

August 7, 2020

Dear Brothers,

I am deeply sorry that I cannot be with you for this memorable event. Surgery for a hernia, and complications, has left me dependent on nursing care and a wheelchair. God willing the curse of the Covid Disease has not been able to curtail the significance of the 100th Anniversary of EX. I shared the dormitory life of Sigma Chi for the scholastic years 1951-52. The basic abilities to live in brotherly community were entitled in me in those years.

In addition to Jeff Burnside and Bill Ukropina, who I have only known through letter, I send greetings to Jim Sweeney and any others with whom I lived the life of Sigma Chi during the years 1951-52. But I still hold in my mind pictures of life in the old Sig House, from years in the old back wing to a room at the front of the house.

I had hoped that I might be able to be with you for these days of celebration, but two things stood in the way – August 8 is the expected date of the Annual Chapter meeting of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, the monastic Community of the Episcopal Church of which I am a member, and then the unexpected complications of my surgery.

In hoc,

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