

April 3, 1983

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Dear Brooks,

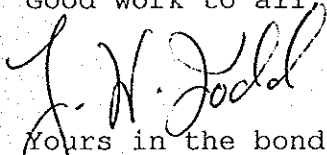
Reviewed your draft directory. Also called "the Dons" - McCaskey and English. The only suggestion we make regards the Irving. As the Irving is not part of Phi Kappa Psi National (we New York Alphans founded the Irving, and it founded us; very complicated, much like the Nicene Creed), Irving members may or may not be brothers of the fraternity, particularly before AY 1889, but even in some cases, after 1889.

Though Chapters cannot induct honorary members, the members of the Irving may. That by-law provision has been used - as with Neibuhr and Malinowski and van Loon when they came to speak and dine at Old Three Twelve - to honor the honorable. Irving himself was an honorary (and dead), so was the Brit Bright (who probably never knew he was a member). Sumner was Phi Psi before we got him in Chapter and in Irving; Schurz's wife obviously was not; same with Kelly. Also with the Civil War vets Joe Foraker brought to the Society. I think, though they may have been Phi Psi. Remember, records were not well kept until after WWII.

On Schulyer, check both the National and Chapter lists to see if he was a brother. Otherwise, he would be honorary. You have to check both lists; we hid brothers by not listing them on the National returns after 1890. Remember, lateral black ball was in effect until about a decade ago. Veblen was both; Admas had to be honorary. That was a Ryan deal same way Mitchel was a Bruere deal. Regarding F. Tone, give me a call: (412) 741-9443.

Last Irving event I attended was in 1972; Ted Lowi on election.

Good work to all; enjoy the Phi Psi 500 !



Yours in the bonds,
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p.s. I faxed the Irving initiation to Master Ketchum; Hotel School number.