

President's Message



Last month we lost a Lion in the passing of Brother Dick Troncone. We have had many great SAEs leave us for Chapter Eternal over the years and even recently, but the loss of Dick is an exceptional blow. Dick has meant many things to many SAEs over the years and not just brothers who call San Diego home. He was a friend, a brother, and someone who could be fiercely relied upon.

If you have been with our Association for any length of time you have watched it grow to what it is today. It goes without saying, and hopefully recognized by you,

that we are spoiled and all the more

fortunate to have this thing of ours. We should be proud to know that our Association is looked at as one of the few model associations in the realm.

Dick undoubtedly was the architect who spent countless hours working to provide an



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environment that allows for us all to gather and joyfully remain SAEs while we move farther and father away from our collegiate days. Dick of course did not do all of this alone and he would humbly admit today that many of you helped provide input and your time towards improving and growing the Association. If time was on his side I know he would have taken the opportunity to thank all of you.

When Dick retired from active duty as our President in 2016, he would say that he was proud to do so knowing that there was a great group of alumni in place to continue on. Even though he made hints that it might be beneficial for him open up his board seat for another brother he knew that we were not going to let him step down. Dick's presence was always welcomed as he gracefully allowed the board to maneuver providing guidance without holding on to his former role.

Though Dick will be remembered for so many things spanning multiple decades, how he conducted himself towards the end of his life will undoubtedly add to his legacy.

For us, we owe it to Dick to continue his work which we have been. As it is sad that we have lost such a dynamic person and friend, Dick without question would not want us to mourn and retreat, but rather move as he would say "Onward and Upward". Through each of us, we will continue to gather and grow our Association keeping the torch burning for Brother Dick Troncone. It is the least we can do.

In the bonds,

Adam Porter

President, San Diego Area Alumni Association

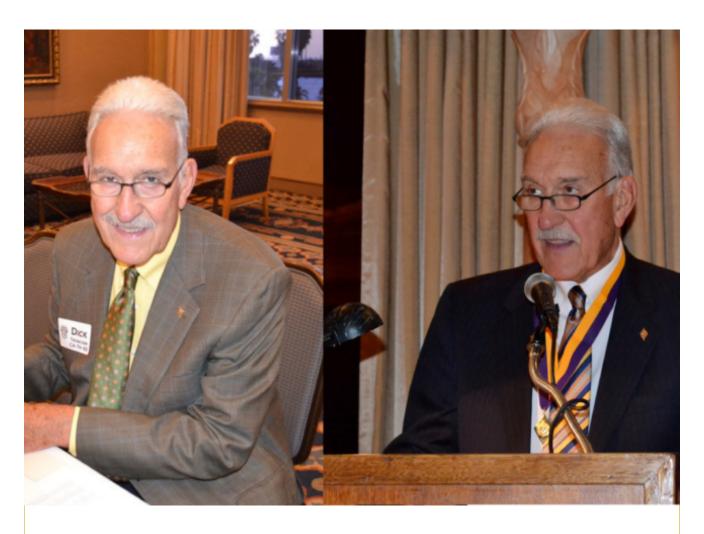
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Dick Troncone - Honorary Eminent Supreme Archon for 2019-2021 Biennium



By definition, loyalty is giving or showing firm and constant support or allegiance to a person or institution. However, most people know that it goes beyond that. Loyalty is a feeling, something stirring on the inside that cannot be turned off. It can cling to us with devotion and

fidelity when we find our passions. Richard "Dick" Troncone (San Diego State '65) truly personifies loyalty, not just to the Fraternity, but to every cause he supports. For his unwavering loyalty to Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the past Eminent Supreme Archons are formally nominating Richard A. Troncone as to serve as the Honorary Eminent Supreme Archon for the 2019-2021 biennium, voted on during the 163rd Anniversary Convention.



