

Brothers of Alpha Theta!

Summer 2016, Business Topic #4

### **Chapter Eternal Initiative**

Alpha Theta lost two brothers within 10 days this past January. Their passing revived a recent conversation... What is the best way for ATAA to recognize a brother's passing and honor their memory? Since no practice is in place to answer this question, ATAA responded to specific requests from brothers close to them over the years and members of their family. A brief summary of our response is below.

#### **The purpose of this message is three-fold:**

- 1) Share the role ATAA played as a facilitator in remembering them;
- 2) Raise awareness of this topic among the broader alumni base; and
- 3) Seek input and participation from the broader alumni base to establish a Chapter Eternal practice for ATAA.

#### **Need:**

Three or more alumni to investigate existing practices within Pi Kappa Alpha and recommend an approach that ATAA might take in the future. Contact: Doug Ladish, [doug.ladish@me.com](mailto:doug.ladish@me.com)

#### **Our January 2016 Chapter Eternal Brothers:**

Jim Laughlin

Jim was a 1960 initiate of Alpha Theta. A number of his contemporaries established an endowed scholarship with Pike Foundation, in his memory. The scholarship will be jointly administered by ATAA and Pike Foundation. Income from the endowment will be used to support undergraduate chapter attendance at Pike University events. Pike University provides leadership and personal development training to undergraduate officers and members.

Rick Budd

Rick was a 1962 initiate of Delta Gamma Chapter at Miami (Ohio) University. Upon transferring to WVU in 1963, Rick became active in Alpha Theta. Through Jim Budd (Rick's son and Pike brother from Iota Beta Chapter), Rick's family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to ATAA to be used to support chapter leadership development. Donations received were used to offset travel costs for delegates to the 2016 Pike Convention, where Pike International Fraternity governance and leadership training occur.

In the bonds,

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