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Mr. William C. Jason, Jr.
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Dear Bill,

I think the four cardinal principles do have significance in the order of their arrangement. In considering members in Omega, the first consideration is for MANHOOD. This, of course, in itself is character. First and foremost, a Que must be a man of sterling worth, with unsullied character. Secondly, is SCHOLARSHIP, which follows closely the first. There is, of course, a place for all men in the economy of our colleges and country, but we want men whose intellectual ability is above average. Thirdly, of course, is PERSEVERANCE, which is that attribute of character which holds one steadfast to a purpose or to a cause. With these three characteristics, the individual is then ready to lend himself to the coexistence of his fellowmen. Here we have the principle of UPLIFT.

Look to see you in Indianapolis, where I hope to be for at least one day, Saturday, December 29th.

Fraternally yours,



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Dear Brother Jason:

In answer to your inquiry with reference to the Four Cardinal Principles of Omega, let me say that the words were not drawn out of a hat or selected by some haphazard method. To finally decide on the Four Principles, required much thought and time to find the words to characterize and encompass just what we had in mind. This done we continually sought to find any other words to supplant the four words with no success: Therefore we decided upon the four words- but not just the four words, for they were selected in chronological order and in order of their importance and the sequence followed in that order.

We felt that Manhood was primarily the quality to be first sought as a basis for all other qualifications without which the other principles would have no foundation for their existence.

We felt that with manhood, the next important requisites is scholarship, which is the key to the kind of men we should have to build a strong and verile organization, especially since it is a college organization.

With these two qualifications well developed, it is necessary to develop a certain amount of forthrightness, ambition and sticktuitiveness, for the perfection of any accomplishment requires Perseverence and this should follow as an outgrowth of the first two Cardinal Principles when they are truly found to exist.

With these three Cardinal Principles found to be present, we naturally develop a high spirit of altruism and Uplift, devoid of any selfishness and with a natural spirit and tendency to be of service to others in porportion as we have developed the three previous principles and should make ourselves felt as an entity in any community in which we exist: for strong characters and ambitions are developed not just engraciate the ones exemplifying them, but should naturally spread beyond the narrow confines of the person or the organization represented by the person.

We felt therefore, that these Four Cardinal Principles following in their order and once found to exist, we have established a wonderful trend which could not be superceeded or supplanted and we have encompassed the essence of life.

Fraternally yours,

Oscar J. Cooper, M.D.