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Cornerstones: Elevating the Acacia Experience

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"I do not for one second doubt it will help mark a turning point for Acacia."

From May 4-8, three Purdue brothers had the experience of a lifetime, an opportunity provided by *Cornerstones: The Membership Development Program of Acacia Fraternity*. Carmine Iannelli, Chris Hathaway, and Kyle Dalbec attended the Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute and experienced quite an

awakening.

"It was one of the best experiences of my life."

Through an intense leadership development curriculum, 80 of Purdue's fraternity and sorority leaders took a long, hard look in the mirror to examine our relevance in today's society and examine if we are truly living our Ritual. The response was resoundingly negative. Everyone in attendance took this message to heart and rededicated themselves to living by their organizations' core values.

"We all had the realization that change is a must, and nothing other than our best efforts will get it done."

This is a prime example of how *Cornerstones* is providing our undergraduate leaders with the foundations necessary to elevate Acacia Fraternity to even greater success in our second century.

"I learned to never give up."

To learn more about *Cornerstones*, visit www.gatesofsamos.org today.

An Old Friend Gets a Facelift

Dear Brother Turconi,

"The ritual being the soul and inspiring element of an organization in selecting its members... may Acacia's Ritual become so full of inspiration and zeal that Acacians everywhere will be known as men ever honored and respected."

William J. Marshall, Founder

If an old friend of yours got a facelift would you assist him with the cost? Probably not. However, what if your old friend was the Ritual of

Acacia. I am writing to you asking for your financial support with the printing of the newest edition of the Ritual.

Reprinting of the Ritual only comes along once a generation. This reprint marks only the fifth in Acacia's 104-year history. Rest assured no changes have been made to the Ritual, but we have tried to make the document much more user-friendly.



With larger print, a better quality of paper and a spiral binding, we believe these additions will stand the test of time. The photo above demonstrates some of the changes we have made.

Our undergraduates are charged with the responsibility of performing the Ritual on a regular basis to perpetuate our Brotherhood. In that spirit, undergraduates took a special opportunity to get the ball rolling with this endeavor, and they have contributed nearly \$1000 to date.

The back of each Ritual will contain the name of a donor, his chapter and roll number. [To make your gift today, click here to complete a secure transaction through PayPal.](#) We have established three giving societies, but no gift is too small.

Triangle Club - \$34.50, Order of Euclid - \$47, Memnon Society - \$100

You may also send a check or pay by credit card directly to the Fraternity Headquarters at:

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888-345-1904

Many thanks in advance for your generous support.

Fraternally,



Darold W. Larson
Executive Director

LA Tech Colony Excelling After Only 6 Months!



Seventeen members of Acacia's newest colony at Louisiana Tech acquired their first chapter house in November, a small craftsman-style home ten minutes from the center of campus. It has four bedrooms, two full baths and can sleep six. The brothers have improved the house by installing new flooring and appliances in the kitchen, repainting the TV and chapter rooms and putting new carpet in the study. The colony is an associate member in the Interfraternity Council and will be eligible for full membership at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

The colony is particularly proud of its community service programs. Every month the members give their time to the North Louisiana Food Bank distributing boxes of food. The colony also organized a Holocaust Remembrance Day service for which it received recognition on the front page of the campus newspaper. The brothers also participated in events sponsored by other organizations, including the Relay for Life, Kappa Delta Shamrock Run and City of Ruston Downtown Clean-up.

The brothers at Tech had a busy social calendar this year. The colony held a party for St. Patrick's Day and hosted a crawfish boil. They also visited two other chapters, LSU and NWOSU. The visit to NWOSU in February was particularly memorable since it was the first time some of the Tech brothers had ever seen snow.

The Tech colony has big plans for next year. They will participate in IFC formal rush for the first time and are looking forward to meeting their future brothers. The colony will continue to work with the North Louisiana Food Bank and will participate in Acacia Claus and Seven Days of Service.

Three Pillars Shape New Century Campaign



New Century Campaign

With our second 100 hundred years underway, how do we ensure that our beloved brotherhood remains relevant? The New Century Campaign answers this question with three words - Leadership, Growth and Scholarship.

Alumni will have the opportunity to make an immediate impact through

their support of familiar programs like the Acacia Leadership Academy, scholarship awards and the Triad magazine. Or they can be the catalyst for creating initiatives like the Venerable Deans Academy, Cornerstones Institute, alumni leadership workshops and an expansion scholarship fund.

Throughout the course of 2008, we will be sharing more details of how alumni support can strengthen and enhance Acacia Fraternity through these three pillars. As you will see, you can play an important part in helping Acacia Fraternity achieve one overarching goal: to develop the full potential of the individual brother.



New Century Founders: A Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity

Our original founders believed the principles of Acacia Fraternity would remain important for a long time and hoped future generations would continue their legacy. Because of their belief, you and I were able to become better men and leaders through our fraternity experience.

To honor the founders' foresight, we have created a special giving society as part of the New Century Campaign. Reserved for donors who give or pledge \$10,000 or more to the campaign prior to December 31, 2008, the New Century Founders will be recognized with the same admiration and awe as our original founders for their foresight and commitment to the brotherhood.

Our goal is to welcome 100 New Century Founders. Twenty-eight alumni have already answered the call. Want to join this prestigious group? Visit www.acacia.org/newcenturycampaign for more information.

National Committee: Leading the New Century Campaign

Great works are achieved with great leadership.

In this spirit, we are proud to announce the creation of the New Century Campaign's National Committee. Representing different chapters and eras of Acacia Fraternity, these leaders are committed to encouraging more alumni to support the campaign's three pillars of Leadership, Growth and Scholarship:

Will Betchart, Colorado 1962

Principal, Consulting Water Resources Engineer

Michael Duncan, Illinois 1974

Managing Partner, Patriot Capital Advisors

Craig Fulmer, Indiana 1961

Chairman, Heritage Financial Group

Lee Kearney, Oregon State 1959

VP (ret.), Kiewit Construction Group

Edward Knight, Texas 1971

Executive VP and General Counsel, NASDAQ

John Peper, Texas 1971
Executive VP and General Counsel, Energy Partners

Donald Solanas, Louisiana State 1968
Co-Owner, Arrowhead Energy Exploration

Andrew Stout, Cal Poly/Pomona 1990
VP - Investments, UBS Financial Services

L. Lamar Tims, Texas 1961
Asst. VP, Chicago Title Insurance Company

Visit www.acacia.org/newcenturycampaign for more information.

Conclave Draws Nearer - August 6-10



Acacia Fraternity's 55th Biennial Conclave & Leadership Academy is less than three months away. [Click here](#) to read more about this year's event, being held in Louisville, Kentucky, from August 6-10.

For more information, please visit us at www.acacia.org.

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