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President's Message

Fellow Brothers let me take this opportunity to say Happy New Year. 2008 was an exciting year for our organization on the University of Iowa campus. We refinished the chapter room floor, had new carpet installed, had the decks on the back side of the house replaced, and finished fixing the fascia on the building. We also kicked off our 3 year fundraising drive with good success. We received one time donations and a fair number of 3 year donation pledges, see the summary of those efforts in the article to follow.

Now it is time to move forward into 2009. We are working with our tenant, Pi Kappa Phi, to extend their lease on the physical structure. We are looking at projects for the structure that Brother Morgan will outline in his article contained within. We are gearing up for our 2nd attempt at the 1st annual Iowa Acacian Golf Outing. Last year as most of you will recall Mother Nature and the extreme flooding caused the event to be cancelled. We also have entered the electronic age with Facebook and LinkedIn groups, all the details are explained in my article below.

Please read through the newsletter, if you have any questions, suggestions, concerns or would like to become more involved with the Corporation Board don't hesitate to

contact us. Also if you have any announcements you would like included in the "Alumni News and Notes" section of upcoming newsletters please pass that information along to us. Our contact information is listed here as well.

Also please consider joining our fundraising campaign. We are 1 year into our 3 year fundraising drive and it's not too late to join in. Use the included Pledge Card to make a donation to the Acacia Fraternity Foundation Iowa Chapter Fund (tax deductible), the Iowa Acacians (non-tax deductible), or to pay your \$75 voluntary dues to the Eastern Iowa Alumni Association. The dues to the EIAAA help pay for these newsletters and help to offset the cost of the Alumni events.

Thank you for taking the time to read these articles, to send a donation, or to pass on some news. We always enjoy hearing from our fellow brothers.

Fraternally,

Aaron Morrow #836
Corporation Board President

Donation Update

Twenty-two Acacia alumni made donations in 2008. These donations totaled \$3,368 towards the re-colonization effort and another \$1,050 in voluntary alumni dues. They have also pledged a total of \$4,747 for 2009 and 2010. The money donated to the Acacia Fraternity Foundation (AFF) University of Iowa Chapter Fund is tax deductible and will be used to provide scholarships to Acacia Graduate Students that will help oversee the reformation of the Iowa

Chapter of Acacia. The \$75 Annual Voluntary dues are used to help pay for the mailing cost of The RESH newsletter and are also used to help offset the costs of social events. It's not too late to make a pledge or donation, please see the enclosed card for more information. We are also collecting voluntary dues for 2009 in the amount of \$75. The enclosed card can be used for dues as well.

Facility Update

Spring is less than a month away, so it is time to start thinking about improving the property at 202 Ellis Ave. Last year we accomplished several big projects and a few smaller unplanned projects.

In the summer of 2008 our tenants, Pi Kappa Phi, took some initiative and refinished the hardwood floor in the chapter room. We all knew this needed to be done and they did a great job at a fraction of the cost of a contractor. Also, during the summer and fall we hired James Rensberger again to come in and shore up the exterior of the house. James repainted the stucco around the front entrance, replaced the rear wooden stairs, and gave the corner fascia a "fascia lift." Also the front stairs were replaced to try and stop all the cracking and heaving.

For the summer of 2009 we have just as many projects planned. Currently we are taking bids for tuck pointing the

two chimneys and that project will hopefully be completed in the early summer. We will also be updating some of the electrical throughout the house. All of the electrical needs to be updated, and the corporation board has decided to do it in phases to try and make the bills a little more palatable. One special project that is being considered is a full size deck off the northeast rear corner of the house. PKP's national philanthropy is building wooden ramps/decks/entrances for handicapped individuals, so several members have experience with this type of work. The details still have to be finalized, but hopefully the deck will be complete for the start of the 2009-2010 school year.

Fraternally,

Shawn Morgan #846
Corporation Board Facility Manager

New Ways to Connect With Your Brothers

Acacia Fraternity is jumping into the 21st century both on an International and a Local level. In the most recent addition of the Triad Newsletter the Acacia International Headquarters announced a Facebook group <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2204962904>, and a LinkedIn Group http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=43995&trk=hb_side_g. Facebook is a social networking site, and LinkedIn is a professional networking site.

Playing off of the International HQ's lead, the Corporation Board has also created a Facebook Group <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=123887245416>, discovered a previously created Facebook Group <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=17935039732>, and created a LinkedIn group http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=1772278&trk=hb_side_g. Use these sites and groups to help connect to old friends and maybe make some new friends and connections.

Alumni News, Notes, and Remembrances

((Editor's Note: One of the primary objectives that we as a Board have to provide a "central forum" so that our alumni may keep in contact with each other. This space is provided in the newsletter for each one of you to do just that. Please let us know what is going on in your life, and use us as a means to get in back in touch with your Brothers from the days in which you lived in the chapter house. This is your space.))

Brothers-

Hello from the other side of the world. I'm finally in Afghanistan, at Bagram. As of right now, I've been taken out of the S2 shop to be a part of the Counter-IED team. This would mean I will probably go outside the wire, and be going to sites of IED's. Yes, this may be

slightly dangerous. But the good thing is that when we go out, we will have an MRAP, which is really heavily armored, and we won't be going out with our own security. So it will be more dangerous than an intel analyst job behind a computer, but I should still be fairly safe. There is still a chance that I be kept in the S2 shop to do that work, but as of now it looks like I won't be. Other than that, hope all is well back in the states. Here on Bagram, the place kind of sucks and its looks shoddy. But if you look outside, we are surrounded by beautiful mountains with snowcaps, it looks peaceful. Also, I got married on November 15th in New Hartford, NY to Miranda L. Burnett.

