

Psidelights



Penn State Skull House

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J. Orvis Keller '14 Portrait is Completed

Henry Keller '43 Gives Portrait Thumbs Up!!

We are pleased to announce that the oil painting of **J. Orvis Keller '14** has been completed. Thanks to all the alumni who donated to our alumni association in order to make this possible. This portrait will replace the original J. Orvis Keller painting that hung above the fireplace in the club room and was stolen in '99. The painting has been updated to include a picture of the House in the backdrop along with several other Phi Kap items. **Henry Keller '43** recently viewed the painting and said, "It looks great with a strong resemblance to my dad." Henry also wishes to thank the Psi Chapter alumni for their donations. The next step will be to have the portrait framed.



New portrait of J. Orvis Keller is now complete and ready for framing.



We Need Your E-mail Address

Make sure you are getting the monthly Skull House E-letters. Just e-mail your address to psuskulls@hotmail.com, or go to www.psuskull.com and update your latest e-mail address there, or just list it on the enclosed update sheet and stick it in the mail.

— Vietnam Memorial Plaque to Honor — Psi Chapter Brothers is Generously Donated by Bob Brown '70

Please submit names of fellow Psi Chapter Brothers who served in Vietnam – including those who died.

Thank you to those Skulls that have contributed names already to be included on the plaque. And to clarify, this plaque is for all that served during the war - including those who died. We want to make sure we include all Brothers, so please e-mail psuskulls@hotmail.com before January 15th, 2007 with any names that should be added to the plaque.

So far we have the following Brothers:

- Jack Lobue '59**
- Dave Curry '64**
- John Skaneski '65**
- Robert Then '65**
- Bruce Lane '66**

- Johnathan Mack '66**
- David Sopko '66**
- Toby Hopkins '67 K.I.A.**
- Anthony Pesianvento '67**
- Christopher H. Mansuy '68**
- Rick Messick '68**
- Edward Cassel '69 K.I.A.**
- Charles Finney '69**
- William Gaul '69**
- Robert Brown '70**

Brother **Bob Brown '70** is donating the bronze plaque honoring all of those Psi Chapter Brothers who served in the Vietnam War. This plaque will be hung in the foyer along with our Fraternal Walk and WWII Memorial plaques. The plaque will be cast this winter and will be placed in the foyer spring of '07. Many thanks again to Bob for his generosity.



*Phi Kappa Sigma
Centennial Celebration 1990*

1990 Centennial Photo

Chet Buckenmaier '59 Volunteers to Help Penn State Skull House Alumni Association by Tracking Down Lost Brothers

We want to thank Chet for his ongoing efforts in helping us update our database. Chet has volunteered to help track down some of our "lost" Brothers using the Penn State Alumni Association database and several databases on the internet. So far he has already located two Brothers from his class, including an old roommate. Thanks again to Chet for his continued help.

William Lauder '53 Sees Dad in Picture of *Psidelights*

We were very surprised and happy that **William Lauder '53** identified his dad, **Robert Lauder '10**, in one of the photos from July's *Psidelights*. The photo was of the class of 1908!!! We also provided William with an enlarged photo for him to keep.

www.psuskull.com is Now Easier than Ever to Search and Locate a Skull Brother

Our website was upgraded this fall to make it even easier to search our database to locate a fellow Psi Chapter Brother. Just logon to www.psuskull.com and then click on directory. Next, select the year or name for whomever you are searching. (Remember to click the small box to the left of the search criteria.)

New Reach-in Refrigerator Placed in Pantry: 11,323 Kegs Finally Took Their Toll

A new refrigerator has been purchased and placed in the pantry this fall. After 40 years of kegs, cases and cartons, the old refrigerator finally called it quits. The new refrigerator is the same size and made of stainless steel. We are hoping for another 40 years of service from it as well.

Hobart "Hobe" Pollard '50 Remembers the Icebox and the Bacchanal

I joined Phi Kappa Sigma because, as it turned out, three acquaintances from my high school were Phi Kappa Sigmas, and the Skull House was close to campus, so when they rushed me I accepted and moved into the Skull House. My pledge class included **Henry Rea '49**, **John Punton '48**, **Jim Rein Smith '50** and **Fred Shihadeh '50**.



Hobart Pollard '50 with Joyce, his wife of 55 years

I have lots of great memories from the fraternity: Friday and Saturday night parties, the original toga party (called "The Bacchanal"), bridge games (as well as an occasional dice game), the rec. room, the senior room and of course meeting Joyce, my wife, at a mixer in September of 1948. A memorable time living at the house? Living in the Icebox was certainly memorable.