Unfortunately, Dick has recently fallen ill and we expect him to pass through the doors of Chapter Eternal in the coming days. Please keep Brother Troncone and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

The San Diego native didn't stray far from home for college—perhaps this was the kindling of the loyalty Troncone would embody his entire life. After entering the chapter at San Diego State, he quickly found himself in leadership roles, eventually serving as Eminent Archon. While most members waver from the Fraternity as the years pass, Troncone steered the opposite direction and dove head first into volunteerism, continuing to support and cherish what

he loved. He is the past San Diego Alumni Association President, oversees the San Diego State Chapter Education Fund, and previously served as President of the California Theta House Corporation. For his longtime service to every faction of SAE in the San Diego area, the Fraternity has awarded him the Order of Minerva, Merit Key, and our highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award.

Although the Fraternity is his passion, it is not the only cause to which he is loyal. Troncone was heavily involved with his alma mater, serving as the SDSU Alumni Association President for six years and continuing in an active role

as past president, eventually receiving the prestigious Monty Award for Distinguished Service to the University. But this was not enough to settle his eternal fire of giving back. Troncone is also active in the San Diego Rotary, taking a particular interest in reading to elementary students for over twenty years. He also chaired the club's Camp Enterprise program through various high schools in the San Diego area.

Much like the Phoenix rising above its previous iteration, Troncone has been

ensuring future generations of SAEs and SDSU alumni will have the same opportunities he had to build lifelong friendships. "I've enjoyed the people I met, and developed lifelong friendships," he said in 2007. After all, SAE's mission is to advance the highest standards of friendship, scholarship, leadership, and service throughout life. Dick Troncone sets that standard. Loyalty knows no bounds, but if it had them, he transcends those limits.

From the Eminent Supreme Archon



GREETINGS BROTHERS

Serving as your Eminent Supreme Archon over the past year and a half has been

both enlightening and rewarding. Your 'Supreme Council set forth an aggressive agenda focused on enhanced education, moving the organization ever forward and meeting challenges head-on. I have had the opportunity to meet many great men, our youngest and our oldest, and I am constantly inspired by the spirit, enthusiasm, and, often times, hard work that our Brothers, regardless of age, display as they build on the proud legacy of SAE.

During the biennium, the professional staff, with guidance from the Supreme Council, has embarked on a number of initiatives to enrich the SAE experience for our members and particularly our undergraduates. Eighty-three years have passed since John O. Moseley envisioned an educational experience for our Brothers, the first of its kind in the country.

While the spirit of the John O. Moseley Leadership School will continue, we are building on that legacy with a vision of reaching more men, more often and in more places. Starting in March 2019, we begin the evolution of the traditional once-a-year school with plans to deliver four District Academies each year by 2020. In 2019, we'll host the inaugural event at the Levere Memorial Temple and the other dates and location will be announced this spring. These new geographically distributed programs will focus on emerging leaders and advisors and will allow us to connect with and mentor far more men throughout the Realm. We have spent countless hours in focus groups, town halls, and surveys to learn what our men seek. This process has identified the need for greater personal and professional development, in conjunction with the chapter leadership and operations programming that have been part of the Leadership School for decades.

This past January, we convened our first Executives Academy, another program built on the foundation of the original Leadership School model. This program focused on leadership training for our chapter presidents, recruitment chairmen, health and safety officers, and chapter advisors. The inaugural program had more than 350 Brothers in attendance. Next year, we will invite more officers to join us, increasing the impact on all chapters across the Realm.

I am very proud of the success that we have had with the DeVotie Ritual Institute. In seven short years, this has become our most in-demand program.

The impact has been far-reaching and in order to expand the program, it will be held in July 2019, rather than November. This shift will allow us to move beyond the interior walls of the Temple and utilize the outdoor areas as well. It is so very fulfilling to see our members coming to the Levere Memorial Temple and discovering the beauty and meaning of our home. They arrive with a hunger for knowledge about the ritual and eager to learn how to use its lessons and meanings to enhance their value system and guide them in reaching their greatest potential Understanding our ritual, history, and creed is what truly separates us from other fraternities.

