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Dear Brothers,



It is hard to believe that June will mark my 16th year working with Acacia in some form or fashion. As many of you know, I started as House Director for the Indiana Chapter (Bloomington, IN) in June 1997 and worked there for the next four years. On August 1, 2001, I started as the Assistant Executive Director for Acacia International Headquarters, working alongside Darold Larson, our long time Executive Director. On October 1, 2011, I took over the reigns as Executive Director. When my Acacia career began those 16 years ago, little did I know that I would find myself as the Executive Director of our beloved Fraternity.

The last 12 years have been extremely rewarding. My appreciation and love for Acacia has only grown during this time. I have met friends and brothers that would not have been afforded to me in the past, traveled across the country, and worked with some of the greatest men in the world. For these, I am most grateful. My memories of Acacia will be with me always.

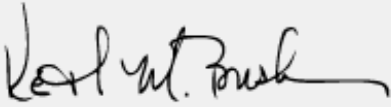
For 16 years, Acacia has been part of my daily life. That's what makes it all the harder to share this news with you. It is with great sadness to inform you that I will be stepping down as Executive Director and leaving the Fraternity to pursue other opportunities. This is one of the hardest decisions I have ever had to make, but it is the best course for me at this time. I have shared my intentions with the International Council of Acacia, and they have prepared a letter for you all as well, which you can read below.

I want to thank you all for your support of me and dedication to Acacia over these many years. Without your due diligence, Acacia would not be the organization it is today. I sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart.

And, although I may no longer be near the daily hustle and bustle of the Fraternity, I have

always been and will continue to be... Proud to be an Acacian.

Fraternally,



Keith M. Bushey
Executive Director
Acacia Fraternity

LETTER FROM ROBERT E. ROBERSON, INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

I have worked with Brother Bushey since my tenure on the International Council began in 2001, and there is no brother who has exhibited a greater dedication to Acacia during this period. Acacia will miss Brother Bushey's experience and dedication, but we wish him the best in his future endeavors and look forward to seeing him at Acacia events in the future.

At this time, Assistant Executive Director Patrick McGovern will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Fraternity while Director of Communications Michael Pastko and Director of Expansion Michael Weber are continuing in their current positions. The International Council is confident that Fraternity operations will continue without interruption. If you have been working with Brother Bushey on any issues, please contact Brother McGovern at pmcgovern@acacia.org or 317-872-8210 (office) or 317-691-8650 (cell).

Finally, I want to mention Brother Bushey's resignation comes at a time when Acacia is as strong as it has been in many years. Membership has been increasing during the past three years. Expansion is continuing with five colonies and a return to the University of Vermont this fall. The Cornerstones program is a model pledge and membership education program. Communication is improving and getting back on a regular schedule.

As we close this chapter in Acacia, please join me and the International Council as we thank Brother Bushey for his service and look to the bright future that his leadership has pointed us toward.

Fraternally,



Robert E. Roberson
International President
Acacia Fraternity

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