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Letter from the Venerable Dean

Dear Brother Foy,

My name is Michael Foy and I am the newly elected Venerable Dean of the Wisconsin Chapter. The past few semesters have seen some of the largest growth and prosperity in the history of our chapter. My new executive board and I are very excited to get started on this year and hope to continue this tremendous success.

Over the course of the winter recess, my executive board and I did an outreach project to generate contact information and gather input from alumni from the past 60 years of our chapter. Much of the sentiment was simply that they haven't heard from all of us in quite a long time, however many said they would look to be more active now and hope to make it to Founders' Day and Homecoming this year! I hope this project will serve as the first step in improving the alumni-active chapter relationship.

I am also excited to announce that our chapter house will have 27 men living in it for the 2017-2018 calendar year. After discussing with the alumni, this is one of the highest totals we have ever had in our chapter facility. All 27 young men, myself included, are very excited to see what this experience will hold. There has been a tremendous commitment from the men of the Beta Eta, Beta Theta, and Beta Iota pledge classes to fill the house. Without their efforts, we may not have been able to sustain the chapter house, but now the future looks brighter than ever.

Overall, it is a very exciting time for the Wisconsin chapter. I know we would like if as many of you as possible could be at our Founders' Day event in April. This is a chance for you to reconnect with men whom you haven't seen in years and I would like to have as many ACACIANs as possible at this celebration. Hope to see all of you there.

If you ever want to contact me with any questions, my email is mpfoy@wisc.edu.

So Live,

Michael Foy, 12.1089
2017 Venerable Dean

Spring Recruitment

The chapter has continued its strong recruitment drive from the fall into the spring semester. We offered 21 bids and inducted 17 fine young men into the Beta Kappa pledge class. The chapter is excited to have more upstanding men to continue our traditions and grow our presence on campus.



The Pledge Induction ceremony was held on the 10th of February, and the Initiation for new members will take place on the 14th of April. All Alumni are welcome to attend this event at the Madison Masonic Center and take the opportunity to meet the active chapter and its new members!

Philanthropy and Community Involvement

Over the past calendar year, our philanthropy efforts have greatly increased from past years because of our motivation, teamwork, and efficiency as a chapter. From holding bake sales with sororities to volunteering at food banks, the brothers of Acacia have been stretching their limits when it comes to human service.

As in the past, we will be holding Dogs For Dogs, where we sell hot dogs and donate all proceeds to OccuPaws. OccuPaws is a guide dog association whose volunteers train puppies to become seeing eye dogs. Since they are a non-profit organization, they are dependent on donations to help provide these expensive dogs. This year we will be pairing with Delta Gamma Sorority and having a dunk tank, food, and dogs from OccuPaws.

The other organization is the Second Harvest Food Bank based in Madison, which provides sustenance for families in need in southern Wisconsin. We go to their facility and work with their volunteers to package large quantities of food for distribution.

Lastly, our former Venerable Dean, Jake Nelson, found out his mother is battling Breast Cancer. The brothers came together and shaved Jake's hair to raise awareness for Breast Cancer. Not only did we garner local attention, but we were recognized by our national organization for our effort to help a brother and his family.

Founders' Day

If you have not already received the invitation I would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to all of you. Our annual Founders' Day celebration will be on **April 22, 2017 in the Madison Masonic Lodge from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**. We will recognize the success of the chapter from the last year and bring as many different alumni back to the chapter as possible.

This is always an incredible night with stories and reminiscing, and we hope as many of you make it out as possible. If there is anyone you remember from your college days that you have not spoken with in years this is an excellent opportunity to bring them back together for a night of brotherhood. If you have not received the formal RSVP, you may RSVP using the link below. If you have any questions please send them to Matt Dunning at mcdunning83@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there!

Here is the link to RSVP: <http://evite.me/Xqhw1VN2Sy>

Brotherhood Lock-In

On the night of February 25th, the men of the Wisconsin chapter came together at the chapter house for series of team competitions. A few of the competitions included karaoke and trivia. All of the teams decided on their own costumes and it made for an incredible night that we won't soon forget. Each executive board member picked a team (and naturally my team won the competition) and I could not have been more proud of Andrew Rosol, Cullen Ross, Uros Plecevic, Arjun Sachar, Alex Kisch, and Danny Woodcock. I would like to thank Brother Killian Martin for organizing the event and keeping all of us at bay during the competitions.



The picture above depicts all the competitors for the night and it reminded me of another picture I saw:



Despite these two pictures being nearly 30 years apart, they seem oddly familiar. It serves to remind us that no matter how much time passes or how much the outside world changes. The men of ACACIA will always be there for each other and have as much fun with their college experiences as they can.

Some things will never change.

Michael Foy, 12.1089

We Need Your Help

The Active Chapter is making great strides in making Acacia one of the leading fraternities in Madison. The recent initiation almost doubled the size of the house. We hold one of the top fraternity GPA's on campus. For the second year in a row, the house has partnered with a Sorority and has made the final show in Humorology, and we regularly participate in other charitable endeavors.

However, the chapter needs your help. Each one of these emails has a link at the bottom to donate to Acacia. Your money truly makes a difference. If you are considering some charitable donations please consider Acacia in your giving plans. There are two funds that directly help the Wisconsin Chapter.

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The Wisconsin Chapter Fund is used to support the following activities: leadership and other chapter achievement programs, funding for local educational seminars and supporting member attendance at Conclave and ALA. The Chapter Advisor authorizes the spending of Foundation chapter funds.

The Hannes Scholarship Fund has traditionally been funded with profits from Homecoming, Founders' Day, and donations from the Housing Corporation. This scholarship is offered to

undergraduate men attending Madison. Each year multiple \$500 scholarships are given to deserving students.

Every donation helps, your \$10, \$50 or \$100, will help ensure that Acacia remains a healthy and strong fraternity on the Madison campus.

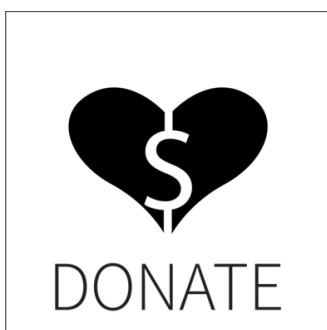
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Upcoming Events

- **April 14, 2017** - Initiation of the Beta Kappa Pledge Class at the Madison Masonic Center
- **April 22, 2017** - Founders' Day Celebration

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