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**OWL CLUB**

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*The Owl Club 30 Holyoke Street Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138*

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The OWL CLUB is a hallowed institution with over 100 years of history and 1,200 living members. With your membership come a number of obligations:

- To respect The Club and your fellow members
- To punch and elect members of solid character
- To contribute to the upkeep and improvement of the Club
- To live your life in a way that brings credit to the Owl Club
- To abide by the Club's rules and code of conduct.

This handbook was written to ensure that members, particularly new members, understand what is required to ensure a positive and memorable experience for *all* members.

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**I. History of the Owl Club**

The Owl Club was founded on March 20, 1896 by Reginald Mansfield Johnson, Malcolm Scollary Greenough, Jr., Frazier Curtis, Preston Player, Charles Clifford Payson, Austen Fox Riggs, and Dudley Hall Bradlee, Jr., under the name Alpha Epsilon (Greek for Pipe and Mug). It was originally established as a secret society and meetings took place in Polo Club Alley, where The Club rented rooms. In September 1897, the house at 97 Mount Auburn Street was rented; shortly thereafter, the policy of secrecy was abandoned and the name was changed to the Phi Delta Psi Club. In 1916, the members of The Club voted officially to change the Club name to The Owl Club, as it had been known for a number of years.

With the development of The Club came the natural desire for a more permanent clubhouse. Early in 1901, land on the corner of Holyoke Street and Holyoke Place was purchased and three graduates were chosen to act as trustees of the property. In 1905, Mr. James Purdon was requested to draw up plans for the building, and on June 24 of that year the cornerstone of the present clubhouse was laid.

The new building was formally opened with a large dinner and a housewarming on March 24, 1906, the tenth anniversary of The Club. Mr. Purdon finished the billiard room in 1907, but the interior of the clubhouse was not completed until 1910, when Julian Peabody '03 finished the new guest room. In 1955 two changes were made: the banquet hall was enlarged by adding space that had previously been used as a bunk room, and a fire escape from the top floor to the garden was added. In 1990, the clubhouse's heating, plumbing, roofing, and kitchen systems were refurbished. 1996, over 300 of the living Owl Club alumni returned to Cambridge to celebrate The Club's first one hundred years. The Club is currently in the process of refurbishing the clubhouse in anticipation of the building's centennial celebration in 2006.

Throughout the Owl Club's 107-year history, its members have taken a leading role in both campus and American life.

## II. Administration

The undergraduate officers are charged with running The Club. They shall enforce these rules, supplement them with additional rules as needed, be responsible for order and discipline as required, and consult with the graduate board in the event any issues remain unsolved.

The Club has a governing board that consists of the undergraduate officers and graduate trustees. This board sets policy for The Club and addresses major issues such as fundraising. This is covered completely in the Constitution and By-laws, with which all members should become familiar.

All members are required to attend Club meetings called by the officers.

## III. Guests

The following guests may not at any time be admitted to any part of the clubhouse or grounds:

- a) Male undergraduates at Harvard College
- b) Male graduates less than five years out of Harvard College
- c) Boys under twenty-one years of age, except those attending another college

Graduates more than five years out of Harvard College may be admitted to the clubhouse at any time except on days of formal dinners.

Family members are welcome at all times, except younger brothers who may be considered for membership.

Ladies may be admitted to the clubhouse or garden only between Friday dusk through Sunday dawn, special events excepted. Each member will be allowed a maximum of one female guest at any one time.

Male undergraduates from other colleges may be admitted following clearance from a board member.

Member hosts must accompany their guests at all times, and will be responsible for the actions of their guest as if the guest's actions were their own.

Violation of the Guest Policy will result in a \$100 fine for the first offense, suspension from the Club for a semester for the second offense, and expulsion from the Club for the third offense.

#### IV. Alcohol

- a) The Governing Board expressly forbids the serving of any alcoholic beverage to any guest who is not of legal age. It goes without saying that any member who violates this policy does so at his own risk, and specifically indemnifies the Club, its Officers, Graduate Officers, and members of the Governing Board from any and all claims arising out of such illegal activity.
- b) Members of legal age, and/or their guests of legal age, who choose to drink alcoholic beverages must do so responsibly, with restraint, and must not in any way embarrass the Club in their actions or activities.
- c) The Club specifically requires its members to adhere to all existing laws and regulations regarding consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- d) If a member observes a member or guest who appears intoxicated or to be drinking irresponsibly, he shall intervene to his utmost to curtail such activity.
- e) All undergraduate members must read the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts governing the sale, consumption, and use of alcoholic beverages. All undergraduate members must sign to indicate that they have read these laws. The undergraduate president is responsible for strict enforcement of this requirement.
- f) If anyone files a claim for redress against the Club whether alcohol-related or not, it is the undergraduates who will be held responsible first.
- g) The Club has no liquor license. Those who are of age must buy their own liquor if they wish to do so and store it under lock and key.
- h) Punching events
  - 1) No person under the legal age of 21 shall be served, consume, or possess alcoholic beverages.
  - 2) At any gathering at the Club, no alcohol is to be served when punchees are in attendance.
  - 3) The alcohol policy at small graduate dinners is at the discretion of the host.
  - 4) The alcohol policy at large functions and the Final Dinner is at the discretion of the bartender. There are to be no after-parties on Club property. Non-alcoholic beverages and food must be available. One graduate who is five or more years out of college should be present for every 15 punchees.