Our programs are vital, yet our education model extends far beyond our events. Also in development are new programs and services designed to create individual and chapter incentives to encourage men to excel and, in return, to be rewarded. We have new online curriculum being developed to better prepare our men for the responsibilities of membership and new experiential programs being designed to enhance the bid-to-initiate (96 hours) experience for every chapter.

Communicating all that we are doing is still being featured in our longstanding magazine, "The Record," and a new model is also taking hold. If you have not taken the time to access "The Record Online," I urge you to do so at www.therecordonline.net. For many years, we've been told you wanted more "good news" about the Fraternity and wanted it more frequently. The Record Online makes that a reality and it's quickly becoming, as intended, your SAE

good news channel.

Along with the many good things going on, we have also heard your concerns. We have faced challenges and worked diligently to address them. We are not perfect, but the passion and desire to be all we can be, drives us every day. To that end, we created the True Gentleman Task Force in the fall of 2017. We asked that they explore our key messages and brand identity. Armed with that information, and with the support of a professional agency, we met with several focus groups in the summer of 2018, comprised of students, volunteers, staff, and external constituents. We learned a lot about ourselves, our mission, our history, and our passion for the future. That led to an increased understanding and commitment to how we present SAE, define ourselves and our brand. Our strengthened identify will infuse our communication and our visual presence and over the next few months, you will begin to see a new look built on a familiar and meaningful story, so that together we can rise about our challenges, seize opportunities, and reach new heights.

I am also very excited for our upcoming 163rd Anniversary Convention to be held in Louisville, Kentucky in June. This will be a great opportunity for our members to come together to elect our new Leadership and to guide the organization into the future. Many have spoken to us about the purpose and opportunities presented by the gathering of Brothers at the Convention. We are excited to offer a slightly varied approach from the past. This year we will be having one business

session devoted to breakouts centered on education. These discussions will be facilitated, open dialogue groups intended to expand understanding around key issues and priorities facing the Fraternity and Greek-life community. In addition to these educational programs, and coupled with the more traditional components of the Convention, I expect we will have a little fun as well.

This will be my last opportunity to speak to you as the voice of the ESA within the pages of this magazine. It has been my honor to serve you and I appreciate the support and contribution of so very many of you. I look forward to continuing to serve the Fraternity following my service on the Supreme Council. SAE really is about more than one man, one chapter, or one campus. The Fraternity reaches deep into the communities where we live and serve. I believe that together we can achieve when we strive ever higher in the spirit of Phi Alpha!

Phi Alpha,

Thomas J. Dement II

Eminent Supreme Archon

Women's History Month - Lucy Pattie



March is Women's History Month, a time to commemorate and encourage the study, observance, and celebration of the vital role women have played throughout American history. Although Sigma Alpha Epsilon is a men's organization, there have been many significant women in our history, the most famous perhaps being Lucy Pattie.

The Pattie family members were well-respected, longtime residents of Jefferson County in Kentucky. Their house was a favorite for the SAE members at Kentucky Military Institute (Kentucky Chi) to visit as a respite from the rigors of military discipline. In many ways, it became their surrogate chapter house.

Chapter member John B. Kent (1860) became close friends with one of the Pattie children, Lucy. In later years, Lucy stated that their relationship was "one of an admiring little sister and an indulgent big brother."

The American Civil War came in April 1861. Students rushed to enlist and within a matter of weeks, Kentucky Military Institute was virtually empty and the school subsequently closed. The SAE members scattered, each going to a different part of the country to enlist. Kent was the last member to leave so all remaining chapter affairs defaulted to him. He saw the need to leave important chapter documents, including the Ritual, in the care of another in case he didn't survive the war. He entrusted them to Lucy, knowing full well she would keep and protect them.

Kent explained the importance of the papers, instructing Lucy to "keep them 'til I come back, but if I never come again, give them to no one unless he can give you the grip of the hand." She promised to seal them safely and hide them "where no friend nor foe might find them." Sadly, Kent was killed in action in 1863.

