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About four years ago, a small and unassuming volume made its appearance within the halls of Upsilon. It aroused interest within the Chapter. It awakened and bound even more tightly the bonds between active members and alumni. It quickened the life blood of the fraternity, and brought still closer the men of Sigma Pi. It began a dream of a greater fraternity at Westwood, and today, when its footprints are nearly lost in the sands of time, its effect is still felt... it was a Pioneer.

Since that time, other volumes have made their bow, each one finer and more pretentious than the last, and each one a Pioneer, bringing with it its measurement of accomplishment. If this volume can, with pride, take its place by the side of its predecessors, then we may consider that it has achieved its goal.

To one who has served his fraternity faithfully and well, to one who exemplifies the spirit of fraternalism which is the heritage of Sigma Pi, this book is respectfully dedicated.

-- Forward and dedication,
Upsilon Pioneer, June 1928

New email system - MailChimp

Check your Gmail, Yahoo and Hotmail spam/junk mail boxes for UAA e-mails. Those providers route our new MailChimp emails to your spam boxes, so please mark them as "safe," so they route to your Inboxes.

Welcome Home, Sgt. Capps

Sgt. Andy Capps had never fired his gun during 20 years of police work, but when faced with the scariest confrontation a police officer could face, he was ready.

Despite facing two terrorists armed with assault rifles, his voice was calm and he was able to plan and act clearly and rationally and prevent other civilians from being killed.

Capps, an Upsilon brother from the mid-1980s, was on patrol for the Redlands Police Dept. on Dec. 2, 2015 when two terrorists killed 14 and wounded 22 public employees at a holiday party in San Bernardino and escaped.

He was one of the first law enforcement officers to find and corner the suspects in a residential neighborhood, and he angled his police vehicle to place the engine block between him and the suspects' SUV, as veteran officers had taught him. Teaching fellow officers is similar to our Big Brothers back at Upsilon chapter.

Capps had little time to think, as the male suspect exited his vehicle and started firing immediately. The two officers killed him quickly, but the female suspect continued to hide in the rear of the vehicle and fire intermittently at the officers. Neither would allow themselves to be captured alive, and were determined to kill as many Americans as possible.

All during the gunfight, the officers from many different law enforcement agencies planned and coordinated their plan of attack, relying on their similar training and goal to protect nearby civilians.

After 5 minutes of gunfire, the shots from the suspects' vehicle ended. One officer was wounded in the leg, but rejected evacuation to an ambulance. He insisted on remaining with his colleagues to complete the task with his team.

When the shootout ended, 30 police officers were lined up behind Capps in support of his position on the front line. His daughter Hannah had been texting him during the shootout, and after it ended, he replied, "Yes, I know. I'm there." He was the midst of it but all safe.

Capps had little time to think, and his voice was calm as he was directing activity and informing other team members by radio. He played the audiotape for the chapter as the Alumni Guest Speaker on Nov. 14. Past Sages Jeff Bara and David Finkel, new Chapter Advisor Josh Trifunovic, and Arturo Martinez, a Los Angeles city attorney, joined the actives for the talk.

Capps learned the "fight or flight" notion while back at Upsilon Chapter. While walking on Landfair Ave. one night, a group of trouble-makers tried to mug him, and he ran to Sigma Nu house, where he found help – just as his fellow officers provided backup during the San Bernardino shootout. "All agencies train the same way to stop a car with armed drivers, and how to respond to an active shooter. We already knew what to do."



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Capps (Part 3):

the black SUV seen leaving the attack and found a match. A call was transmitted for the SUV, and officers also GPSed the suspect's cell phone. Capps was on patrol when another officer stopped him off a freeway ramp, and pointed him to the suspects' SUV just ahead of them.

They began the pursuit, and the suspects' SUV stopped in a residential neighborhood. Capps stopped 200 feet away, and he provided cover for another officer who had drawn fire from a closer location. In all, the suspects fired 80 shots, and police fired 400 shots, but no civilians were wounded.

Capps lost some hearing because of the constant gunfire. But, he is thankful that he was prepared for the worst case. He had spoken to officers who were in the winter shootout with Christopher Dornan in the San Bernardino Mountains, and remember techniques to protect himself and his colleagues.

"I love hanging out with people like that, with that kind of commitment and service. If anyone is in harm's way, everyone is looking out for each other. It's all about getting home to your family at the end of the day."

Capps' advice to the brotherhood is timeless – part Pyramid of Success and part common sense (see box to the right).

Capps (Part 2):

Capps did not pursue a traditional job after college, but Upsilon has many law enforcement alumni, including Lt. Burke Farrah with Fresno Police Dept.; Lt. Thayer Lake, a detective with Los Angeles Police Dept.; Scott Scheffler with UCPD stationed at UCLA; and Arturo Ramos with the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security. Capps says that past police candidates were more rough and tumble looking for action, but today's officers are more service-oriented and guardians, instead of warriors. They must think critically, plan and execute missions, lead and protect teams, and motivate their colleagues – the same skills that UCLA fraternity men learn.

