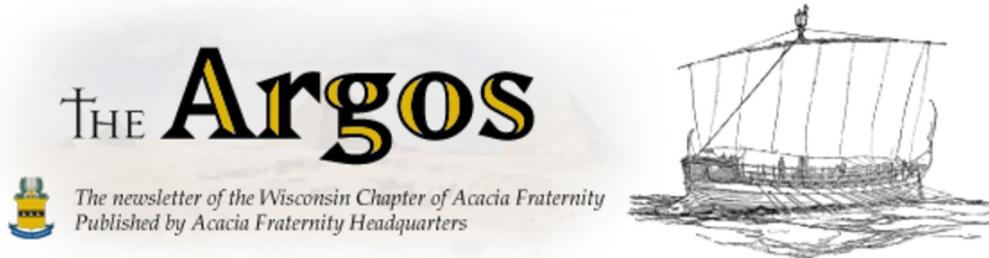


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### **From the Venerable Dean**

Over the last semester, I have seen a tremendous amount of growth in the Wisconsin Chapter. Our older members have continued to teach the next generation of leaders and the younger members of the chapter have been eager and ready to learn. I have been particularly impressed with the innovation and work ethic of my successor, Marshall Budin '16, he has shown a competence and proficiency in nearly every aspect of fraternity life including building a number of furnishings for the main room during the summer. I'm certain that all past venerable deans will wish him well during his term. He will be joined by Executive Dean Sai Chimibili '15, Senior Dean Ben Taylor '16, and Junior Dean Jack Rouleau '17. This is as strong an executive board as I have seen in my time working in fraternities and can leave my position knowing the chapter is in good hands.

I would also like to thank everyone for their support over the last few years. In the fall of 2015, we began the fall with 17 members and many questions about the viability of the chapter long term. Over the past two years we have gone on a tear and will finish this fall with nearly 60 members and we plan on having 35 members living at 222 next year. I think Brian Durst may correct me on this, but this has to be some kind of record for the Wisconsin chapter. Additionally, we went from 23rd on campus in GPA in the spring of 2015 to 1st on campus for fraternities in the spring of 2017. The future is very bright for the Wisconsin Chapter and I have the opportunity to work with such an incredible group of men and none of this success would have been possible without the effort of the entire chapter.



*Fall 2017 Initiation*

Serving as Venerable Dean has been the most rewarding and fulfilling parts of my life. I would like to say thank you to the active chapter, the housing corporation, and every member at large of the chapter that has supported me in the past year. I will take my experiences this year and they will help me for the rest of my life.

So Live and On Wisconsin!

Michael Foy  
Venerable Dean Emeritus  
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### **New Member Program**

This semester our new member program has undergone tremendous growth. The credit for the improvement in the program goes to Ben Taylor '16, Jack Rouleau '17, and our esteemed pledge educator Mitchell Haller '15. The new members have run their own philanthropy and elected their own pledge class president and secretary. I have been thoroughly impressed with the leadership and dedication of our pledge class president Rollie Woodward. Although the cold Wisconsin winter is definitely a little much for this orange county freshman he has grown into a chapter leader. Additionally, for the first time since Michael Choi graced the chapter we have our second Hawaiian born and raised Wisconsin ACACIAN with new member James Sinclair. We also have our usual assortment of new members that hail from either coast and the suburbs of Chicago. This pledge class is as strong as any group I have seen, even rivaling the fall 2015 group that saved the chapter and turned it into the force it is today. I hope you all will join me in welcoming the fall 2017 group to the chapter! Here is the list of new members:



*Fall 2017 New Members*

Rollie Woodward, #1141 - Freshman - History/Political Science - Mission Viejo, CA  
 Jack Breuch, #1142 - Sophomore - Real Estate - Novi, MI  
 Jack Chlystek, #1143 - Freshman - Biochemistry - Elmhurst, IL  
 Chad Spalding, #1144 - Freshman - Electrical Engineering - Glenview, IL  
 Mike Luberto, #1145 - Freshman - Actuarial Science - Midland Park, NJ  
 Cam Rivera, #1146 - Freshman - Neurobiology - Franklin, MA  
 Daniel Strauss, #1147 - Freshman - Finance and Risk Management - Bethesda, MD  
 Jack Baker, #1148 - Freshman - Real Estate/Finance - Burlingame, CA  
 Jack Murphy, #1149 - Freshman - Pre-Business - Newburyport, MA  
 James Sinclair, #1150 - Freshman - Undeclared - Honolulu, HI  
 Vineeth Suresh, #1151 - Sophomore - Computer Science - Naperville, IL  
 Vikram Suresh, #1152 - Sophomore - Biology - Naperville, IL