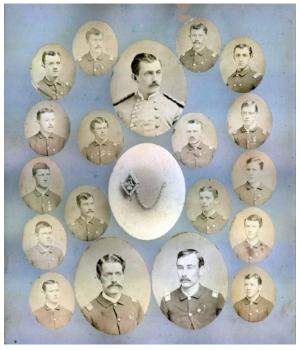
Years passed, the Civil War ended, and Kentucky Military Institute reopened its doors. The Kentucky Chi chapter was revived as a few of its now older members returned. Several of them walked to the Pattie farm to recover the papers, but Lucy adamantly refused to

hand anything over—no one attempted to shake her hand. Eventually, Albert McMahan (1870) realized he should give her the grip, after which she happily returned the documents.

The chapter was astounded by Lucy's devotion and care for the Ritual, so much that they initiated her into Kentucky Chi as an honorary member of the Fraternity. She even received a badge. Although Lucy did not participate in chapter business, she attended all the gatherings and she and her family farm became cornerstones of the chapter's recruitment strategy.

After college, Lucy chose a life in education, passing years of wisdom onto generations of young people and no doubt nurturing young men into true gentlemen. She served as the Superintendent of Franklin County for several years before working for the Department of Education at the Kentucky State Capitol. Lucy stayed dedicated to the Fraternity throughout the years,

consistently writing and supporting the Kentucky Chi chapter. Upon hearing about her story, famed Eminent Supreme Recorder William C. Levere visited her in in 1919 and bequeathed her a replica badge of the original worn by the Founding Fathers. She supposedly wore it every day until she entered Chapter Eternal on November 14, 1922.





Bro Pro-Files: Dave Thomson (CA-TH '52)

By: Tom Gable

Dave Thomson, third generation Californian, was born and raised in Los Angeles. He skipped a grade in elementary school and graduated from Hollywood High School in 1947, at age 17. He did one year in a prep school in the east and returned to Los Angeles for one year at Los Angeles City College before enrolling at SDSU in the summer of 1949.

The campus had about 3,500 students then. He stood in line to register, behind just 20 others, and paid \$10 a unit for his classes. Epsilon Eta, the colony, joined SAE that fall. Dave rushed in the fall but didn't know anyone so he waited, as a "pocket pledge," to join in the spring semester. Famous members of Epsilon Eta included Dick Lareau, who moved to UC Berkeley to pursue his architecture degree (later put to work on the SAE house on College Place).

SAE didn't have a fraternity house, so some of the brothers rented a house off Laurel Street and Albatross Street overlooking Maple Canyon. They ran

it like a fraternity house, renting it to SAE to have meetings on Monday and cocktail parties on the weekend. The fraternity later moved to its first house on Saranac Street in La Mesa.

"The Korean war was in full bloom so my stepfather, a Navy captain, encouraged me to join the Navy Reserve to stay out of draft," Dave recalled. "I was in the submarine Reserve. Its meetings and our fraternity meetings were both on Mondays. So, I would go every other week to SAE and then every other week to the Navy. I got a postcard saying that due to lousy drill attendance, I had to report for active duty."

His stepfather told Dave that his college work made him eligible for the Naval Aviation Cadet Program.

"That sounded a lot better than submarines, so I took the tests, got accepted and off I went to flight training in Pensacola, Florida," Dave said. "I earned my commission and wings. I ended up retiring after 20 years of active duty, plus ten years of reserve."

In the middle of flight training, North Korea surrendered, so he missed combat. Dave said he flew everything that had one engine and one seat, including fighter planes and trainers. He liked the F-9 Grumman Cougar, a swept wing fighter. He had just one tour in the Pacific about the carrier Essex.

"No one was shooting, but we did help get Chang Kai-shek out of China," Dave said. He is also proud of the fact that the had an "equal number of take offs and landings" from the carrier. His stepfather was an inspiration, having flowing F-6 Hellcats off aircraft carriers during World War II.

During his Navy career, he was stationed in San Diego several times. He bought a little house in 1964 in South Mission Beach, on the bayside, which he fixed up over the years and where he currently lives. Because he flew single engine planes, versus multi-engine planes, the airline industry wasn't an option.

After the Navy, Dave worked with Woodward, Clyde, a civil engineering firm, in San Diego.

