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A letter from the President

Brotherhood Gatherings

We have decided to include a new segment in our newsletters for Brotherhood Gatherings. Do you and a group of alumni gather annually to do something fun? Take some pictures, write up your story and submit it to us for inclusion in the newsletter. We'll post the pictures to the Facebook group and include them in the online version of the newsletter.

Track Suits, Narwhals, and Shenanigans

Our first gathering comes from Brothers Aaron Morrow, Chris Wille, Nate Roseberry, and Patrick Hewitt and a mutual friend Chris Griffith. These brothers gather every year over the first weekend of "March Madness". The weekend traditionally includes a facial hair competition, some locale fare, wacky costumes, a pub crawl, large amounts of NCAA basketball games, a few shenanigans, and more than a few adult beverages.

The brothers take turns as the "host" city, previous meetings have been held in Chicago and Minneapolis. This year's event was held in DC, and Brother Hewitt was the host. The gang got dressed up in the USA themed velour track suits with their fancy beards and headed out to our nation's capital. They hit a few Irish pubs, handed

out fake business cards, and kept track of their "man points". Brother Morrow was declared the "man point" winner at the end of the weekend. Next years location has not yet been determined, but the potential host cities will be submitting their proposals soon.

Fraternally,

Aaron Morrow #836
Corporation Board President



Homecoming 2012

Brotherhood Events and Locations

The University of Iowa football team has completed their spring practices and open scrimmage. It may seem like the football season is a long way off, but it will be here before you know it! As we do every year we wanted to announce general meeting locations for Iowa home football games, especially homecoming.

Homecoming this year will be held on Saturday September 29th versus the hated Minnesota Golden Gophers. The time of the game has not been set yet, but an 11am kickoff seems to be in the cards.

Traditionally for Homecoming weekend, we have announced Joe's Place as the place to be on

Friday night, then The Airliner as the place to watch the game. This tradition is not changing. What we would like to do is announce a 3rd location, The Sports Column, as the place to be on Saturday night. Please use the Facebook group to coordinate with your fellow brothers for this weekend or any home game weekend.

Finally, this year we would like to accommodate anyone that would like to announce the location of their tailgate and invite brothers to it. If you have a tailgate that you would like to announce in the summer newsletter please contact Brother Powell with the information michael-powell@uiowa.edu.

Acacia Reunion Weekend – Iowa vs. Penn State

The 1980 (give or take) contingent of ACACIANS will be gathering in Iowa City for the Iowa vs Penn State football game. We'll plan to meet Friday night for happy hour at the AIRLINER.

After 10:00 p.m. all bets are off. All Acacians are welcome to join the fray, fellowship and brotherhood. See you all soon. Go HAWKS!!!

Golf Outing

I am excited about our golf outing this year. **August 11th** is the date. I know we have moved this around over the last couple of years but this year the **tradition is solidified**. Get used to playing on **the second Saturday in August**. I have eight tee times reserved so the first eight foursomes get to play golf at Pleasant Valley in Iowa City. First group tees off at 12:30. The exciting part is Thom Powell (#611) has moved to Iowa City. Dinner after the golf will be just a little ways north of the golf club at Thom's.

The cost this year will be \$75 per person and the format will be the same, two person best shot. If the grouping works out we will make it a

four person best shot. Some of you guys need a lot of help. Grab your brothers and get signed up. Use the enclosed entry form and get your money in to secure your spot. As usual we will welcome non-golfers, spouses, and friends to dinner only for just \$25.

Thom is eager to host the party so let's all show up and give him a good house warming. (And that doesn't mean burning it down.)

Hope to see you there!

Byron Tabor #644

The International Conclave

As you recall from pledge training, the supreme governing body of Acacia is the International Conclave. Conclaves pass on all legislation and constitutional matters affecting Acacia. Conclave is also a forum for exchange of information and experiences between the active chapters and for leadership training.

More importantly, the Conclave is a place to catch up with your brothers from your chapter and other chapters, learn from your peers, and share a frosty beverage or two! As a veteran of New Orleans, St. Louis, and Indianapolis Conclaves, I cannot say enough good things about the experience. With the University of Iowa cooperating with the EIAA and our International Headquarters to bring our chapter back to campus, I cannot think of a better time to attend to get insight from others that have brought chapters back to campus across the country.