"Now, as always, there's a need for police officers. It's all about the right people. Sigma Pi is filled with those kinds of people. Diversity is one thing that drove me to Sigma Pi. As an officer, you deal with all walks of life."

Capps enjoyed his time at Upsilon Chapter. In addition to his haystack activities during Moonshiner and espousing the lowering of standards when necessary, he was on the Dating game in 1988 and won a trip to Cabo San Lucas, and in 1992, he won a sweet couch on Family Feud. The UC connections remain. His daughter Hannah graduated from UCLA recently in psychology, and his son Carson attends UC Santa Barbara. He looks forward to them paying for his retirement.

Capps' first job was in Rialto, a poor city near San Bernardino with much crime, so he was thrown into the fire as a patrol officer on the gang team and in the detective bureau's special victims units. He also worked as a crisis negotiator, investigator, and trainer. He moved to Redlands and supervises a team of six patrol officers, which he was briefing in the morning when the terrorists attacked.

Meanwhile, another Upsilon brother, Dr. Jon Roper, was treating wounded victims at the Loma Linda hospital.

Wounded San Bernardino County workers had remarked that a fellow employee was acting odd and left the holiday party prior to the attack. Investigators quickly scoured rental car companies to see if he had rented see Capps →



Lessons learned on December 2, 2015:

It can happen anywhere, and it will happen to you. It's the world we live in. Natural disasters, terrorist attacks, random mass casualty incidents will occur with greater frequency and all roads lead to Redlands!

Be prepared-equipment, training, mindset. Your basic necessities will be provided for you, but be prepared to spend your own money on additional equipment that may be useful to you. Take care of your equipment and have it with you. Basic training will also be provided, but be prepared to spend your own money on additional training that may be useful to you. Prepare yourself for worst-case scenarios by running through them in your mind and by talking to others who have had those experiences.

Everyone is a leader. The event may not happen when your supervisors are present, or they may be busy. If you are the first one on scene, you are the leader. If you are in uniform, victims and other civilians will be looking to you for leadership and they don't care about stripes on your sleeve.

Be flexible, things will go wrong. Expect that things will go wrong and respond accordingly. Equipment will fail, partners will get hurt, radios won't transmit, everyone is confused, etc. Be flexible and adapt as you go along.

Take care of business. Do your job. Sometimes do someone else's job. If you see something that needs to be done, do it, don't wait for someone else to handle it. Keep at it until you get the all clear.

Take care of each other. Back your partners up. Pick your partners up. Ensure that they get to go home when it's all done.



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Upsilon Alumni Assn. Annual Meeting (Feb 25)

Executive Director Pablo Rivas will chair the annual meeting on Feb. 25 at 5:00 pm at 612 Landfair Ave. in Los Angeles.

All actions of the past year will be presented for ratification by the members, and officers are nominated for election: Executive Director Pablo Rivas, President Jay Ross, Treasurer Scott Scheffler, Jake Loughridge and Brad Sharp.

Housing Board

Please consider a tax-deductible donation of \$100, so we can begin house renovations in 2017, include new couches, dining room chairs, and renovation to the dungeon library.

Donations are for the exclusive benefit or our chapter. Our goal is \$1,000 from each alumni brother by 2016, so please start now).

▲ Issue checks to "Sigma Pi Educational Foundation - Upsilon" and mail to:

David Finkel
1830 Kelton Ave. #9
L.A., CA 90025-4564

▲ Donate on-line at www.SigmaPi.org (click on "Donate/Pay" at top, then click on "Make A Donation To The Educational Foundation"). Specify that the donation is for the UCLA (Upsilon-Marsalek) Chapter in the "Campaign" field and notify David Finkel at DavidFinkel@Juno.com

94th Founders Day Sat., Feb. 25, 2017

4:00 pm: Drinks

4:45 pm: Ritual & Awards

5:00 pm: Dinner

6:00 pm: Cigars in courtyard

8:00 pm: Rocco's downstairs lounge – Westwood

Tickets: \$50

\$40 for post-2012 graduates

Paypal:

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Checks: Issue to "Upsilon Alumni Assn"

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Buena Park, CA 90622

Attire: Black tie optional except for PS Larry Coval

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air Admiral James M. Seely, U.S. Navy - Y (Class of 1955):
7 combat missions (A-4, A-6) - Vietnam War. Distinguished Flying Cross, Legion of Merit, Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star, Air Medal.

94th Founders Day

WESTWOOD - Join the brotherhood at Upsilon Manor and make Sigma Pi great again!

