science of construction. Dave was also involved in workforce readiness and school mentoring programs. Most recently, he served on the Providence St. Mel School Board of Trustees; the Dominican University Board of Trustees; and Junior Achievement of Chicago's Board of Directors and Executive Committee. He was a Management Trustee to the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters, and supported their educational programs over several decades. Dave also served the community as a member at St. Michael's Episcopal Church. He was a member of the Economic Club of Chicago; The Chicago Club; the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation; and The Commercial Club of Chicago. Dave is survived by Katy and their three children, Ali, Lauren, and Colin.

# **Cyclo-Grams**

Judson G. Isebrands, '62-761, is a self-employed forestry consultant. He and Sharon (U of WI – Eau Claire) are parents of Erin Willison (48), who is an Alaska Air Lines flight attendant living in Seattle, Washington, and Hillary Gerdes (45), a transportation engineer with the U.S. Department of Transportation in Eagle, Colorado. In addition to enjoying golf and hunting, Jud is "working on conservation projects on my Red Oak, Iowa, and Rhinelander, Wisconsin, farms and forest lands. I just completed 25 years as a Wisconsin PGA golf official, and received an Environmental Steward Award from the Trees Forever organization. We spend winters in Green Valley, Arizona, near Tucson." Jud receives mail at PO Box 54, New London, WI 54961. Call 715-490-4817, or send e-mail to efcllc@athenet.net.

Richard L. Havran, '73-943, is retired from a 39-year career with Caterpillar, and enjoys woodworking and golf. He and Laura (ΚΔ-IL St.) are parents of Andrew (38, ΦΚΨ-IN St.), Lisa (37), and Margaret (34). "The kitchen remodel is done, the Community Club House has been renovated, and the golf course reopens in mid-September. Come visit!" Write to Dick at 10 Lash Up Lane, Salem, SC 29676. Call 864-719-0414, or send e-mail to rlhavran@aol.com.

Scott W. Wiggins, '80-1093, "retired from ASI Business Solutions in 2019 and moved to the Texas hill country. Our new home on Lake LBJ was completed in the fall of 2019. We stay busy playing pickleball, working out, hiking, enjoying lake activities, and visiting the hill country wineries." "Wiggy" and Ann ( $A\Delta\Pi$ -U of Northern IA) are parents of **Burke (29, ΦΚΨ- U of TX)**, and Nick (25). He receives mail at 105 Inspiration Dr., Sunrise Beach, TX 78643 (214-802-3280; scottwigginsTX@outlook.com.

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