I don't have much contact with the brothers anymore. We have had dinner

with Nan and **Nat Netscher '51**, who live here in Lancaster. I still exchange Christmas cards with Claire and **Dick Schweiker '50**. For many years, we came back for Homecoming but we gave up our season football tickets, so haven't been back for a couple of years.

I've been married to Joyce for 55 years. We have two children, Rick and Pam, who are both married with their own children. We have four grandchildren, Ben, Anisa, Jeff and Libby. I retired from the commercial, industrial and institutional building construction business where I worked all of my life. I have given up many of my other activities but I am still a member of the board of Ivy Hill Cemetery and Crematory and our condo association in FL. I have pretty much given up golf and tennis, but still play a lot of bridge and we travel as much as we can. We winter every year in Vero Beach, Florida, as we have for the past 20 years.

My goals are to keep healthy, and to continue to enjoy my family and friends. I would welcome visits or calls from any brothers either in Lancaster or Florida (you can e-mail Hobe at pollardh@aol.com).

Complete Q&A profile of Brother Pollard is available on line at www.psuskull.com.

2006 Skull House Highlights

- Sprinkler System in House expanded and upgraded and up to code
- Over 30 New Solid Wood Doors added to Sleeping Rooms
- New Gold Curtains in Club Room, Dining Room and Brotherhood Stairs
- New Refrigerator in Pantry
- New Chairs for Dining Room
- Pope Suite Bathroom totally Renovated
- J. Orvis Keller Portrait Completed
- Elm Trees added to Fraternal Walk
- Club Room carpets professionally cleaned and furnisher repaired
- Landscaper and Litter Patrol added to keep up appearance of the House
- www.psuskull.com upgraded with new sort features and additional historical photos
- Two *Psidelights* and Monthly Psi Chapter E-letters sent to All Alumni



News From the Bone

Hobart Pollard Jr. '50

(400 Willow Valley Sq., GA108, Lancaster, PA 17602; pollardh@aol.com) Joyce and I moved in June '05 to the Willow Valley Retirement Community in Lancaster, PA. I would like to be contacted by Brothers in the area. We winter in Vero Beach, FL and would welcome contacts there between December and April.

Richard S. Schweiker '50

(8890 Windy Ridge Way, McLean, VA 22102-1558) We try to keep up to speed

with our 21 grandchildren. One graduated from Penn State and another will graduate this coming year. I can not believe Joe Paterno came to Penn State when I graduated in 1950! Keep going Joe! Keep *Psidelights* coming!

Tom Brasher '55

(6 River Drive, Beaufort, SC 29907; twowheel@havgray.com) You are doing a great job of house repairs; renovation looks super. The same goes for *Psidelights*. I heard from **James "Jim" Harter Sr. '55**; he saw my last update. Now I've moved again.

James Harter Sr. '55

(19 Tanglewood Ct., Palm Coast, FL 32137-1494; shirjim@webtv.net) I see **William "Otto" Rother '55** at least once a year and, a few months ago, had lunch

with **George Crouse '55** and his wife--the first time in 51 years! My wife Shirley and I have lived here in Florida since 2000. Palm Coast is halfway between St. Augustine and Daytona Beach, and our gated community is on the intercostals, close to I-95 and the ocean. Give us a call. We have 4 sons and 2 grandsons--2 sons in FL, 1 in Atlanta



House Circa 1925

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Second WWII Bronze Plaque Honoring Our Psi Chapter Brothers to be Cast This Winter

Please verify names.

We will be casting the second WWII bronze plaque this winter and plan on hanging the plaque in the foyer this spring. We are still looking for a named donor of \$1500 for this plaque (please see attached donor sheet).

Before we cast this plaque, we want to make sure that all Brothers have been listed. Please review the names of our Brothers below. If there are any additions or changes, please e-mail them by January 15th, 2007 to psuskulls@hotmail.com.

Brothers to be listed on second WWII Bronze Plaque:

William Siegmann '37
John McHugh '41
William Armstrong '42
Tom Beck '42
Henry Ginter '42
John Penman '42

Richard Fox '43
William Grimes '43 K.I.A.
Edward Kaiser Jr. '43
Henry Keller '43
Robert Kinter '43
Thomas Mitchell '43
Miles Smith '43
Charles Wedge '44
John Vink '45
H. Leigh Woehling '47
William Brand '48
Raymond Britton '48
Samuel Eyer '48
Morton Godshall '48
John Goldham '48
Eugene Graebner '48
David Graham '48
Jack Grossett '48
Calton Heckerman Jr. '48
George Meeker Jr. '48

Adam Metz '48
Robert Mohrman '48
Charles Morton '48
John Schubert '48
W.Z. Frederick Walker '48
Fred Bliss '49
William Borland '49
John Gray '49
Walter Lewis '49
Wolden Magann '49
Harry Mellinger '49
Richard Mullan '49
William Stout '49
Robert Thomas '49
Robert Tscherfing '49
Malcolm Fisher '50
Hobart Pollard Jr. '50
James Reinsmith '50
Richard Schweiker '50
Jack Thomas '50