Duilio Tonini-Lepori, Class of 1958, will journey from Santiago, Chile, for the second time in three years and will receive an Emerald Cross in honor of 60 years of brotherhood. He looks forward to visiting with his Old Men's Club colleagues.

Adm. James Seely, who retired from the Navy after flying missions during the Vietnam War and commanding warships, will journey from his home in Virginia Beach for the first time in 50 years.

The two look forward to reuniting with their brothers from the 1950s, so please make an effort to attend the event!

Silver Crosses will be awarded to 1991 Initiates: Steve Clarence, Todd Jefferson, Stu Johnson, Malcolm Gibson, Thomas Giffin, Brian Goldman, Scott Good, Prof. Derrick Hindery, Mike Martin, Past Sage Won Park, Ruben Preciado, Arturo Ramos, Mike Rendon, Jason Won, and Dean Steve Yu.

The banquet will be a formal, sitdown catered steak dinner. Drinks will be served by the Ladies of Sigma Pi, and the lovely friend of Upsilon Teresa Diep of Q's and The Parlor will (wo)man the bar.

Black tie optional (get your tuxedo pressed), and bring your best scotch and Cohibas for the new tradition of Cigars in the Courtyard after dinner.

Sage Bennet Ladyman and 1st Counselor Campbell Yamane will lead the Memorial Ritual, which will honor brothers who passed to the Adytum on High during the past year: Clement Jacomini; Upsilon's oldest brother; George Francis; Robert Jones; WWII Army veteran Sgt. Fred Leeming; Navy Capt. Gerald Peterson; Thomas Straeter, Upsilon's oldest Korean War veteran; Douglas Bastyr, an Army veteran; international businessman Daryl Gustafson; and Navy Capt. David Van Saun.





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Emerald Society

Two alumni have achieved \$5,000+ in lifetime donations to fund the SPEF. Upsilon now has 10 members of the Emerald Society.



Past Sage Richard "Craig" Owens Y1958 (photo with Don Buchanan):

I'm glad to be part of the Emerald Society. In looking back, Upsilon was a sea change in my life.

From a rowdy track and field guy and Kelp, I somehow managed to graduate after six years of off and on antics, both on and off the field. I'm glad to see that Upsilon is now more focused on the academic and social issues of our time.

In retrospect, Sigma Pi gave me the long-term guidance to succeed, and that has assisted me throughout my career and life, and fortunately placed me in a position to give back some of what I gleaned from the house. Cheers!

Tim Howell Y1996:

The brothers of Sigma Pi were instrumental in shaping my success at UCLA and later in my personal and professional life. I have

1st Counselor's Update

By Campbell Yamane, 1st Counselor

With the successes of last year providing a solid framework, the Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity continues to build upwards as we embarked on yet another new school year. Former Rush Chair and current Sage, Bennet Ladyman, put countless hours into rushing 22 new brothers. Social Chair Anthony Ortiz continued growing sorority relations through a plethora of in and out of house events including tailgates, date parties, and dinners.



Yet again, we participated in Chi Omega's "Wings for Wishes" philanthropy. Though we suffered a heartbreaking loss in the second round of the bracket style wing eating competition, our team put together a valiant (and stomach filling) effort.

With the UCLA football team hosting USC in November, our wonderful alumni put together a well-attended tailgate, allowing multiple generations of Sigma Pi's to connect and bond over food and football. Despite the disappointing loss, the brothers and alumni thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We also enjoyed another alumni event in the form of an engaging talk with Upsilon alumnus Sgt. Andy Capps, a member of the Redlands Police Department. In the Bruin spirit, we saw several brothers take positions of leadership in the UCLA community.



Our aforementioned Sage, Bennet Ladyman, was a New Student Advisor this past summer and helped facilitate the freshman transition from senior year of high school to first quarter in college. Brother Vignesh Balasundaram is heavily involved in USAC (UCLA Undergraduate Students Association) and is our highest-ranking representative in the student government. Outside of the UCLA bubble, several brothers have been working on a variety of interesting projects. Ateeth Kosuri co-founded Illicium, an app aimed to facilitate entrepreneurial networking. With its beta release date scheduled for January 1, 2017, we are all excited to see where this project will go. Aaron Gurley's basketball website, Naismith Nation, was recently acquired by Holyfield.co, allowing him a larger audience to share his in depth sports analysis pieces with.

As the calendar flips yet again to a new year, the Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Pi is both proud of our previous triumphs and eager to see what 2017 has in store.



Executive Council (2016-17): Joshua Ammirato, Rush Chair; Campbell Yamane, 1st Counselor; Andrew Ghaly, Social Chair; Christopher Gris; Bennet Ladyman, Sage; Blake Williams, Social Chair; Jason Bahr, 3rd Counselor; Ateeth Kosuri, Herald; MacLean Freed, 2nd Counselor.
Missing: Jacky Chen, Philanthropy Chair.