"We did a lot of work dredging Mission Bay, which was mostly swamp land back then," Dave said. "Our job was to find good sand for dredging, versus dirt. The channel was just opened and much work needed to be done. Amazing to see what Mission Bay has become."

Housing development engineering was another specialty. Dave said the firm did a lot of grading for new housing tracts, 'knocking off top of hills and filling up the canyons, which wouldn't go well today," he said.

Dave married in 1956 and was divorced in 1965. The couple had four children, three boys and girl. The boys live in Pacific Beach (Robert), Del Mar (Bradley) and La Jolla (Kelly). The daughter, Kathy, is in Encinitas. Grandchildren?

"More than I can count!" Dave said, but then did the math and got to eight.

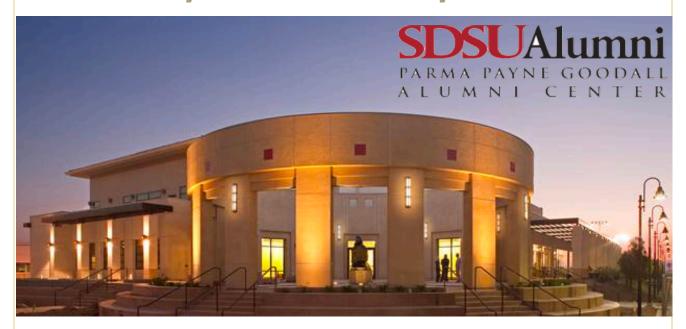
Dave remarried a local girl and Kappa Alpha Theta, Barbara North, of Point Loma, and sister of Lowell North, Epsilon Eta, and founder of a noted sail making company bearing his name. They lived in La Jolla, until her passing following a stroke.

Dave enjoys retirement, staying in touch with friends and fraternity brothers and indulging in one of the most popular sports in South Mission Beach: sitting on the front patio and watching the passing parade of characters and beauties, in various stages of dress or undress. He has stayed active with the fraternity alumni association and enjoys the camaraderie. Best memories of SAE?

"It's a great organization," Dave said. "The younger guys have added some new energy. SAE has had a great reputation over the years and it's fun to be a member, no matter what your generation."

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Alumni Association Celebrates the 163rd Anniversary at Founder's Day!





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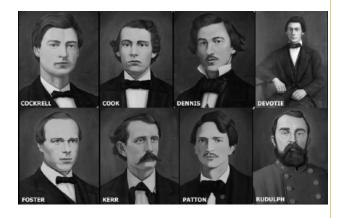
Founders Day was held March 8, 2019 at the Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center on the SDSU campus. Approximately 140 enthusiastic brothers gathered, including Jack Goodall (CA-TH '60), at this first-time venue. Active members from the three county chapters (Cal Theta, Cal Chi & Cal Alpha Gamma) represented about half of the overall attendees. A strong contingent from the 2012-14 Cal Theta graduate classes was great to see. Cal Chi was once again victorious in winning the coveted Capture the Flag Award presented by Gary Martin (CA-TH '81) for

highest percentage of active member attendance. The program began with a report by John McMullen (CA-TH '70) on the critically declining health of Cal Theta's legendary and most admired true gentleman, Dick Troncone (CA-TH '67). Past Eminent Supreme Archon Brad Cohen (AZ-AL '85) and current Eminent Supreme Recorder Michael Sophir (NE-LPi '85) also gave heartfelt tributes on the dedication, leadership and accomplishments of our fearless and relentless mentor. Brother Cohen announced that within a matter of a couple of hours leading up to the start of the evening all living Past Eminent Supreme Archons unanimously had just voted to honor Brother Troncone as an Honorary Eminent Supreme Archon for the upcoming 2019-2021 biennium, to a rousing standing ovation and tears of joy.



