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The BMI Statue Arch

The BMI Statue site has a new highly crafted addition with the installation of the original BMI Arch from 1915. Thanks to the efforts of Vice President J.C. Platt '74 and Ray Price, the BMI Arch sits prominently above the Cadet Statue. The Board of Directors, under the direction of President Jack Harkins '67, voted to allocate funds for the project. Platt and Price worked tirelessly to have the Arch in place by the 2018 Reunion.

This beautiful Arch with the black background and bronze BMI letters was once prominently displayed at the main entrance of the Old Main. However, between 1933 and 1944, it was removed because it was only 9'3" wide and needed to be 13'9" wide because of safety reasons. Later the Arch was seen at the entrance to BMI football field off Elizabeth Street. In 1995, when Ray Price, the son of Horace "Whitey" Price (the custodian and grounds keeper at BMI from 1953-1972), saw the Arch at Barry Hausser's home. Barry Hausser, who was the owner of Apps Hardware, donated this beautiful Arch to the city of Bordentown in 2010.

The Arch was then designated to be displayed at Hill Top Park. Mayor James Lynch '73 decided to delay this proposal and it was stored at the Bordentown City Garage. After the fire at the garage, the Arch was inadvertently placed in the dumpster. Thanks to J.C. Platt for spotting this and saving our beloved Arch.

After viewing the original 1915 blueprint that Treasurer Bob Frisbie '61 preserved, the BMI Arch was restored and placed with other crafted ornamental work above and behind the Cadet Statue. A must see, this Arch along with the Cadet Statue, brings back many memories of our years at BMI. The Cadet Statue is located at 70 Park St. in Bordentown.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary

(With input from J.C. Platt '74 and Ray Price)



BMI Entrance with Arch circa 1935



BMI Arch Restored and Installed at Statue Site