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developed a close bond with many fellow alumni that will last me the rest of my life. They have offered advice and support when times are difficult, and they are the ones with whom I celebrate successes today.

From personal experience, I know firsthand how financial burden can hamper one's learning and personal growth while attending University, not to mention your ability to participate in house activities and Greek life. Our brothers' education and the ability for them to continue with the traditions of the Greek system is the best gift that we can give them and, it's the best one they can receive.

I look forward to seeing many future successes at the next Founders Day.

Remembrances

From Bob Eggert Y1958:

It saddens me to read of the passing of Daryl Gustafson and Doug Bastyr. Daryl was a pledge brother and a good pal during our years living in the house. He and Doris were a natural match. Her brother, Loddy,

Adytum on High: Remembrances of brothers



Robert Allen Jones #463 (10/7/1933-9/16/2016): Brother Jones, a Golden Cross

recipient and Bruin track and field letterman, passed to the Adytum on High at age 83 in Manhattan Beach. Jones was a true blue Bruin and threw the javelin and discus for

UCLA coach and Upsilon brother Elvin "Ducky" Drake in the 1950s. He later attended the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome, where he watched teammate Rafer Johnson with the decathlon gold member. At last year's UCLA-USC meet, Jones ran into Johnson, and the reminisced about old times.

Jones loved to drive back to Westwood, where he lamented that the Village had turned into a traffic-clogged area, but would proudly show off the Sigma Pi house to his daughters and take them to the Apple Pan for lunch. Jones was a dedicated member of the Old Men's Club of 1950s brothers, and he was on the board of the University Religious Conference and a counselor at UniCamp, helping underprivileged children. Jones loved to spoil his grandchildren, and he insisted on sponsoring his granddaughter Krista to attend UCLA's track and field camp, making sure he attended for at least one day to watch her training in the jumps. He also lovingly cared for his wife Carol late in life.

Jones also earned his MBA during night school, and his daughters remember playing on the grass of the quad while he researched in the library. He worked in the metal finishing industry from 1958 to 2015, when he retired at age 81. But, Jones didn't completely retire. He still drove around to his old clients and closed deals, many who had become friends during his five decades of work.

"Opa" Jones loved being out and meeting people, and he knew all of Los Angeles' neighborhoods and freeways from his work travels. While his family shopped, he would stay at the coffee bar and by the time they returned, his new friends would know everything about the Jones children and grandchildren.

Jones met his wife, the former Miss Carol Campbell, a Delta Delta Delta at UCLA, and he managed the fraternity house during the summers as the "house mouse". They married soon after graduation and his military services, and their epic VW trip around Europe is a family legend. At a height of 6-foot-4, sleeping in a VW bus was difficult, but the couple traversed the continent from Norway to Romania, even entering the Eastern Bloc during the Cold War. They drove on dirt roads and visited towns where no English was spoken. One night, Czechoslovakian border guards knocked on their windows, wondering who was crazy enough to wander this far off the main road, especially away from any gas station, which was non-existent the Warsaw Pact countryside.

Jones died in his family house in Manhattan Beach, where his loving family lived for 54 years. He loved Disneyland, and on a final trip, he was selected as the veteran who was honored during the park's daily flag-raising. He received a special coin to commemorate 60 years as a veteran and was moved to tears.



Rafer Johnson and Robert Jones at UCLA track meet

Jones' family moved to Lomita during the war years. His father worked as a carpenter who made sets for silent films in the Hollywood area, and he transferred to construction warships in San Pedro. His mother worked as a Rosie the Riveter. Jones had a blue-collar upbringing, and had his first newspaper route at age 10, and was a football star at Narbonne H.S. He received an athletic scholarship to UCLA, which allowed him to get his college education and move up in the world. At OMC events, Jones liked to catch up with Bruin football star Rudy Feldman about their high school football days.

Jones fought cancer for 20 years, but he treated his monthly doctor visits as a time to catch up with old friends. He was an avid photographer and even won a seniors' photo contest last year. He became



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was the flip side of her quiet, restrained and very controlled personality.

There will be no Old Mens Club gathering at the Santa Ana Country Club this year because of such a light response. It is a reminder that the circle of life continues for us all. Last week,

I was reminded of that as my family gathered to celebrate my 82nd birthday. Whew!

Wasn't it just the other day we had that dinner exchange with the AOPi's, where I was paired with that knockout brunette from Glendale? In June, we'll celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary!

Recently, we moved to Newport Beach after 44 years in our prior home in Fullerton. For me, this move was much like completing that metaphorical circle of life, because like brothers Ralph Rea, Jim Seely and Tyke Henderson, I was raised in Newport Beach on the oceanfront. I've returned, thanks to an offer from our oldest son, Steve, which we couldn't refuse.

