



William “Bill” Gibney ’69, ’72

Has been elected to membership in the

Beta Phi Hall of Honor

Class of 2009

Brother Bill Gibney pledged Sigma Chi in the fall of 1965 and believes that it was one of the best decisions of his life. He credits the Fraternity with helping him to develop lifelong friendships, learn the value of service and commitment, and holds a deep gratitude to his Brothers for their love, loyalty, and support.

Shortly after pledging Sigma Chi, Bill was elected President of the Freshman class at the U of A and held leadership roles in several campus organizations throughout his college career. He was elected Student Body Senator from the College of Education and was inducted into Sophos, Chain Gang, and Blue Key.

Brother Gibney served as Sigma Chi Rush Chairman his Junior and Senior years and loved the job so much he continued in that role during his first two years of law school at the U of A. Brother Gibney was honored with the Balfour Award for the Southwest Province and was runner-up for the International Balfour Award at the Grand Chapter meeting in Atlanta in 1969. At that meeting, Bill lobbied successfully to have the “whites only” clause removed from the Sigma Chi by-laws, an effort that Bill considers his most significant contribution to Sigma Chi. Bill later served on the Balfour Leadership Training board for three years.

While attending law school, Brother Gibney received an appointment from Attorney General John Mitchell to serve as his summer law intern at the U. S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. Upon law school graduation, Bill was appointed to serve as trial attorney for the Civil Division of the Department of Justice.

In 1975, Bill was appointed by Arizona Governor Raul Castro as Special Counsel for the Agriculture Labor Board where he served for eight years under three Arizona governors. Brother Gibney entered private practice in 1984 with a focus on estate planning. He married television anchorwoman Cheryl Parker in 1990 and upon her retirement, convinced her to join him in his law practice as his paralegal. In addition to their estate-planning practice, Bill and Cheryl work together as a mediation team.

The Spirit of Sigma Chi is ever present in the couple’s home where they have hosted two large Sigma Chi reunions. Brother Gibney, totally blind since he was eight years old, denies any disability. He founded the National Beep Baseball Association, a softball game for the blind, and served as President of the Board of Directors for Center for the Blind in Phoenix for 12 years. Bill and Cheryl have a deep faith and are active members of Paradise Valley Community Church, where they serve as Marriage Mentors and Life Group leaders.