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Founder's Day 2012 - 108 Years of Brotherhood

Greetings!

A Reflection on our Founding

In a world of greatly increased flow of information, expanded roles and responsibilities, myriad opportunities and obligations, it remains critical that we look at where we've been in order that we may continue to get to where we're going. Wherever you are, think about those two familiar questions, "What have I done for Acacia?" and "What has Acacia done for me?"

A colony is actively growing in the place where Acacia Fraternity started 108 years ago by 14 Master Masons - the University of Michigan. Wherever you find yourself in life right now, take a moment today to reflect and be grateful, in whatever manner you choose, that those young men took the initiative to begin a brotherhood that stands for Knowledge, Virtue, & Truth. A brotherhood that believes that we fulfill our greatest duty by serving others and by representing the values of our Fraternity in a noble manner.

Colonies Added to the Ranks

This year has been a fortunate one for Acacia as our ranks have grown by three new Acacia colonies. As stated before, we are now back on the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The place where it all began! We have also recolonized at Trine University (formerly Tri-State) in Angola, Indiana and Illinois State in Normal, Illinois. Each of these new groups bring a new sense of direction for Acacia and will prove to be strong leaders for us all. We are excited to have these new colonies join the Acacia family and look forward to their progress and building over these next few years.

Expansions on the Map

Expansion has been our greatest focus these past couple of years and will continue as we face the future. Acacia Headquarters continues to build relationships with universities constantly searching for new possibilities of growing our beloved Fraternity. Re-colonizations planned for the coming years include the University of Iowa and the University of Vermont. We continually field calls and e-mails from interest groups and university expansion teams. The future looks very bright for Acacia. If you have a relationship with a university in your area or are interested in seeing the re-colonization of a chapter, please feel free to call on us. We are always exploring the opportunity to bring Acacia to a new or former locale.

Conclave 2012

Conclave 2012 is on the horizon! We hope you will be able to join us in St. Louis during the week of Wednesday, August 1st - Sunday August 5th, at the St. Louis Union Station Marriott located on Market Street in Downtown St. Louis. Full details are listed at Acacia.org.

- Hotel address - 1820 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103 - phone: (314) 621-5262.
- Conclave registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 1, 2012. The Conclave will conclude on Saturday evening, August 4th.
- Checkout and departure are the next morning, August 5th, by 12:00 noon.
- [Click here to reserve your room online.](#)
- Room Rates are: 1 to 4 occupants - \$119.00 per night (+applicable tax)

We are looking at four days of educational events for undergraduates, as well as alumni brothers. Special alumni sessions are being developed for all alumni brothers in attendance. Continue to visit our website for updates on this great biennial event!

AcaciaCornerstones.org



The Cornerstones program continues to evolve each semester as more & more chapters are utilizing the ideas & concepts related to the program to aid their members in personal development. One new resource for active and alumni members is the new Cornerstones blog site at AcaciaCornerstones.org.

At the site, you will find the following:

- [blog articles](#), including this one: [Jumpstart Cornerstones at Your Chapter](#)
- a [resources](#) section
- [videos](#) to explain the program
- suggestions for how to participate [as an undergraduate](#) or [as an alumni member](#)
- [Chapter Cornerstones Spotlight](#)
- an [FAQ page](#)
- and more...

In closing, we wish you a Happy Founders' Day! Let's make our 109th year of brotherhood even stronger than our past year.

Thank you for taking the time to read this special issue of the Crest eNewsletter! We look forward to seeing you at the 2012 Conclave!

Fraternally,

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