Life IS good!



friends with his hospice staff, and during his last days in the hospital, Jones remained upbeat. As a lady was wheeled by him on a dreary Saturday night, he shouted, "Hey, you must be sad!" Unsure how to respond, Jones clarified, "You're wearing a USC shirt. I'd be sad too!" Both laughed heartily.

▲ Jones is survived by his wife of 57 years, Carol; three daughters; and grandchildren Henry and Krista. Carol can be contacted at (310) 545-0275. His daughter Janna Grundeken can be contacted at (424) 279-2237.



Thomas Straeter #366 (3/20/1926-2016): Brother Straeter, Upsilon's oldest Korean War veteran, passed to the Adytum on High at age 90 in Palm Desert.

Straeter met his future wife Joanne on campus in 1948, where they both commuted from home and attended classes on the G.I. Bill.

They were both involved in Greek life (she was in ADPi), and married in 1950 with brothers Jack Taylor and Charles Laird in the wedding party.

"After one dance, I told my mom that I had danced with many men, but he was the best dancer in the whole world," Joanne Straeter said. "He was a kind person and a good Christian."

Many fraternity brothers were WWII veterans returning to campus, which spawned Upsilon's "Old Men's Club" because the veterans were in their mid-20s and mixed with teenagers just out of high school. There was lots of camaraderie and the popular Friday afternoon beer busts at the fraternity houses. Everett Rea, who lives in New York and is Upsilon's last surviving WWII veteran, was a friend, too.

"It was a small campus and more of a community," Joanne remembers. "The fraternity meant a lot to us at that time and still does."

Straeter was born in Dodge City, Kan., in 1926, and his parents divorced, which resulted in him moving to Los Angeles, where he attended Hollywood H.S.

Straeter tried to enlist in the Korean War but was not accepted. However, he was drafted one month later, and stationed in Washington, D.C., where he did administrative work to support the war effort.

Straeter worked as a general accounting manager for telephone companies, and they lived in New York, New Jersey, Anaheim, San Diego and the San Francisco area. After he retired, he was active in his church in Palm Desert, and both of his children became Presbyterian ministers. Straeter loved golfing, and his son followed him on the links, becoming a Pacific Northwest amateur titleist.

▲ Straeter is survived by his wife of 66 years, Joanne, son Tom Jr. and daughter Betty Ann. Joanne can be contacted at (760) 360-4612. ☐☐



Capt. Gerald Peterson #503 (4/10/1935-2016): Brother Peterson, a U.S. Navy Veteran, passed to the Adytum on High at age 81 in La Crescenta. Peterson's family moved from Two Harbors, Minn., to southern California when he was a youth.

He joined the ROTC at UCLA and matriculated to the U.S.

Naval Academy.

Peterson trained at submarine school in Connecticut and served on the USS Gregory and USS Bream for five years. He served in the reserves for 25 years and trained in Pearl Harbor and the Pentagon. Peterson was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Naval Commendation Medal, Naval Expeditionary Medal and National Defense Service Medal.

Peterson married his wife Carol in 1982, and the two lived in La Crescenta for their entire marriage. "He was always willing to do things for others, and he was always very helpful, Carol said. After his Navy discharge in 1989, Peterson was a member of the American Legion and served as commander of the VFW Post in his area. Peterson was a member of sports car clubs and won awards for his 1973 Datsun 240Z.



Thomas Straeter (L. 1947), U.S. Navy
Post-WWII occupation of Japan (1945-46)



Capt. Gerald L. Peterson, U.S. Navy (2190)
1950-1989: U.S.S. Gregory, U.S.S. Bream, U.S.S. McCain
Meritorious Service Medal, Naval Commendation Medal, Navy
Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal



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George Francis #510
(6/8/1936-8/9/2016):

Brother Francis a Golden Cross recipient, passed to the Adytum on High on Aug. 9 in Texas at age 80.

Francis worked for petroleum companies across the world as a project manager, giving him insight into many cultures and spawning friendships across the globe.

Francis met his wife, Cris, a Chi Omega, at UCLA during Spring Sing. He was friends with Fred Nesbitt at Upsilon.

Francis' first job was with Anaconda in Orange County, and he later worked for Atlantic Richfield and British Petroleum. His job took him to South Carolina, Colorado and Texas, and later to Australia and Indonesia where he worked with British and Australian colleagues on exploration and drilling projects.

The two visited the pristine city of Singapore, but enjoyed living close to the native peoples of developing nations. Anyone can live in urbanized cities like Rome and Paris, but the two found Indonesia "really fun and interesting."

"Every place had a thing of its own. Every place was so unique and very positive," his wife Cris Francis said.

