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Dear Brother Martin,

I must apologize for not answering
your lettering May 14th sooner.

I really have been extremely busy
since my wife of 53 yrs died in January
after a long illness with Parkinson.
As you see by the enclosed announce-
ment I am marrying Helen's sister Anne
the end of this week.

apart from the information I sent
to Brother Varner in Pricville N.C.
last year I know very little & add
regarding the early history of ΦΑΖ which
later became Alpha of ΑΧΩ

As far as I can remember, I am
afraid I can give you very little background
on ΦΑΖ. I recall definitely that I
was pledged in my freshman year 1925,
probably in Oct or Nov of that year. Altho
my memory is a little fuzzy on the
details I believe that ΦΑΖ was started
quite a while before I came on the scene.
I remember that Ashton Gibbons, I believe

of the class of 1928 was very active
in the group. As I remember
the group was made up of 15 or
so members before came on the
scene. I don't recall names but
I believe there were members before
Ashton Gibbons

I know they had a badge, but
I never obtained one so we became
AKT soon after I was a member.
I know of no plaque or constitution
but I do recall we held our
meeting in the Ceto Club one
high st. I wish I could give you
something more specific but I am
unable to. I don't have my AKT badge,
pictures etc to better Varner. I do not
have anything else to give you. I wish
I did.

I do never to my knowledge own
any property.

For a little more information on AKT,
if you have not already done so, look
up the KEM WEC MEX for 1929 of
which it was my pleasure to be editor
in chief. I am sure spots will be in
the college library

I do not believe a ^{3.}trip to Florida would result in much or anything else I could give you as I think I have covered all that I have that would be helpful to you.

Of course both my new wife and I would be glad to have you visit with us for a few days if it should develop after further correspondence, but that you feel that it would be profitable for you. - but almost remind you that there is nothing more that I can add to what I have already told you and brother Vaener.

Fraternaly yours

Vernon O. Dobbins '29