



Lewis C. Murphy '55, '61

Has been elected to membership in the
Beta Phi Hall of Honor
Class of 2002

Brother Murphy was born in New York, New York in 1933. He has been a resident of Arizona since 1950. After graduating from a military high school in Minnesota in 1951, he entered the University of Arizona in the fall of that year. While completing his undergraduate degree requirements, he became a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and the Air Force ROTC program. Brother Murphy received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arizona in 1955.

Upon graduation in 1955, Brother Murphy was commissioned an officer in the United States Air Force and served as a pilot in Japan and Korea during the years 1955-1958. Upon his discharge from the Air Force, Brother Murphy entered the University of Arizona Law School.

While completing his studies at the UA School of Law, Brother Murphy was named to the Phi Alpha Delta National Law Fraternity and was president of the Student Bar Association during 1960-1961. Upon his graduation with a LL.B. degree in 1961, Brother Murphy entered private practice as an attorney in Tucson.

His devotion to serving the City of Tucson first began as the City Attorney during the years 1970-1971. In December of 1971 he was elected as Mayor of Tucson; a position he held with distinction for 16 years until he left office in December of 1987.

Brother Murphy has devoted the majority of his lifetime to serving his community and bringing honor and distinction to the Beta Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He is a member of the Arizona and Pima County Bar Associations, a member of the Arizona Academy, a past vice-president of the Central Arizona Project Association Board of Directors, a member of the Region IX Governmental Relations Committee, a member of the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Jobs Development Committee, listed in "Who's who in American Politics", listed in "Who's Who in America", a member of the Board of Directors of the Tucson Community Food Bank where he served for 12 years, a member of the Advisory Board of the Arizona Cancer Center and a member of the Government Ethics Committee, Josephson Institute. Additionally, Brother Murphy served his community on the Board of Directors of the United Way and as the Chairman of the Annual Funding Campaign during the years 1988-1989.

Brother Murphy was honored by being named a "Significant Sig" by the Sigma Chi Fraternity in 1985. "Sigma Chi was the cornerstone of my maturity; teaching combinations of commitment, loyalty, trust and service. The learning process and the life long friendships and mutuality of purpose completed my belief in the tenants of the White Cross, without which I would not be the person I am today. I owe Sigma Chi for the experiences of a lifetime".