-Brother Josh McGrath #853

I'm married to Linda Rumney, a 1st grade teacher in Lansing KS. For 30 years I've been a social worker at the VA Medical Center in Leavenworth, KS. We have no children but do have 2 cats.

-Brother Don Rumney #515

Brothers-

I just wanted to let everyone know that I will be reporting to Fort Rucker, Alabama on April 1st and I plan to be there until April 8th, 2010. I am rebranching from Quartermaster to Aviation and I am assigned to the CH-47 Chinook helicopter airframe. After I graduate my unit of assignment is the unit out of Mt Joy, Iowa which is a tactical heavy lift helicopter company.

-Brother Eric Lamp #875

Brothers-

Just wanted to let you know that I got my first legal job. It is with GE Medical. GE Medical hired Legal Placement Services to find 20 attorneys for a 6 month to 1 year project. The job involves working with the other 20 junior attorneys and 4 senior attorney to sort out GE Medical's documents. When they sell a piece of medical equipment, they tell the customer, such as a hospital, "here is our contract." The hospital says "here is our purchase agreement." So GE Medical doesn't know which of the two documents is signed or which one is binding or whether there is an arbitration clause. The two weeks of training starts on Monday, Oct. 27th, and the project will start on either Nov. 10th or 17th. The project will easily last 6 months and has a good chance of taking a full year. All of us attorneys will be working at the same location in the Milwaukee area. The job will be 40 hours per week, and it sounds like there will be quite a bit of overtime. Hope everyone is doing well.

-Brother Steven Ries #843

I am now working for Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, VA. I took the roll of financial manager for the solid organ transplant program. (We don't do liver transplants...I already checked about getting myself on the list) I am in charge of department finances including reimbursement as well as liaison to hospital administration and the system office.

-Brother Pat Hewitt #849

Congratulations to **Brother Heath Greene, #866**, who is engaged to Rouxle Roelofse.

Congratulations to **Brother Andy Adair #770** and wife Susan on the birth of twin sons, Alex and Charlie, on August 15th, 2008.

Congratulations to **Brother Brian White #840** and wife Sheena on the birth of their first child, a son Brandt, on October 12th, 2008.

Congratulations to **Brother Chris Wille #867** and wife Mary who are expecting their first child in July 2008.

Lost Alumni

We have lost contact with the following alumni. If you have any current contact information for anyone on the list, mailing address, phone number, and/or email address please contact Aaron Morrow at amorrow836@hotmail.com with the information.

Ray Allen	Henry Frederickson	Raymond Ipjian	Gregory Nelson	Frank Swinehart
Lester Bigalk	Jeffrey Getchell	Kermit Johnson	James Origer	Ralph Thompson
Richard Board	Wil Gin	Charles Johnston	Thomas Osmundsen	Brian Thomson
Charles Carroll	Stewart Gott	Keith Knudson	Chris Parker	William Tomson
John Cassidy	Geoffrey Hammond	Jeffrey Kock	Marc Potter	Mark Trendel
Robert Chase	Walter Hanson	Russell Kwech	Michael Price	Eric Wagner
James Clabaugh	Tully Heath	Robert Lawler	David Rast	Kenneth Walton
Jason Coyne	Steven Hewlett	John Lozauskas	Marlin Rickman	James Weinberger
Tim Crile	Jon Hilder	John Lucas	Terrence Rooney	Kenneth Wilhelm
James Dwyer	Michael Hilicki	David Merrifield	Gene Rovang	Alan Wyckoff
Andrew Eagan	Harald Hoeffding	Peter Miller	Orville Schroeder	Dennis Young
Dan Edmonds	Ross Houske	Scott Nagle	Dave Sheppard	
Gregory Franck	Joseph Huber	Donald Nelson	Robert Strunk	

Corporation Board Members

The following Brothers are the officers of the Corporation Board. Feel free to contact us whenever you have ideas, suggestions or concerns!

Aaron Morrow #836	President	319-330-1788
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Nate Roseberry #842	Treasurer	847-791-9757
Brian White #840	Secretary	319-325-3872
Shawn Morgan #846	Facility Manager	319-331-8988

2008 Voluntary Dues

We are now collecting voluntary dues for the alumni chapter for 2009. Dues have been set at \$75. Please see the enclosed card for more information.

Newsletter Information

This newsletter is sent to all of the alumni of the University of Iowa Chapter of ACACIA Fraternity. This newsletter is sent

at **no cost** to all of its recipients, although donations directed towards the cost of this publication will be accepted by the Board. Should you wish to make a contribution, please make your check payable to **The Iowa Acacians**, in any amount. If you have any information you would like to share, please email it to **Aaron Morrow** at: amorow836@hotmail.com. Take care, and best wishes to all of the Brothers and friends of our Fraternity

Alumni Contact Information

Have you lost contact with one of the brothers from your era? Wonder where your old pledge brother is now? As mentioned in the last newsletter we will begin including contact information for brothers from an approximately 5 year time span in each newsletter. We realize that some brothers may prefer their information not be published, so if you do not want your information included in the list please inform Aaron Morrow at amorow836@hotmail.com or 319-330-1788.

Roll#	Name	Address	City	State	Zip
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