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to me, Robert

Forty years ago and a handful of months I arrived at MSU as a 22 year old freshman just out of the Marine Corps. Since I was older than most of the brothers, the seniors took a **keen** interest in me as a pledge. Rick was a part of that. The best example of the relationship in the fall of 1979 between Rick & me, was playing football in the front yard. We choose to be on opposite teams in order to **keenly** beat the hell out of each other on every play. We really didn't care if the ball came our way as long as we each had the opportunity for a cheap shot. Good relationships are build through adversity.

As my first year was passing, I felt Rick was **THE** steady hand in the house. I would go and talk to him about my apprehensions concerning college. This was a foreign experience to me as I had been the 1st in my generation of extended family to ultimately graduate from a university. I learned to trust Rick andhave always trusted..... what Rick had to say, "**The Steady Hand**".

This "Steady Hand" would prove useful during the Spring of 81, when the undergrads decided to build a deck in the backyard in order to take advantage of the Red Cedar River. The undergrads brought muscle, a hammer, a saw, lumber, and maybe alcohol. I'm not sure, it was a long time ago. Rick being pragmatic, brought the power tools! He was the alumnus who helped the undergrads make that structure happen. 20 years later when the deck had to be redone, he once again showed up with his tools and made it happen. In fact, he was so focused on the completing the deck that he didn't notice the gasoline fire taking place in the parking lot by the doll house. Another story, another time.

Rick joined the Alpha Pi ACB just a few years after his graduation. He has seen the peaks and valleys of Alpha Pi. During a very troubling time, Rick reached out to a number of alumni brothers to assist. We responded remembering our pledge to the ***Pearl of Great Price***. It seems that Rick has been responding to the ***Pearl of Great Price*** for decades.

I have been in a numerous organizations and have seen leadership in many styles. Rick Van Dresser holds up to the highest traditions of **ANY** organization. He is faithful, committed, and honorable in every way. I am proud that he is my brother and my friend.

YITBOS,

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