## VIII. Club Functions

Meals taken with fellow members are an integral part of the Club experience and we encourage you to participate as often as possible.

- a) **Lunches** – generally held each Tuesday and Friday at 12:30. Casual attire. No hats.
- b) **Weekly dinners** – Thursday nights at 7:00. Jacket and Club tie. Undergraduate and Graduate members' only.
- c) **Dinner Lectures** - generally one Wednesday night per month. Dates attend. Graduates attend.
- d) **Final Dinner** – generally the last Wednesday of punching season. Black tie. Graduates attend.
- e) **Initiation Dinner** – generally the first Saturday of December. Black tie. Graduates attend.
- f) **Christmas Dinner** – generally last week before winter recess. Black tie. Dates attend.
- g) **Hasty Pudding Dinner** – generally last week of February. Black tie. Dates attend.
- h) **Spring Dinner** – held every two years. Black tie. Graduates attend.
- i) **New York Dinner** – held every two years- alternating with Spring Dinner. Black tie.
- j) **Senior Dinner** – held during spring reading period. Clubhouse open to seniors only and paid for by active sophomores and junior members.
- k) **Class Day Brunch** - held on Class Day. Seniors and family members attend.

## **IX. Bills and Charges**

The Undergraduate Treasurer shall present members with two payment options for annual dues. Please see the Dues Information Form for more detail.

The steward, Mr. Lawrence Anderson, keeps a stock of chips, sandwiches, and other food items for the pleasure of the members. Members are expected to sign a chit for everything they consume. We rely on the honor system; "leakage" is divided evenly and charged to all members each month. Members may also sign for club ties and accessories, which will be billed monthly. Attendance at Club events will be billed monthly.

All indebtedness of members shall be paid within twenty-one (21) days of the issuance of the bill. Indebtedness that remains outstanding for more than twenty-one (21) days shall accrue interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum.

It is the responsibility of each member to protect The Club's fiscal health. Members who are unable to, or who choose not to adhere to the payment requirements will be asked by the undergraduate president to relinquish their privileges until such time as they are in compliance. Members shall remain obligated for any charges incurred prior to revocation of membership privileges. The Club shall have the right to take all reasonable measures to collect the indebtedness of a member.

## **X. Inactive Status**

Members may wish to go inactive, provided they give advance notice, in writing, to the undergraduate president. The request shall state the period of inactivity (minimum three months) during which the member shall be inactive and the date upon which the member shall return to active status. During the inactive period, the member shall be exempt from paying dues and assessments and shall not be permitted on Club premises. He shall remain responsible for any other charges incurred.

## **XI. Fines**

The Governing Board (Graduate trustees and Undergraduate officers) administers Club relations and activities and has a schedule of fines for infractions of Club rules. The Undergraduate President is responsible for assessing penalties and collecting fines. Fines are assessed as follows:

- a) Cost of repair/replacement for damage to Club property plus fine of 50% of cost.
- b) \$100 fine for first violation of the guest policy (see above).

In extreme cases, the Governing Board may elect to suspend or expel a member.

## XII. Community Service

Owl Club members, both undergraduates and graduates, have always prided themselves for their involvement with the Harvard and Cambridge communities. As relations between the College and the Final Clubs have become strained, it becomes important that The Owl Club be recognized as a positive force in the community. All members are expected and encouraged to participate.