The 2012 Conclave will be held at the St. Louis Union Station Marriott located on Market Street in Downtown St. Louis. A great Midwestern location for the event that should be central to many of you brothers I know still live in the adjacent states. While I cannot guarantee that one of your brothers will be dancing around in his tidy whites (you know who you are) I can tell you that there will be tons of good conversation, brotherhood, and I have been assured at least one brother will try to help us spot a Narwhal. Rooms for the Conclave are being held through July 10, 2012. Find all the details at <http://www.acacia.org/conclave2012.php>. I hope to see you there.

Jeremy M Fortier #784
Secretary

Re-Colonization Update

Prior to our April Corporation Board retreat, Brother Patrick McGovern (Associate Director, Acacia International HQ) had a chance to meet with Kelly Jo Karnes, Associate Director of Student Activities. The purpose of this meeting was two-fold: on behalf of the International Headquarters, Patrick reiterated our interest and commitment to return to the University of Iowa; and two, get more details about the potential schedule and timing of our return.

The meeting was marginally successful. Patrick impressed Kelly Jo with our diligence, follow-up and organization as an alumni group. He also was able to demonstrate the commitment Acacia International Headquarters was prepared to make in the form of manpower and support to ensure re-colonization success. And finally, Patrick

was able to lock-down our potential date for return to be sometime in 2014.

Our next steps will be to continue to bolster interest in Alumni to help as we prepare to return. As the saying goes, “many hands make for light work”. We currently have approximately 12 interested/active alumni, and have a database of nearly 35 active alumni who can offer some kind of assistance or another. So please consider how you would like to help with our return. Let Alex Taylor know, and he will be sure you are included in future communications.

The key to our success will be dependent upon the active participation of our alums. Through our collective efforts, we will establish a new foundation for the legacy of ACACIA to continue.

Alex Taylor #671
President, EIAAA

Cornerstones – Membership Programming

The more things change... the more they remain the same. The heritage of most fraternities is can be traced to three fundamental disciplines: Scholarship, Leadership and Service. Of course the degree to which each fraternity and respective chapter focuses on each of these is part of its own unique identity. Over the years, many fraternities and their respective chapters lost their ways and drifted away from the fundamental principles.

However, today's students need scholarship, leadership and service to compete in this tough economic and professional climate. As a result there has been a renaissance of sorts for fraternities to get back to these basic disciplines. Acacia is no different.

For the past several years, the International Council, staff and a range of undergraduates and alumni have worked diligently to explore and redevelop ACACIA's membership development and programming. They have embraced the concept and principals of developing the whole man as part of the ACACIA fraternity experience. As a result, **Cornerstones** has been developed and is being rolled out across the ACACIA International landscape. This exciting program will become an integral part of the fraternity's heritage.

During his recent visit to campus, Patrick McGovern, Associate Director Acacia International HQ, introduced and explained the **Cornerstones** program to our Alumni group. When we re-colonize at the University of Iowa, we will use **Cornerstones** as the foundation for our membership programming and development. This program will set ACACIA uniquely apart from, and above other fraternities with exceptional membership development and alumni engagement.

The four levels of Cornerstones:

- **Level I** - is designed to help new members adjust to their respective campuses, the fraternity and chapter life.
- **Level II** - helps members gain a greater knowledge about brotherhood and fraternalism.
- **Level III** - helps members explore and understand the role of an Acacian in today's society.
- **Level IV** – helps members nurture, develop and apply ACACIA leadership and mentoring skills as they begin to look past their undergraduate experiences.

What can YOU do? ... Check it out!!

Take moment to visit www.gatesofsamos.org, and familiarize yourself with the future of ACACIA programming; the future of **Iowa ACACIA**.

Remember these words, “...*In the Acacia spirit, I charge myself with responsibilities, to better my fraternities record... I will gladly contribute my honest share of effort and wish to serve ACACIA to the best of my abilities...*”

Brothers, when we return to Iowa, we will need your ACTIVE, not tacit, participation. This may only be a phone call a semester to an undergraduate member, or showing up to a locally organized event to meet other alumni and network with our newest members as we return to campus. Keep all of this in mind as we look forward to bringing ACACIA back to Iowa with **Cornerstones** as our foundation, and your participation in its ongoing support and stability.

Chapter Eternal

James Grant Walbolt, #527

Feb. 17, 1948 - May 17, 2012

Jim grew up outside of Chicago, Illinois, and attended the University of Iowa (class of 1970), where he was a proud member of the Acacia fraternity. Jim was instrumental in bringing the chapter back from the near closure around 1968. Jim and his wife, Margy, married in 1971, and moved to Calif., where they raised three children. Ed (wife Katrena and daughter Katelyn), Tom (wife Monica and son Paul), and Carrie (husband Ted).

