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## EIAAA President's Address

### 10 Minutes of Your Time...

Brothers-

With the month of August coming to a close, summer is ending and the fall is just around the corner. This time of year is our busiest, especially with the holiday season just months away. We try to enjoy as much time outside as possible before the weather turns cold. For most of us this is the 'back to school' season. Which brings back our own memories of the first day of class; kindergarten, junior high, high school, and college. For others the anticipation is of loved ones starting school or returning to school; kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, etc. Of course there are still a few of you out there who, like me, finding themselves returning to school and are still having that first day of school experience. This time of the year means the start of football, high school, college, and the NFL. These must of course be accompanied with tailgates, watching games with friends, and maybe having a few beers.

With all of these fall activities starting in the next few weeks what do we want from you? We are asking you to take 10 minutes of your time to take the online survey. (Specific directions to take it are included on page 2 of this newsletter; additionally an email invitation will be sent out). As we get closer to starting re-colonization of our chapter at the University of Iowa (Fall 2015!) we need to hear back from more of you to identify how we can improve our organization and communication in advance of this date. We need to identify alumni within our ranks who will be interested in this effort and what roles you, as alumni will be interested in playing in the planning process and beyond. In the Cornerstones program being introduced by headquarters, there are many different opportunities and roles for alumni who want to get involved (<http://acaciacornerstones.org/>). Elections for the EIAA will be held at the next meeting on Saturday, 12 October, 2013.

So live,

Devin Johnson #839  
President, EIAAA

## **EASTERN IOWA ACACIAN ALUMNI ONLINE SURVEY**

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## Corporation Board Update

The Corporation Board held their quarterly meeting on Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>. The summer board meeting has now become the “in-person” meeting for the annual walk through of the facility. The summer board meeting has also been rescheduled to coincide with the Annual Golf Outing for the first Saturday of August.

Since a walkthrough had already been performed in April no walkthrough was performed for this meeting. It was business as usual, if you would like to see the minutes check the website [www.uiacacia.com](http://www.uiacacia.com) and if you would like to start participating in the calls either in person or via teleconference please contact Brother Aaron Morrow to get on the mailing list.

At this meeting the biggest order of business was the opening of nominations for positions on the Corporation Board Executive Council. These nominations will be finalized and elections held on Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at the next board

meeting. Currently Brothers Shawn Morgan and Jeremy Heyer have been nominated for President, Brothers Steven Ries and Jeremy Heyer have been nominated for Vice President, Brother Jeremy Fortier has been nominated for Secretary, Brother Patrick Hewitt has been nominated for Treasurer, and Brothers Aaron Morrow and Eric Lamp have been nominated for Facility Manager.

Nominations will continue until the next board meeting, if you are interested in running for a position or making a nomination, contact Brother Aaron Morrow. On the same conference call the EIAAA will

also be holding elections for their Executive Council. If you would like to get involved with the EIAAA which handles the newsletter, the social events, and will be the main point of contact for re-colonization and the Cornerstones Program once the chapter is re-founded in Fall 2015, contact Brother Devin Johnson.

Aaron Morrow #836  
Corporation Board President

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## Iowa Acacian Alumni Survey

We Want to Hear from You!!!

Brothers, the Eastern Iowa Acacian Alumni Association, with help from the staff at Acacia Fraternity headquarters, has created a short online survey. We are asking everyone to participate. It is only ten questions long and should only take you about the same number of minutes. The feedback you provide will be vital to helping us maintain and improve our organization, specifically it helps us better serve your needs. In sum, we want to hear your opinions and feedback regarding our organization.

This survey is ANONYMOUS. You do not have to give your name or contact information to participate in this survey unless you choose to. The survey is located on the internet at:

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e82aap8fhkr5c6et/start>

If you have not received an email with a link to the survey you can access it following the directions below. Click on either the URL (website ) listed above or by copying and pasting it into your internet browser.

If you are receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, type the URL (website) listed above into your internet browser.

If you run into any issues with the survey, or have any questions, please feel free to contact Devin Johnson at: [Devin\\_e\\_johnson@hotmail.com](mailto:Devin_e_johnson@hotmail.com). The survey will be available until the end of September.

## **Brother Byron Tabor, Receives *Order of Pythagoras***

On Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Brother Byron Tabor,#644 was presented with the prestigious *Order of Pythagoras* given for serving beyond the ordinary call of duty. Brother Tabor was surprised with the award by EIAAA President Brother Devin Johnson during the awards portion of the Annual Acacia Golf Outing Dinner. The golf outing has become an annual tradition, planned by Brother Tabor, that occurs on the first Saturday of August every year.

Brother Tabor's involvement with Acacia has spanned more than 30 years. After his initiation he was elected to the Executive Council as Treasurer, he served 3 semesters in that position. He also helped restart the Little Sisters Program, and married his "Little Sister" Julie. They are still married today 32 years later.

As an alumnus Byron has played the part of "Executive Director" during the initiation process, has served on the Corporation Board since 2005, and was one of the founding members of the EIAAA. He continues to serve as the Keeper of the Roll, keeping our lost alumni number down and maintaining all the address updates, the Webmaster keeping our website up to date and looking good, and as the Activity Director, planning the Annual Golf Outing, and setting up our 2014 volunteer alumni event for the EIAAA.

Beyond Acacia, Byron is also involved in his local Kiwanis club, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and just completed his first 5k run, at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Iowa race where he and his fellow brothers were able to raise almost \$800 for the Charity.

