

Where Are They Today? Installment #2

Do you know what happened to some of the leaders from our lodge's rich history?

Timothy Herbert Fine was our 3rd lodge chief (1954-1955). Prior to that, he had served as one of the two deputy lodge chiefs (1953-1954). Tim was among the five lodge members in the 2nd class of Vigils honored by the lodge. The five were also the first Vigil members to have taken their Ordeal in our lodge. They were called out for Vigil on 21 April at the Area III-C Pow Wow (conclave) held at Camp Roosevelt and received the Vigil Honor on 22 April 1956. In 1955 he graduated from Washington - Lee High School in Arlington, VA. He received engineering degrees from the University of Virginia and the University of Southern California prior to receiving his law degree in 1965 from the Boalt Hall School of Law of the University of California. After working in another San Francisco law firm, he founded his own law firm of Fine, Carter & Kroenigsberg in 1977. Much of his practice was representing franchise holders. He also chaired the American Bar Association's committee on franchising. He died in Berkley, CA, on 11 May 1990 at age 52.



Harry Barnett Wirin became our 3rd lodge adviser on 1 January 1954; he served until 1958. He was our lodge's 1st ritual (ceremony) adviser, starting in 1953. Harry was in the 2nd class of Vigils honored by the lodge; they all received the Vigil Honor on 22 April 1956. Professionally, Harry was a civil service official in the Department of Agriculture. He died in Fredericksburg, VA, on 24 November 1998 at age 87. He's buried in Columbia Gardens Cemetery in Arlington, VA, along with his wife and son, Barnett O. Wirin.

Barnett O. Wirin was our 4th lodge chief (1955 - 1956). Previously, he had been one of two lodge vice chiefs (1954 - 1955). Along with his dad and Tim Fine, he was in the same class of Vigils that completed their induction on 22 April 1956. He graduated high school in 1956 and entered Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, that fall. He became a member of Alpha Chi Sigma fraternity. On 18 September 1960, just prior to registering for his senior year at Cornell, he and two classmates hopped a freight train about five miles from Ithaca. When the train stopped near the Cornell campus, they climbed from the freight car but Barnett was thrown to the roadbed when the train lurched as the cars were being switched. He was fatally injured and died while being taken to the hospital. He was 21 years old. He's buried with his parents in Columbia Gardens Cemetery.



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