## XIII. Miscellaneous

- a) **Graduate Phone-Calling**- Members are expected to participate in graduate phone-calling evenings that occur periodically throughout the year. This is a great opportunity to introduce yourself to the graduate membership and tap into a powerful network of fellow Owls.
- b) **Club Ties and Accessories** – Available for purchase from the Club.
  - 1) Club tie – Black with green owls. Worn to weekly Club dinners and other semi-formal events
  - 2) Spring tie – Green and gold rep. Worn from the first day of spring through the last day of summer, and to weddings of members.
  - 3) Winter tie – Black and green rep. Worn during the rest of the year, and to funerals of members.
- c) **Class Gift** – At the close of each year, all active senior Club members shall contribute to an annual gift fund, to go towards Club improvement, either in the form of a gift, or as a contribution toward a larger project.
- d) **Club Photo** – Taken toward the end of the academic year. Appropriate attire for the photo is khakis and navy blazer, Club spring tie, and proper dress shoes. Photos will be available for purchase.
- e) **Summer Housing and Storage** – The Club shall be open during the summer for rooming at the Governing Board's discretion. The Club will not be available for storage.
- f) **Parking** – The Club owns five parking spots which may be assigned by the Undergraduate President in the following priority: undergraduate president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, librarian, rising seniors, rising juniors. The first spot will be reserved for the steward and the second for the alumni coordinator. If there is no demand for parking by the membership, the spots will be rented to non-affiliated persons.
- g) **Lockers** – The undergraduate president may assign lockers and keys to undergraduate members.

- h) **Humidor** - The Club owns a humidor at Leavitt and Pierce on Massachusetts Avenue. Access to the humidor is controlled by the Undergraduate President. Keys may be assigned by the Undergraduate President.
- i) **Mail** - Each member will be assigned a mailbox. Club bills and personal mail will be placed in these boxes. Inactive members or graduate members are expected to handle their own mail forwarding during periods of inactivity. The Club will not forward mail.
- j) **Press** - Only the Undergraduate President and Graduate President will be allowed to issue statements to the press, both Harvard and non-Harvard affiliated.
- k) **Photographs** - Taking of photographs or videos in the clubhouse is not permitted except for official Club purposes.

## Owl Song

Have you heard of the beginning  
Of the old Phi Delta Psi  
Of the club that we belong to  
That we'll cherish "till we die.  
Small and dingy was the club-room  
When the owl first made her nest  
"Till at last she braved the daylight  
And settled here to rest.

### *Chorus*

*Then here's a bumper to the Owl  
And look her in the eye  
Here's a cheer for dear old Harvard  
Here's a health - Phi Delta Psi.*

Every man has other duties  
When he hears the Harvard call  
Every man has some friend elsewhere  
That is more to him than all.  
From Atlantic to Pacific  
To the setting of the sun  
We have chosen well our comrades  
And the Owl has made us one.

## Drinking Song

Here's to \_\_\_\_\_, Drink it, Drink it deeply  
Pass the cup and Drink it, Drink it deeply.  
For we stand together, brothers all united.  
In honor of the old Phi Delta Psi.



**AFFIDAVIT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Class of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby and herein state that because of my membership in The Owl Club, I do dispose and say that Mr. Shawn A. Hayden '79, Graduate President of the Owl Club, or his delegate, has orally discussed and made available for my review the documents referenced below, and further that:

- 1) I have read and understand the provisions of MGL ch 138 which regulate the serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;
- 2) I have read and understand The Owl Club Constitution and By-laws, as well as Club policies as posted regarding guest room privileges and the distribution of alcohol to minors;
- 3) I have read and understand that this Affidavit shall be maintained in the files of the Secretary at the Owl Club, and that I may not participate in The Owl Club activities as an active member unless I execute this document in good faith; and
- 4) I have read and understand the Statement of Financial Commitment to The Owl Club and agree to abide by it.

FURTHER, I do swear that I will faithfully observe these rules as they are herein referenced, and as they, from time to time, may be amended and that I take upon myself the responsibility to do everything in my power to ensure that others adhere to these rules in the spirit of preserving the best interest of all Final Clubs, and I recognize that my failure to adhere to these rules constitutes a breach of faith to The Owl Club and its members, which could lead to the removal of my membership in The Owl Club.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

I hereby promise to promptly pay all charges incurred on my account while I am a member of The Owl Club, including but not limited to initiation fees, annual dues, charges for punching, restaurant charges, fees levied by the officers, reimbursements for damage done to Club property, and any interest thereon.

In the event that I fail to pay when due any financial obligation to the Owl Club, I hereby authorize The Owl Club to take any and all steps necessary to recover any sums due and owed by me, including but not limited to seeking payment from parent(s) or guardian(s), suspending or terminating my privileges or membership, submitting my debt to a collection service with impact on my credit history, and/or any other remedies available at law.

