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GREETINGS FROM THE TEMPLE

Brothers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health. The cool spring temperatures have quickly given way to scorching heat, yet we at 128 have enjoyed a wonderful spring semester, and have sent our graduating class of 2017 into the world. The graduating class of 2017 carries with them prestigious honors, resilient integrity, and joyful attitudes as they begin the next chapter of their lives. We thank each of them for their constant service to the House and surrounding University community. Graduating brothers will be beginning their upcoming adventures in as far places as Mexico and Germany.

> Clearly, these beans have excelled academically and professionally, all the while

encouraging younger beans to strive to the best of their ability. This spring, our undergraduate GPA rose to 3.426, ranking 7th out of all UVA fraternities! Brothers found new ways to get involved with the local community by participating in the Lions Club at The University of Virginia, 1-in-4 (an all-male sexual assault prevention organization), Camp Kesem, One Love (benefitting the Yeardley Love foundation), and more.

While not in the classroom or Clem, the Temple has enjoyed great revelry this semester, ranging from the elaborate Foxfield Races to a rather rainy, yet thrilling Islander. We hosted our annual parents weekend noted by full drinks at Adventure Farms Winery, and great laughs shared at the House reunion, catered by our chef Andreas.





Brothers pose for a picture in front of the Rotunda on Graduation Day

Now, we are left anxiously awaiting the return of the fall semester, which will bring Pig Dinner, reunion tailgates, our annual Run Across Virginia, and finally, a perfect record for the Cavalier football team. We recently welcomed brothers celebrating class reunions ('87,'92,'97,'02,'07,'12), and look forward to sharing more stories during our time together at future events.

Until next time, the doors of the Temple remain open for ye travelers looking for rest, revelry, or comradery. And as the saying stands;

Health and long life to you, Land without rent to you, A child every year to you, And may you die in Ireland... (or) the Deck.

Cron 1:28.

Fraternally, Shep Walker Omicron Chapter President ('18) Perge!



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GRADUATE ANNUAL GIVING 2017

Brother,

You'll see that over 64 graduates have already given this year to support Omicron.

As we wrap up another successful year, I hope you will join me in showing your support by making a donation to show Omicron is Not Just for College Days Alone. Those Brothers who have already pledged their support in 2017 are listed below and their generosity is very much appreciated.

PERGE! Nick Feakins '05

President, Omicron Chapter House Society

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STATE OF 128 MADISON LN.

We just completed our annual walkthrough with members of House Corp, Exec and Piedmont Facilitates Management to inspect the condition of the house and update our Capital Plan.

The start of summer is typically when the house is at its worst. 28 brothers moving in; 28 brothers moving out; belongings everywhere; the last house cleanup was too long ago to remember and someone has had a party and left broken bottles all over the place... you get the picture.

But the summer is the best time to get things done, and we work hard to ensure both funding and planning is done in advance so that large projects can be finished before the majority of brothers return in the fall.

This year, our big projects are repainting the roof, replacing one set of washer/dryers, and replacing the front half of our air conditioning. There's also a long list of proactive maintenance and small repairs that we do, everything from repairing windows to clearing the gutters and drains in the basement.

What we don't really handle as a House Corp is the overall cleanliness of the house. We leave that to the Brotherhood and it's something of a mixed bag. Some years they are really on top of things, some years their organization disintegrates... but there is always the potential for improvement.

I often hear from grads that come back over the summer for reunions or other events that they are disappointed in the condition of the house. It is definitely one of the things I think most about as House Corp President and wish I could improve. Having been intimately involved now for over 15 years, I would say that many grads have unrealistic memories of what the house was like in their days. That being said, it is true that the house is getting increasingly worn. 75+ active brothers and 22+ tenants each year produces a lot of wear and tear on our Temple. The brothers repainted just about every room this year, but even fresh paint can't hide the abuse of a Fiji Island in the rain and mud. Work Week in the fall can do a lot to restore the house's luster, but for the summer, it remains in less than ideal condition.

Rest assured, we keep careful watch on the overall condition of the house, hold brothers accountable for the damage they cause, and encourage the Chapter to handle modest repairs... but there is still a lot of room for improvement. Working with BCA, we hope to make some meaningful changes to this fall's Work Week in the hopes of getting 128 Madison Ln back to standards.

So if you visited over reunions and weren't satisfied, my ask is this: Don't be disheartened. Support the Chapter. There's always a reason not to give, but think hard about some of the reasons why you should. Then write a letter. Let the brothers know how you feel. And challenge them to make things better – perhaps by Pig Dinner - when you hope to return again and see the house in better condition.

That's the only way things get better. Is if you show support and demand accountability.

PERGE! Nick Feakins '05 President, Omicron Chapter House Society



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GRADUATE NEWS



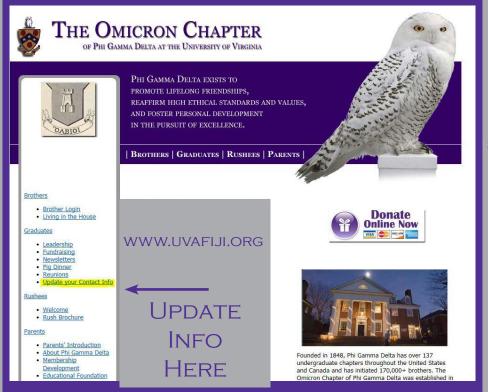
Left Photo: A throwback photo to 1987 at 128 Madison Lane.

Right Photo: Neil McPherson '87 hosted his 6th "Boy's Weekend" in Center Moriches, Long Island with the following brothers in attendance left to right: Jonathan Fraser '88, Doug Milman '87, Todd Schwanewede '88, Eric Rockwell '87, Bill Kenney '87, Pat Middleton '87, Walter Preston '86, Neil McPherson '87, Gary Fishbein '87, Tim Ward '87, Jack Bowles '86, Stein Kretsinger ' 89 (not pictured).



A large contingent of brothers from the '80s and '90s returned to VA Beach this summer to remember Andy Volin. In back, Greg Scharer ' 91, Greg McFaden '86, Kurt Woerpel '84, Stein Kretsinger ' 89, Bob Krout ' 80; Middle Row: John Payne ' 87, JB Fraser '88, Rob McGough '91, Dan Mason '85, Eric Kisa '80; Front Row: John Shroer '85, JD nd' Sprinklers '85, Walt (up) Preston ' 85, Harrison Murphy '86, Rich Dippolito '86, Jason Golos '89, Frank Butler '84

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Grads,

This past year our graduate ranks swelled past 1,000 for the first time in a long time. As our numbers have grown, so have our costs for printing and mailing our biannual newsletters. Starting in 2018, we hope to transition one of those newsletters to an online-only edition.

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