

Alpha Phi Omega  
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Dear Brothers,

It has come to my attention that you are celebrating your 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a chapter of the best fraternity in the world. That's quite an achievement—it means your chapter has survived enormous changes in technology, in societal trends, in styles of life and dress and thought, and in higher education. For all the changes, however, some important things have stayed the same. Alpha Phi Omega is based on the same “standard of manhood” that it has always adhered to. It is significant to note that the standard is applied by both sexes now and that we are more inclusive than the originator of the standard. Our vows have always called for individuals to make their own decisions about what these wonderful beliefs mean personally. We don't tell anyone how to act in our brotherhood; rather, we give them something of substance to think about while they are deciding how they should behave, how they should be.

I congratulate you for holding the banner of Alpha Phi Omega, of Lambda Omicron, and of Service to others high for so long and for doing it so well. You are an inspiration to other chapters and to your fellow students at West Virginia University. You, and all others in our beloved fraternity, also form the crux of my hope for the future of this great nation. As the great H. Roe Bartle said many times: “Carry on!”

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stan".

Stan Carpenter, Past National President  
ALPHA PHI OMEGA