I acknowledge that my financial obligations to The Owl Club are not released by my resignation or expulsion from membership.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(sign)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send bill to:     Me @ Harvard     Father     Mother  
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Please provide Credit Card information\*:

Name on account: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MC VISA/AMEX      Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Mandatory for all members



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## ALCOHOL POLICY

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- (1) In compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts prohibiting the sale, delivery, purchasing, attempted purchase, and furnishing of alcohol to persons under the age of 21 years, the Graduate Board of Governors of the Owl Club prohibits such activities on Club premises.
- (2) It goes without saying that any member engaging in such prohibited activity described herein is doing so at his own risk, in direct violation of Club, University, and Commonwealth rules, thereby absolving the Owl Club, its graduate and undergraduate board members and agents, of all responsibility therein.
- (3) Be aware! Violation of Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Law Ch. 138 Section 34A posted below and described herein, is a criminal offense.

**WARNING!**  
Criminal Violation!

M.G.L. Chapter 138 Section 34A

Any person under 21 years

- Who produces alcoholic beverages
- Who procures alcoholic beverages in any way
- Who willfully misrepresents his or her age
- Who alters, defaces, or falsifies his or her identification with the intent to purchase alcoholic beverages

**Shall be punished by a fine of \$300**

READ/AGREED TO BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_





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### Prominent Owl Club Alumni

#### **Arts**

**Ray Hornblower '70** – *Highly acclaimed tenor; Member of Harvard's undefeated 1968 football team.*

**Owen O. West '91** – *Author "Sharkman Six" winner of the 2002 Boyd literary award for Best Military Novel.*

#### **Business**

**Hardwick Simmons '62** – *Former CEO of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. Former President & CEO of Prudential Securities Incorporated.*

**The Hon. Charles W.B. Wardell, III '73** – *Vice-Chairman- Korn/Ferry; Vietnam Green Beret; Various White House and State department positions.*

**Raymond J. McGuire '79** – *Managing Director, Morgan Stanley; first African American managing director at Wasserstein Perella.*

**John J. Cullinane '86** – *President & CEO Fleet BancBoston Capital/ BancBoston Ventures.*

#### **Education**

**Harry E. Widener '07** – *Harvard benefactor; Widener Library, casualty of Titanic.*

**Robert G. Stone, Jr. '45** – *Chairman of the Harvard Corporation (Ret.)*

#### **Entertainment**

**Rupert Hitzig '60** – *Producer, "Jaws 3".*

**Andrew B. Susskind '76** – *Director, "The King of Queens", "Two Guys and a Girl".*

**Andrew D. Cadiff '77** – *Director "Chasing Liberty" Producer, "Home Improvement", "Growing Pains".*

#### **Government**

**Theodore Roosevelt, III '36** – *Grandson of President Roosevelt.*

**The Hon. J. William Middendorf, III '47** – *Secretary of Navy 1974-'77.*

**Edward M. Kennedy '54** – *Senior Senator from Massachusetts.*

**Hassan Nemazee '72** – *US Ambassador to Argentina under President Clinton.*

**C. Gregg Petersmeyer '72** – *Assistant to the President and Director of Office of National Service under President George H.W. Bush.*

**John M. Bridgeland '82** – *Director, USA Freedom Corps; Director Domestic Policy Council.*

#### **Science, Medicine, Health**

**Dr. Paul D. Goldenheim '72** – *EVP Worldwide R&D; Chief Scientific Officer Purdue Pharma.*

#### **Sports**

**Robert T. Jones, Jr. '24** – *Winner of Grand Slam of Golf 1930; founder of Augusta National Golf Club.*

**Charles B. Hamlin '70** – *Member of 1968 US Olympic Crew Team.*

**Richard M. Cashin '75** – *Member of 1976 US Olympic Crew Team.*

**Christopher R. Wood '75** – *Member of 1976 US Olympic Crew Team.*

**Alan W. Shealy '75** – *Member of 1976 US Olympic Crew Team.*

**David L. Weinberg '74** – *Member of 1976 US Olympic Crew Team.*

**David L. Forst '98** – *Assistant to GM, Coordinator of Professional scouting, Oakland Athletics.*



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## *The Owl Club*

### *Important Dates*

*Opening of Club- Monday after registration*  
*Yale/Princeton Reception- after Saturday game*  
*San Francisco Dinner- third week of October*  
*Final Dinner- last Wednesday of Punching season*  
*Selection Sunday- Sunday before The Game*  
*Initiation Dinner- first Saturday of December*  
*Christmas Dinner- last Month before winter break*  
*Hasty Pudding Dinner- last week of February*  
*New York Dinner- end of April*  
*Senior Dinner- spring reading period*  
*Class Day Brunch- Class day*



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*The Owl Club*

*Guest Rules and Policies*

*Female Guests- Permitted dusk Friday to dawn  
Sunday- special events excluded*

*Harvard Male Guests- not permitted*

*Non-Harvard Male Guests- permitted by permission  
of board member*

*Family Members- permitted at all times except for  
Club dinners excluding younger brothers who may  
attend Harvard College.*