Their Kentucky Fried Chicken was served with rice, even though they

Francis (continued) →

▲ Peterson is survived by his wife of 34 years, Carol, and daughters Nancy and Julie. Carol can be reached at (818) 248-0444. ΣΠ



Clement Jacomini #221 (6/3/1919-1/28/2016): Brother Jacomini, Upsilon's oldest brother and its last Initiate in the 200s, and one of Upsilon's last WWII veterans, passed to on High at age 93 in Signal Hill near Long Beach. He is the last Upsilon brother from the 1930s following the death of Dr. Wallace Reed in 2014.

Jacomini, grew up near Atwater Village and attended John Marshall H.S. and his father. An uncle, Victor Jacomini rowed in the 1920 Olympics in an upset of the juggernaut United Kingdom crew team. His grandfather, Clemente Jacomini Sr., designed telescopes for the Mt. Wilson Observatory near Los Angeles, and was an amateur photographer who took detailed photos of the Italian family. Four of the six Jacomini brothers served in WWI, and Jacomini's apartment had numerous photos of relatives in uniform on horseback.

Jacomini befriended Jim Gesner and Ray Carlisle in the fraternity in the late 1930s. At UCLA, ROTC was mandatory, and he entered as an officer prior to WWII. He asked for a leave to attend the UCLA-USC game in December 1941, which his commanding officer considered a waste of time. A day later, he was ordered back to camp after the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor and the outbreak of war.

Jacomini was in the parachute infantry in the Pacific theatre, where MacArthur considered paratroopers to be important troops, and he used them sparingly.

Jacomini graduated with a B.S. from UCLA and then a J.D. magna cum laude from Southwest University College of Law in 1949, establishing his first office in downtown Los Angeles in 1950. He met his wife, Mary or "Polly" when his commanding officer ordered to take her out on a double date. She was gregarious and descended from Princeton hockey legends, and she and a Red Cross colleague broke into one of Hitler's offices during the Allied offensives of WWII.

"Jake" was quieter and reserved. The two lived in the Naples island area of Long Beach, where he enjoyed his boat and studied Chinese cooking.

Jacomini worked his early 90s when age finally caught up to him. He had received a certificate for 50 years of practice in 2000 from the California State Bar Association. Jacomini handled the probate for his friend, Upsilon brother Ray Carlisle, a fellow member of the social organization the Squires Club who passed to the Adytum on High in 2010. His estate donated \$50,000 to the Sigma Pi Educational Foundation, which is the largest donation ever to the Upsilon chapter.

As an outgrowth of his practice, Jacomini represented a client at the Watergate hearings in 1972, formally named the Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities. Amongst the chaos of media and politicians, the small-town lawyer's client was not indicted.

Jacomini helped to bring minorities into the financial fabric of their communities, representing groups that formed banks or savings and loan associations in California, Illinois, Texas, Michigan, Indiana and Florida. He presented the applications to regulatory bodies, such as the California State Banking Dept., the Dept. of Savings and Loan, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in Washington, and regional administrators of the various national banks. One bank was Enterprise Savings and Loan Association in his hometown of Long Beach.

He also argued a case before the U.S. Controller of the Currency in Washington.

▲ Jacomini is survived by three children: James Jacomini, Juliana Jacomini and Steven Giacomini (original Italian spelling), who can be reached at (641) 919-6331 or 7Teares@Gmail.com. ΣΠ



Clement H. Jacomini (CP937)
WWII - Pacific Theatre
Parachute infantry



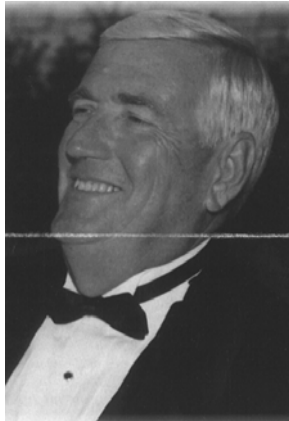
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Francis (continued):

craved mashed potatoes and gravy, and learned to like chicken feet stew. They had a driver who navigated two-lane highways that turned into four lanes, jostling for position with scooters, rickshaws, cows and chickens.

"In Indonesia, the people were great," Cris said. "They can find their own happiness, whereas we may tell them that they need more. To live there is a whole new experience.

"You can see other ways of life and see what is important. It puts you on a level ground. You grow and see how other cultures are not so self-centered like in Asia."

The two retired in Texas, where Francis enjoyed golf and staying in touch with their fraternity brothers and friends from around the world.

▲ Francis is survived by his wife Cris; two children, Mike and Dana; and three grandchildren. Cris can be reached at (972) 625-9212. ΣΠ



Sgt. Fred C. Leeming #294 (1/11/1925-7/18/2016): Brother Leeming, one of Upsilon's last WWII veterans and last Initiates in the 200s, passed to the Adytum on High on Jul. 18 at age 91 in Kingman, Ariz. Leeming was born in western Pennsylvania and migrated to sunny southern California as a youth, as did other Upsilon brothers like Walt Wiewora. His father, Fred Sr., was an executive for steel companies, and he followed in his path in the business.