A special thanks to Donald Bock #589 who donated his old jeweled pin to the newest pledge class president. If anyone would like to donate their old pin to the active chapter so we can give it to a member of the next generation this will count towards your tax-deductible donations for the year if it is done according to our national fraternities' policy. Let me know at [mpfoy@wisc.edu](mailto:mpfoy@wisc.edu) if you are interested!

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## **Philanthropy**

This has been a great semester of giving within the Wisconsin Chapter of Acacia. Sai Chimbili has done an excellent job organizing many service events with little to no startup money. We completed our first seven days of service during the week of November 13th-19th. With events ranging from making Thanksgiving baskets, volunteering at the Dane County shelter, and cleaning up our local Masonic lodge.

Our cast for Humorology raised over 10,000\$ in the first semester and will be performing in the final show on April 19th-April 21st. This is a record in recent memory and I have to credit the directors from our cast and some our highest donors in the cast: Marshall Budin, Caleb Boldt, Jack Rouleau, and Brandon Main. These young men have done an exemplary job raising money for the neighborhood house in Madison and I applaud their efforts and the efforts of the whole cast!

To end our semester we will complete our 5th Annual Acacia Claus at local grocery stores around Madison. We will be collecting food donations and are hoping to supersede our nearly 600 lbs of food we collected last year to serve families in need around Dane County.

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## Founder's Day Spring 2018



*Founder's Day 2017*

Brothers, I invite you all to attend our Founder's Day celebration on April 14, 2018 in the newly renovated Tripp Commons. The program will involve recognition of strong alumni and active efforts to the chapter and a celebration of all the recent success of the chapter. There will be a formal banquet and brotherhood time before and after the dinner.

In particular, this is a special anniversary for the Wisconsin Chapter because it is the 30th anniversary of the re-chartering. I implore any of you to reach out and bring back brothers who may have lost contact with the chapter in recent years. I would love to have as many of the re-founding fathers back to the chapter as possible to celebrate their tremendous accomplishment and the impact their efforts have had on thirty years of college men.

Hope to see you all there!

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### **Housing Corporation Introduction: Joe Kelm #1002**

I joined Acacia in the fall of 2004 with the Alpha Lambda pledge class, activating with roll number 1002. During my time as an active, I held several positions including Rush Chair, Venerable Dean, and IFC rep. I also served on the Greek Advisory board and participated in Humorology.

I currently live in Columbus, Wisconsin and work as a sales representative for Plymouth Technology Inc, a Michigan-based water treatment company. The environmental aspect of this career makes it very rewarding to me. In my spare time, I play golf, watch sports, hunt, fish, and drink my fair share of beer.

Serving on the Housing Corp Board has been a fantastic experience for me. First, it has helped me stay in touch with some of the alumni who helped shape my undergraduate experience. More importantly, I think, is that it awards me the opportunity to give back to an organization that has given so much to me. I'm truly excited with the direction of Acacia and can't wait to see what the future holds. So Live!

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### **Final Thoughts**

With the end of the year coming up. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Fraternity. You can donate by going to [acacia.org/donate](http://acacia.org/donate) (or use the button below).

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Your donation can help fund the chapter, by sending active members to different educational opportunities, or you can help fund the Michael Hannes Scholarship.

### Upcoming Events:

- **Mom's Weekend:** March 2-4, 2018
- **Spring 2018 Pledge Induction:** April 6, 2018
- **Acacia Housing Board Annual Meeting:** April 13, 2018
- **Founder's Day Dinner and Celebration:** April 14, 2018
- **Humorology Final:** April 19-21, 2018



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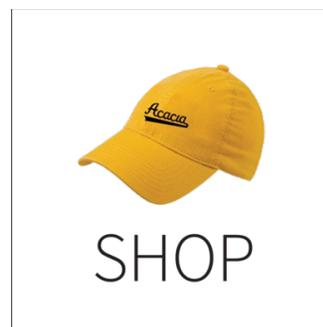
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