This was an emotional night, rich in brotherhood, which shall be forever remembered. The Eminent Archons from each local chapter then gave updates on the many accomplishments and healthy status of their chapters. Gregg Doherty (NY-DE '55) received the 2019 Richard Troncone Brother of the Year Award. Brother Doherty gave a captivating speech on his history with the organization, and again made sure everyone knew his alma mater was Syracuse. Joe Farrage (CA-TH '88) aptly performed once again as master of ceremony, but jokingly insisted on a contractual agreement going forward. Lead by Brother Bill Marckwardt (CA-TH

'76), the night was wrapped with a large circle gathered to boisterously sing Friends and Come Sing to Sig. In all accords, a memorable evening had by brothers young and old. Phi Alpha!





Jack McGory talks SDSU West Plans at the January Luncheon





Jack McGrory, former San Diego City Manager and head of the SDSU's Campanile Foundation, was guest speaker for the quarterly SAE Alumni Association luncheon on January 16th at the San Diego Yacht Club. Jack is spearheading efforts for development of voter-approved SDSU West to provide an auxiliary campus and replacement stadium for Aztec football and much more. Jack spoke briefly on the history, current status, and prospects for development of the project, then fielded numerous questions from the 40+ attendees. Young new faces welcomed at the event included Zac Kyle (CA-IO '13), Troy Wahl (CA-TH '14), Eric Anderberg (CA-TH '13), Keith Henderson (CA-TH '17).

Brews with Bros VII @ The Green Flash Brewery



More than a dozen brothers met at Green Flash Brewing in Sorrento Mesa for Brews w/Bros VII on January 31st. Braving rain and traffic was compulsory. Two newcomers from Fresno State, Zac Kyle (CA-IO '13) and Tyler Jenkins (CA-IO '14), attended their first Brews event. Both have recently relocated to the San Diego area. Bob Howard (Cal Theta '76) made his first-ever Alumni Association event appearance since

in three representatives from the ever-proud Fall '73 pledge class (including Rich Krantzman & Bill Marckwardt). A good time was z had by all, and consensus verified that Green Flash clearly has some excellent brews. Stay tuned for Brews w/Bros VIII this spring at a date and location to be determined. The event will be posted on the

graduation some 43 years ago, resulting

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website.

Coach Rocky Long talks SDSU Football at the April Luncheon

A capacity crowd of about 50 members attended the April 11th luncheon to hear Aztec head football coach Rocky Long at the San Diego Yacht Club.

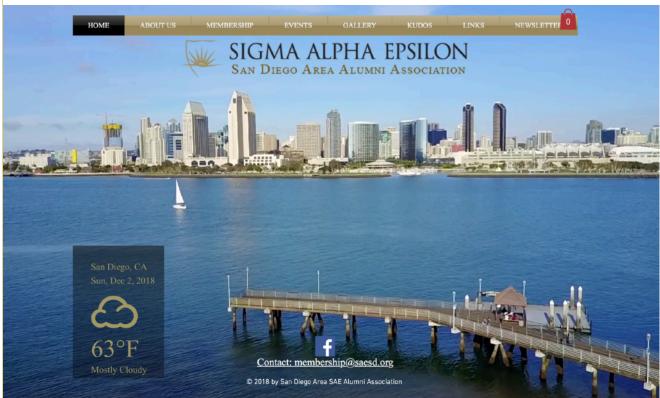
It was great to see many more young faces in the crowd.

A moment of silence was held in honor of the late SAE icon Dick Troncone, who entered chapter eternal on March 16th.

Coach Long detailed the positive recruiting and game atmosphere benefits he anticipates from having the new stadium and SDSU West completed. Coach further discussed why he believes SDSU may have a realistic shot at joining the Big-12 in the not-too-distant future, and why joining the Pac-12 simply won't happen. Rocky gave an overview of the new offensive scheme, and positives of converting to the spread formation. Coach Long is thrilled to have experienced and tough-minded Brady Hoke back on his staff as defensive line coach. Confirmation of the date and guest speaker for the



Association Website Enables Secure Online Registration and Payments for Members



If you haven't yet checked out the new Alumni Association website, we encourage you to do so. Whether you are looking to attend an upcoming event, renew your annual membership, check out the images in the gallery or articles in the newsletters, this is this the best source to find all that information and more.

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