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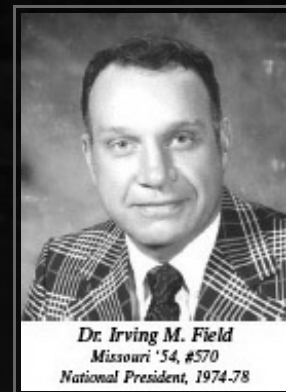
IN MEMORIAM Dr. Irving M. Field (1934-2010) Past National President - Acacia Fraternity

Greetings!

It is with much sadness that I report to you the sudden passing of Dr. Irving M. Field. Irv, past president of Acacia Fraternity from 1974-1978, died suddenly on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, from congestive heart failure.

Since his undergraduate days at the University of Missouri where he held the offices of Head Steward, Scholarship Chairman and Treasurer, Irv has remained involved with the Fraternity. After moving to Pullman in the early sixties to become the Business Administrator for WSU, Irv served the Washington State chapter as Chapter Advisor from 1961-63 and the Chapter Financial Advisor from 1963-1993.

He then moved on to hold the office of Province Governor (1961-67), National Second Vice President (1967-74) and National President of Acacia Fraternity (1974-1978). Irv's term as president emphasized brotherhood, fiscal responsibility and preparation for Acacia's 75th anniversary to be celebrated at Snowmass, Colorado.



Brother Field was elected to the Acacia Fraternity Foundation Board of Directors shortly after its inception and has served continuously, most recently as an Emeritus Director. In 2000, Brother Field created and endowed the Dr. Irving M. Field Lectureship Series held at each Conclaves Foundation Scholarship Banquet.

Acacia Fraternity has honored Brother Field with the Order of Pythagoras (1966), the Award of Merit (1970), the Les Liebel Hall of Honor Award (1988) and the George F. Patterson, Jr. Award (1991). Irv also held the very proud distinction of attending every Acacia Conclave from 1962 through 2004.

Behind every well-run chapter there are alumni in the trenches who make a struggling chapter good and a good chapter great. Washington State Acacians were blessed for over a quarter century with two outstanding advisors in Lester N. Liebel, Washington State 40, and Irving M. Field, Missouri 54. In Les and Irv, we were fortunate to have two individuals who utilized their strengths to great success; they knew exactly how to play off of each other.

As Chapter Advisor, Les tended to play the role of the compassionate father figure and Irv, as Financial Advisor, the individual who understood the Fraternity was about brotherhood, but with that came personal responsibilities - one of them financial obligations. You always knew when you had five minutes to get your house bill to the Treasurer by the distinct aroma of Irv's cigars permeating through the halls of

the chapter house.

As an undergraduate, I perceived Brother Field to be somewhat intimidating after all, having to scrounge up \$350 for a monthly house bill was never seen as a joy. Upon my appointment to the Fraternity staff, I learned quickly that Irv was a big teddy bear. I will dearly miss the bear hugs he would give me every year, be it at a Conclave or an ALA. One bear of a hug was all the motivation I needed to face the weeks challenge that lay ahead.

Nobody was more pleased than Irv to see his Missouri chapter re-activated in 2004 as it signified they were back on the Acacia rolls for the 100th Anniversary as they were in 1979 at the Snowmass Diamond Jubilee Conclave. With a deep, gruff voice and a cigar in one side of his mouth, those who new Irv will remember how he introduced himself at Conclaves to attendees and I have a hunch that upon meeting the Almighty, he did the same, *Irv Field, Past National President, nice to meet you.*

*There is a destiny that makes us brothers
None goes his way alone.
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own.
-Edwin Markham*

Honoring Irvs wishes, there will be no funeral. Should you wish to make a donation to the Fraternity in memory of Brother Field, you may send it to the Acacia Fraternity Foundation, 8777 Purdue Road, Suite 225, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268. For your convenience, we have also included a secure PayPal link to make your tax-deductible contribution.

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Fraternally,

Darold W. Larson
Executive Director

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