Brothers listed on first WWII plaque:

H. Lee Moore '35 K.I.A.
Cyrus Gordon II '36
Henry McFall '36
Thomas Cameron '37 K.I.A.
James MacFarlane Jr. '39
Joseph Robb '39

Richard Warfel '39
James Mitchell III '40
Robert Ernst '41 K.I.A.
Fred Axelson '41
John Good '41
George Blakslee '42
Henry Derbyshire '42 K.I.A.
James Fitzpatrick '42
Thomas Moarn '42
William Sandston '42
Clay Sprecher '42
James Drylie '43
Eugene Stull '43 K.I.A.
Robert Galley '44
William Schabaker '44
Richard Nicholson '45
Daniel Balmer '46
Al Brennan '46
Charles Good Jr. '46
William Clemmens '47
James Nichols '47
Jack Nickle '47
William Anderson '48
Charles Daiker '48
J. Robert Post '48
Edward Horn '49
John Weaver Mitchell '49
Tad Salom '49
Fred Shihadeh '50





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and the 4th remains in Allentown, PA. We still have our cabin in the Poconos. May of 2007, we celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary!

Joseph Koletar '66

(1796 Candle Ridge Lane S.E., Bolivia, NC 28422; jwk357@aol.com) I retired as Executive Director from Ernst & Young on 6/30/2006. My second book, The FBI Career Guide, was published August 2006.

R. Dennis Green '73

(8810 Bellwood Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817; rdengreen@aol.com) To the younger among his Phi Kap brothers, "Deege" can report from the front line of 55 (this month's sobering milestone) that it's still open



highways and crystal blue skies in the driver's seat. Easy to say for Dennis and wife Hae who've been racking up frequent flyer miles, indulged in travel the past two years. Approximately 30 countries and almost as many states so far, with no sign of stopping.

Highlights have included Mt. Kilimanjaro, Grand Canyon (rim to rim), the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu and journey to see those 6,000 terra cotta soldiers outside of Beijing. Between jaunts, he's still a proposal guy, co-authored a play that's been playing at festivals, shoots photos avidly and is researching a non-fiction book. He looks forward to hearing from fellow boomers about their own life journeys, milestones, and whether there might be space available on anyone's outbound sailboat or private jet. Next stop: Antarctica! – RDG

Richard James Cassidy '89

(305 Tamarak Trl., Greensburg, PA 15601; richard@kattanferretti.com) I am happily divorced for over a year now. I'm still playing rugby and am currently Vice President of an insurance agency. If any one needs extra tickets for a PSU football game, give me a call. I usually have a few extra.

Jim Kweder '91

(1536 Jenkins Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15241; jkweder510@yahoo.com) Had fun with **Linc Taylor '93**, **Chris Zuniga '91**, **Ryan Woodring '94** and **Mike Rycheck '87** at a 'reunion' in Brooklyn this summer. Excited to see **Jim Mullarkey '90** soon at PSU.

David Sieling '93

(161 Porter Hill Road, Middlebury, CT 06762; geowave@yahoo.com) Our first child, Jake David Sieling was born 8/3/2005. I quit work and stay home full time with Jake as does **Ty Torres '91** with his first son Coltrane. I now make steel kinetic wind sculptures in my spare time.

Ryan Woodring '94

(1058 Mayflower Ct., Martinsville, NJ 08836; ryanwoodring@yahoo.com) Enjoy hanging out with **Doug "The Rug" Hubert '94** now that he has moved back to New Jersey. Also looking forward to seeing **Tony Marino '93** when he returns to Pennsylvania.

In Memoriam

Since the last Psidelights, we have learned of the following death:

Duane Boydos '55

Psi Chapter mourns the loss of this Brother and extends our sympathy to his family and friends.



Special Donor Opportunities – Last Chance for Recognition!

The World War II Bronze Plaque – Honoring our Psi Chapter Brothers - \$1500



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This special gift to the House will honor and remember all those Psi Chapter Brothers who served and protected us in World War II. In spring 2007 the hand cast bronze plaque will join the other WWII plaque in the foyer and complete our honoring of our WWII vets. The donor of this \$1500 gift will

be recognized on the plaque, in Psidelights and on our web page.

Special Recognition for all Skull House Donors of \$500 or more. Framed Antique Etching as Thank You

As an additional thank you for helping support the House and The Penn State Skull House Alumni Association, all donors of \$500 or more made during 2006 will receive a framed, antique Phi Kappa Sigma etching. These 8x10 matted antique etchings are from the early 1900's and most were produced in Philadelphia.