Jim was a well-known business man and a long-time resident of Fairfield who made a variety of contributions to his community. He was a little league coach and soccer coach for the Fairfield Rowdies. He actively participated in the YMCA Indian Guides/Princesses and Boy Scouts of America, and was a member of Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, and served a term as president of the Rancho Solano Homeowners Association.

William Warner Martin, #342.

Jan. 23, 1929 – Jan 31, 2012

Mr. Martin was born Jan. 23, 1929, in McGregor, Iowa, to Wayne H. and Lola J. (Warner) Martin. He was married Betty Jo Warner on April 10, 1955, in Texas.

He graduated from University of Iowa with a BSC in 1951 and served in the U.S. Army from 1951-1953. He worked in sales/marketing for Curtis Woodwork, Clinton, Iowa, and Denton, Texas.; New Castle Products, New Castle, Ind.; Kawneer

Co, Niles, Mich.; and LCN Door Closers, director of marketing, Princeton. He was involved with the Acacia Fraternity, Iowa City, Iowa; was a 50-year Mason and member of Scottish Rite; served four terms on various commissions at Evangelical Covenant Church; served on the board at Covenant Children's Home; was a member of Princeton Elks Lodge; and was a volunteer with Alternatives (AARP).

Lost Alumni

We have lost contact with the following alumni. If you have any current contact information (mailing address, phone number, and/or email address) for anyone on the list, please contact Aaron Morrow at amorow836@hotmail.com with the information.

Ray Allen	Justin Frentress	Charles Johnston	Donald Nelson	Robert Strunk
Richard Board	Jeffrey Getchell	Travis Kain	Gregory Nelson	Frank Swinehart
Robert Brennet	Wil Gin	Paul Kiamos	James Origer	Brian Thomson
Charles Carroll	Stewart Gott	Russell Kwech	Thomas	Ralph Thompson
John Cassidy	Geoffrey Hammond	Richard Klein	Osmundsen	Mark Trendel
Robert Chase	Walter Hanson	Keith Knudson	Chris Parker	Eric Wagner
James Clabaugh	Tully Heath	Jeffrey Kock	Marc Potter	Kenneth Walton
Jason Coyne	John Hemingway	Russell Kwech	Michael Price	Van Cook Wells
Paul Crutchfield	Steven Hewlett	Robert Lawler	David Rast	Kenneth Wilhelm
Allen Dunton	Michael Hilicki	John Lucas	Terrence Rooney	Alan Wyckoff
James Dwyer	Harald Hoeffding	Gregory Lyon	Gene Rovang	Dennis Young
Gregory Franck	Joseph Huber	David Merrifield	Orville Schroeder	
	Raymond Ipjian			

Alumni News, Notes, and Remembrances

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

Congratulations to Josh McGrath, #853, and his wife on the birth of daughter Tabitha Ruth on March 2nd. We would like to wish goodluck to Brother Josh on his return to furthering his education.

Congratulations to Adam Zellmer, #860, on becoming the youngest Principal in the state of Nebraska at Laurel Concord High School.

Are you looking for a way to connect with your brothers? Look for us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/123887245416> or search for the group "Acacia Alumni of The University of Iowa." We are 52 members strong so far. We also have a group called "Iowa Acacias" on LinkedIn, a social networking site geared towards work and business contacts.

Donation Update

Seven Acacia alumni have made donations totaling \$800 and/or paid dues totaling \$300 so far in 2012. 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.

Now there is an easier way to make your donations to the Iowa Chapter Fund with the Acacia Fraternity Foundation via the foundation's website. The web link is http://acacia.org/foundation_giving.php Once there select the Iowa chapter from the drop down box labeled "Target your gift" and follow the instructions on the screen.

Please use the enclosed contribution card for your 2012 voluntary dues. You may also use it for your donations to the Iowa chapter fund instead of the website if you choose.

Newsletter by E-mail

If you would prefer to have **The Resh** sent by e-mail, please send your request to Byron Tabor at btabor12@mchsi.com.

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 Corp. Board. Should you wish to make a contribution, please make your check payable to **The Iowa Acacias** in any amount. If you have any information you would like to share, please email it to **Aaron Morrow** at amorrow836@hotmail.com. Take care and best wishes to all of the Brothers and friends of our Fraternity.

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

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