In 1942, Leeming enrolled at UCLA but enlisted in the U.S. Army after one year. He trained in the Schofield Barracks in Pearl Harbor for a year until he was deployed in the Pacific theatre, crossing the ocean in a bumpy troop carrier. Leeming was stationed in the rear of combat as a communications officer of the 688th Field Artillery Battalion, with expertise in Morse code and radio operation. He was assigned to be transferred to Gen. George Patton's division in Europe, but his skills were needed in the ramp-up to the proposed invasion of Japan, which was avoided when Japan surrendered. His field artillery battalion training led to some hearing loss, but his mind remained sharp.

"You could always learn from him. You could talk to him about any topic," his son Bruce Leeming said.

Leeming returned stateside in 1946, and while in class at Los Angeles Community College, he recognized a childhood friend, whom he had seen in Homestead, Pa., reunions in Anaheim. Leeming couldn't remember her name, but made sure to scour the class' sign-in sheet. She had ridden the streetcar to class, so he offered a ride in his car. Barbara became the only lady he ever dated.

The two matriculated to UCLA the next year, and they promised their parents not to elope before they earned their degrees. One month after graduation, they married in Jul. 1949, and remained a heartfelt couple for five decades until her death in 2000. Leeming was the ultimate family man, a devout Christian, and "his word was it," Bruce remembers.

Leeming worked in the steel industry in the Los Angeles area for 35 years. He was hired by his father as a sales rep for Superior Steel after UCLA, and succeeded him as the sales manager in the 1950s. He later worked for Cal Strip Steel in Commerce and retired as a Vice President / General Manager. He retired 1985, then moved to Arizona, and was an active member of the St. John's United Methodist Church.

Leeming's degree was in business administration, but he also excelled in his engineering classes, which foretold his communications equipment and operations skills. He could build almost anything, and was proud of his small-scale houses with precise cuts, ornamentation and details.

Leeming was an excellent golfer and poker player, and he found an affinity for the outdoors later in his business career, with corporate executives inviting him to hunting and fishing expeditions to Wyoming and other rural areas. He was a member of the Rough Ashlar masonic Daylight F&AM Lodge #79 in Kingman, and the James A. Foshay F&AM #467 in California. He served as its Worshipful Master in 1961. Other Masonic memberships included Al Malikah Shrine.

Leeming remained a strong Bruin fan until the end. His son, Bruce, attended USC, and the two had a standing dinner bet for decades over the winner of the annual blue-red war for Los Angeles. Leeming also made sure to give updates on UCLA basketball success, especially during the dominant Bill Walton days. "He could be very tough, he could be very funny," Bruce said. "He was a joy to be around."

▲ Leeming is survived by his favorite son Bruce, who lives in Kingman, Ariz., three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Bruce can be contacted at (928) 279-2731 or BLeeming@Citlink.net. ΣΠ





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Remembering those brothers who served our country in the pursuit of peace and freedom and made the ultimate sacrifice:
Robert "Ace" Calkins (#193), Donald Hesse (#195), Liston Comer (#214), Lane Donovan (#234), Ralph Neis (#348)

Planned Giving

Your gift to the Upsilon Alumni Association will make the difference in the lives of many of our fellow Bruin Sigma Pi brothers through scholarships, leadership training and values-based education.

As you create your personal estate plans, please remember the value of your membership and pass along the belief to others.

Sample text for a will:

"I give and bequeath to the Upsilon Alumni Association, the sum of \$_____ to be used in fulfillment of educational purposes as the Upsilon Alumni Association shall determine."

Loss of brothers

It is a sad fact of life, but alumni brothers die every year and enter the Adytum.

If you are a family member who has received this copy of the Pioneer, please notify us of the death of the brother.

We would like to notify the rest of the circle of brotherhood and help you celebrate his life by printing information about his life.

Contact: Jay Ross (310) 979-9255 or

Ross_Jay@Hotmail.com

Adytum on High

▲ Please remember the brothers who have passed to the Adytum on High:
Joseph F. Marsalek - 1954 #428 (11/21/07, Arcadia)
Dr. Ronald J. Baskin - 1954 #500 (7/25/10, Davis)
Greg Scott - 1968 #708 (10/17/10, Chino Hills).