Brother Tabor is a very worthy recipient for this honor. Please join the Corporation Board and Alumni Association in congratulating and thanking Brother Tabor for his many years of service above the call duty.

## **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 Mike Johnson at [m-p-johnson@hotmail.com](mailto:m-p-johnson@hotmail.com) with the information.

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John Cassidy  
Robert Chase  
James Clabaugh  
Paul Crutchfield  
David Drapco  
Allen Dunton  
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Gregory Franck  
Justin Frentress  
Jeffrey Getchell  
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Tully Heath  
John Hemingway  
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Ralph Thompson  
Robert Thompson  
Mark Trendel

Eric Wagner  
Kenneth Walton  
Van Cook Wells  
Kenneth Wilhelm  
Christopher Wilkes  
Alan Wyckoff  
Dennis Young

## **Fifth Annual Alumni Golf Outing**

August 10<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful day. Nice temps and a gentle breeze. We had ten golfers and two spectators head out onto Pleasant Valley golf course in Iowa City. We played a two person best shot this year to make the groupings easier. Some guys did quite well.

Unfortunately, Dan Stence and I weren't included in that group. The first par three took us out of the hunt for a championship. Our first five shots landed in the water. I blame Aaron Morrow for not showing up and feeding the hungry ponds. Our third place team of Don Jones and Tim Nicolino managed to stay ahead of Dan and me by a couple of strokes. Our second place team earns an asterisk this year. They started as two twosomes. As the round went on they fell farther and farther behind Dan and I. They decided to go to a four-man best shot format to speed things up. It was that or get in a fight with the group behind them. So in a four-man format they managed the second best score. That team was Jeremy Heyer, Devin Johnson, Will Mason, and Eric Lamp. And finally we have our winning team of Tim Leach and Jan Post. They had little trouble beating the rest of the field.

After the golf we all went over to Thom Powell's house for dinner. There we were joined by Roscoe Alexander and Channy, Rick Rhebb, Dan Wilkes, Beth Stence, and my wife, Julie. The food was great! Steaks and veggie burgers were on the grill and lots of fixings awaited in the kitchen. I have to say Thom and Brenda are really good at throwing a party. You are really missing something if you haven't been able to make one of their events.

I handed out the golf balls to everyone for their efforts and then Devin had a surprise for me. I was presented with an Order of Pythagoras for my efforts running the golf tourney and serving on the board since 2001. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for this honor. I am humbled by your generosity.

I would really like to see everyone take advantage of this fun event next year. I am going to move it a little later in August so mark the 23<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar. (Conclave is the first weekend in August so I figured I needed to let some guys recover from that.) I am looking forward to the day that we include actives in this event and pledges cleaning our clubs and diving in the ponds for Aaron's golf balls. If anybody has any spouse or non-golfer activity suggestions please speak up ([btabor12@mchsi.com](mailto:btabor12@mchsi.com)). We would like to widen our appeal to include as many alumni as possible. Watch your newsletter for updates and I hope to see you next year.

Byron Tabor #644

## 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.)*

Brother Jeremy Fortier #784 and his wife are once again committee members for Step Out Walk to STOP Diabetes. They are on the Indianapolis committee for the September 21, 2013 walk.

Brother Jason Dreckman #832 and his wife Kris welcomed a baby girl, Nora Claire on July 12.  
Congrats!

Brother Brian Gallo #844 is engaged to be married with a wedding date planned for next summer. He

also started a new job in Seattle.

Brother John Liss #845 was named Department Chair for the Interdisciplinary Studies Department. Additionally he purchased a new house.

Brother Shawn Morgan #846 accepted a position with the Des Moines Police Department.

**Are you looking for a way to connect with your brothers?**

Look for them online at **Facebook** <http://www.facebook.com/groups/123887245416>. Or you can search for the group “Acacia Alumni of The University of Iowa.” We are 93 members strong and growing. You can also find us on **LinkedIn**. Our group is called “Iowa Acacians” on LinkedIn.

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## Donation Update

There is now an even easier way to submit your voluntary dues as well as donations to the Eastern Iowa Acacia Alumni Chapter. We have recently set up a PayPal account. You can access this through the donations link on the EIAAA website – [www.uiacacia.com](http://www.uiacacia.com). There are two options – the \$75 annual dues and donations in increments of \$25. Please note that the donations to the EIAAA are not considered tax deductible.

Three Acacia alumni have made a donation and twelve have paid dues so far in 2013. 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.

As a reminder of ways to submit dues and/or donations:

- Use the enclosed contribution card for your 2012 and/or 2013 voluntary dues as well as for your donations to the Iowa chapter fund and/or the EIAAA.
- Submit donations to the Iowa Chapter Fund with Nationals via [http://acacia.org/foundation\\_giving.php](http://acacia.org/foundation_giving.php).
- Once at the website select the Iowa chapter from the drop down box labeled “Target your gift” and follow the instructions on the screen.

Submit voluntary dues and/or donations to the EIAAA via PayPal by going to the donations link on the EIAAA website – [www.uiacacia.com](http://www.uiacacia.com)

## **We Need Your Help!**

The Iowa Chapter of Acacia Fraternity seeks to recruit our next generation of brothers. We have raised over \$1000 this year with a goal of \$3000. Your donation will support training in Acacia's membership development program, Cornerstones. Designed to provide undergraduate members a solid support structure as they begin their education, this program has been at the heart of recent chapter success at Iowa State, Kansas State and Illinois. This is just the first step, the best is yet to come.

Please support this effort with a gift of \$50, \$100, \$250 or more.

Dan Wilkes, # 861

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