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Note from Executive Director Patrick McGovern

Brothers,

Greetings from the sometimes-frozen, sometimes-sunny springtime of Indianapolis.

This past fall was a notable one for Acacia Fraternity with re-colonizations at Indiana University and at University of Iowa. This spring, Acacia HQ staff is building a brand new colony at Arizona State University, expanding our western presence. As of this writing, we have 20 young men thus far committed to pledge, and that number will grow!

Today, our chapters are working hard to wrap up spring pledge classes, and begin pledge education, with an eye toward initiating many new brothers before the semester is out.

Conclave 2016 is just around the corner! Active members would be wise to start saving up some money (or finding that summer job...) so you have a bit of spending money to enjoy downtown Louisville, or buy a souvenir.

Alumni members can assist greatly when it comes to costs associated with active members attending Conclave. Alumni are encouraged to make a tax-deductible gift to your local chapters Chapter Fund Account with the Acacia Fraternity Foundation. Active members can be reimbursed for some or all of their expenses related to attending our first-class educational program.

Donations can be made here - be sure to select your Chapters name from the drop-down box to target your gift: <http://www.acacia.org/donate/>

I hope to see you in Louisville! Once you register for Conclave, [join the Facebook group!](#)

Fraternally,

Patrick W. McGovern, Indiana '99

Executive Director

Acacia Fraternity



2016 Lee W. Kearney Venerable Dean Summit Recap

26 Representatives from 25 chapters and colonies gathered at the Hyatt Regency in Downtown Indianapolis on January 4-5, 2016 for the third annual Lee W. Kearney Venerable Dean Summit.

Over the course of a 14-hour program, the (primarily) Venerable Deans discussed the various issues facing their chapters and themselves as leaders. Workshops were held by HQ Staff and guest speakers to educate the attendees. Guest speakers were brought in to discuss Personal Health & Wellness and our recruitment platform Chapter Builder. HQ staff presented the duties of the Venerable Dean, crisis management scenarios, primary prevention (bystander intervention) education, reporting to Acacia HQ and best practices for overall chapter operations.

At the end of the program, the members in attendance gained an understanding of their role as Venerable Dean and how the HQ staff can assist them in improving their chapters.

2016 Edition of Pythagoras Released

The Pythagoras has just been re-released for the 2016 year. With the first update since 1994, this edition contains numerous updates and additions from previous copies. This new edition of the Pythagoras was made possible by the generous contributions of alumni and undergraduate members ([see list here](#)).

Read the Pythagoras online at acacia.org/pythagoras.

Order a copy for yourself or for your chapter's pledge education process by calling the Headquarters office at 317-872-8210 or by emailing the Headquarters Office Manager Gretchen Mathews at gmathews@acacia.org. Now only \$10!

AcaciaGear.com Webstore Now Live!

For the first time ever, Acacia Fraternity has a dedicated online store providing numerous items for members and friends of Acacia. From apparel to tumblers, Acaciagear.com has all your Acacia needs.

This is the perfect place to find gifts for graduating Acacians, for the Big Brother gift to the pledge class, or just for the Acacian that wants to display their pride.

Possible gift ideas include:

- Water Bottles (for thirsty Acacians)
- Sweaters (for cold Acacians)
- Cell phone/tablet/laptop covers (for fashionable Acacians)



If there is a product you desire, but cannot find, contact Director of Operations Michael Weber at mweber@acacia.org to request it. New items are being added as needed.



Take the Lead: Conclave 2016

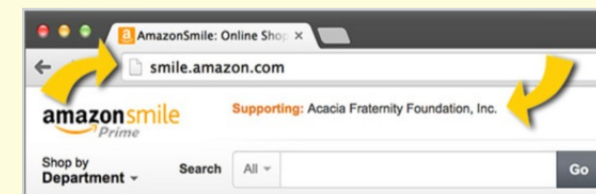
Conclave 2016 will take place from **July 27th to the 31st** at the Historic Brown Hotel in downtown Louisville, Kentucky. The registration price is **\$225 for alumni and \$200 for active members**. Hotel & travel expenses are not included in registration cost. Conclave is welcome to all and many alumni have "mini-reunions" at Conclave, encouraging others from their era to join in the fun.

Past Conclaves highlights have included concerts, baseball games, renowned educational speakers and the sharing of knowledge between chapters.

Sign up today at acacia.org/conclave and join us in the Derby City!

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