Upsilon Alumni Association Balance Sheet As of December 9, 2016

	Dec 9, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Upsilon Alumni Association	32,988.93
ING Direct	4,645.10
Total Checking/Savings	37,634.03
Total Current Assets	37,634.03
TOTAL ASSETS	37,634.03
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Retained Earnings	36,291.08
Net Income	1,342.95
Total Equity	37,634.03
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	37,634.03

	Jan - Dec 16
Income	
Donations	
\$035 - Lavender	205.00
\$050 - Gold	1,099.95
\$100 - Emerald	1,600.00
\$100+ - Orchid	1,350.00
Total Donations	4,254.95
Founders Day	3,833.00
House Beautification	150.00
Senior's Night Income	330.00
Total Income	8,567.95
Expense	
Bank Charge	7.27
PayPal Fees	12.39
Square Fees	91.52
Stripe Fees	
Total Bank Charge	111.18
Founders Day Expenses	
Libations	1,127.87
Rentals & Food	2,900.00
Founders Day Expenses - Other	151.70
Total Founders Day Expenses	4,179.57
Legal	20.00
Pioneer	471.09
Scholarship Paid	1,500.00
Senior's Night	100.00
Tailgater	300.00
Upsilon Property	225.76
Web Site	317.40
Total Expense	7,225.00
Net Income	1,342.95

Sigma Pi Educational Foundation 2016 Emerald Society (\$5000) Tim Howell

Grandest Orchid (\$500-1500) PS Chris Allen Matthew Sumrow, Esq.

Grand Orchid Level (\$125-450) Doug Campbell James Murphy PS Richard "Craig" Owens (\$2,000) Steven Schechter David Zeichick

Emerald Level (\$100) Brian Gross Benjamin Perkins Michael Smith

2015 Grandest Orchid (\$2000-\$5000) PS Claude "Skip" Keyzers (\$5,000) Past Sage David Finkel (\$3,500) PS Richard "Craig" Owens (\$2,000) Everett Rea (\$5,000)

Grand Orchid (\$500-1500) Past Sage Chris Allen Mike Flory Mark Helmick Arturo Martinez, Esq. Liron Nelik Matt Sumrow, Esq. David Waters

Grand Orchid Level (\$125-250) Steve Schechter, CPA Scott Scheffler Adam Treiger, Esq. Joshua Trifunovic Shane Tseng, Esq.

Emerald Level (\$100) Past Sage Adam Brockman Andrew J. Espinoza Dr. Lance Fuchs

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Lavender Level (\$35) Richard Frank Larry Furst, Esq. Zach Polin Brandon Rokos

UAA - 2016 Orchid (\$500-1000) Dan Peterson Pablo Rivas

Emerald Level (\$100) PS David Finkel Paul Finwall Bill Flores Brian Gross Capt. Barry Maiten, LAPD Reserve Ronald Mathis James Martois Carl Moroney PS Richard "Craig" Owens PS Won Park, Esq. Sebastian Perkinson Kenneth Raabe Jay Ross Adm. James Seely, USN Kasper Teichman PS Sean Topp

Gold Level (\$50) Robert Hillerman Thomas Humphrey Ronald Jamison Arturo Martinez Karl Schuttenheim, Jr. Robert Smith Adam Treiger, Esq.

Lavender Level (\$35) Dr. Jeff Carlson Kent Lewis

Upsilon Chapter Building Assn. (2014-2015 renovations) Emerald Level (\$100) Brian Gross

UAA - 2015 Grandest Orchid (\$500-1000) Dr. Kent Shoji Duilio Tonini-Lepori Ltc. Ronald Rule Past Sage Clifford Wells Nicholas Zorotovich

Grand Orchid Level (\$125-200) Past Sage David Canty Past Sage David Finkel Ryan Henneberg Capt. Barry Maiten Matt Nazareth, Esq. Josh King Admiral James Seely, USN (ret.)

Emerald Level (\$75-100) Past Sage Adam Brockman Dr. Pat Brown John Cellar Adrian Edwards Mark Goldsmith Robert Hillerman Douglas Keppler Josh King Past Sage John Latimer John Lindsay Dan McKenzie Michael McKenzie Carl Moroney Matt Nazareth, Esq. Past Sage Richard Owens Richard Peters Dan Peterson Bradley Reichard Karl Schuttenheim

Gold Level (\$50) Dr. Rainer Beck Jaime Galvan Chris Good Scott Good Brian Gross Richard Hoffman

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Please help the Alumni Association by paying Annual Dues for 2017. Donations fund scholarships for actives (Meyer and D'Avanzo scholarships) and renovate the house.

Payment is on an 'ability-to-contribute' basis. We do a lot – please support the brotherhood!

Purchases include new robes for the Executive Council, a Brooks Brothers tie for the outgoing Sage, framing photos of WWII veteran brothers, and framing photos of varsity athletes.

Emerald level: \$100.00-Includes
Founders Day 2017 and
USC/Homecoming
Tailgater.

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before 2012.

Lavender level: \$35.00-Graduates
after 2012.

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Chance's wedding: Ben Kutrz, Past Sage Martin Vigodnier, David Chang, Sam Cortina, Esq. (graduate of Harvard Law School), and Evan Hou celebrate.