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New Chapter House Plans Moving Forward



In the May edition of the newsletter, the Board announced that it was working on plans to build a new chapter house, and we released a preliminary artist rendition of the front of, what we hope will be, our home for the next 100 years. The Board has hired Pennington and Company to conduct a feasibility study to determine if we can gain sufficient support from our alumni to build the new chapter house. The representatives from Pennington are contacting some of our alumni and discussing this project in more detail them.

In the May newsletter, we explained the three reasons why it is critical for us to build a new chapter house at this time. We ask that you please review those reasons if you have questions about why now is the time for this to occur. Rest assured that if we could have remodeled our existing structure, we would have done so. But given the age and the condition of the current chapter house, despite our many improvements, it simply is a situation where replacing our much-beloved chapter house has become a matter of necessity, not need.

Our goal now is to share with our alumni the design of the three main floors of the chapter house, so that you can gain a better understanding of the vision that the Board and Chapter Members have for this new house. After having seen many of the other chapter houses that have been built in the past three to four years, we truly believe that we have come up with a design that will simply create a living environment that will be second to none of the other fraternities in the Iowa State Greek Community.

One of the great strengths of our current chapter house is that it feels more like a “home” than a “dorm with a fancy entrance”. This is an atmosphere that we do not want to lose, and one that we feel the new chapter house will continue to provide. Much of the design of the second and third floors was driven by the desire of the chapter members to retain the sense of “fraternity” where Brothers gather and build deep and lasting friendships. The layout of the floors is like nothing that you find in other fraternities or in the dorms at Iowa State, which typically feature long hallways with doors leading to rooms on either side. Our

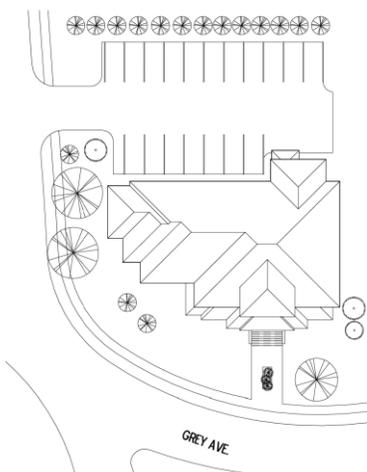
design focuses each floor around a central gathering area with a small kitchenette and sitting room where members can gather for informal conversations, late-night and early morning meals, yet each floor has contained within it a formal and spacious study area designed to allow our members to work on projects either singly or in groups.

In addition, the rooms vary in size from two-man to four-man rooms, arranged in an almost “circular” fashion around the central gathering area, making it both convenient and easy for them to get together at a moments notice. At the same time, each room provides ample space for both study and sleeping areas in a “suite-style” environment that provides both privacy and companionship in a house that can hold up to 42 men.

Now that we have set up some of the background information on the new chapter house, we will continue with the “question and answer” format that was introduced in the May, 2015 newsletter.

How was the design for the new chapter house developed?

Once the architect was selected, the Board, along with the undergraduate chapter, entered into discussions with the architect to determine what a future chapter house should look like.



Included in these discussions were the style of the house, its amenities, its livability, and most importantly, its space-utilization including bedrooms, bathrooms, dining and kitchen facilities, to study and work areas along with areas to relax, socialize and entertain. Yet overall, it had to retain a home-like atmosphere.

A key consideration was to ensure that the new chapter house met the City of Ames parking requirements for fraternities. The new parking regulations allow us to have 18 parking spaces and up to 54 members living in the chapter house, a 1 car to 3 man ratio. By laying out the chapter house in the manner that we have on our existing property, we have both **maximized** the number of parking spaces **and** the number of men that could potentially live in the chapter house. Building height restrictions limit our house to three floors above ground, and a total 42 men. This is a 45% increase in the number of men that can live in the new chapter house compared to our current limit of 29 men.

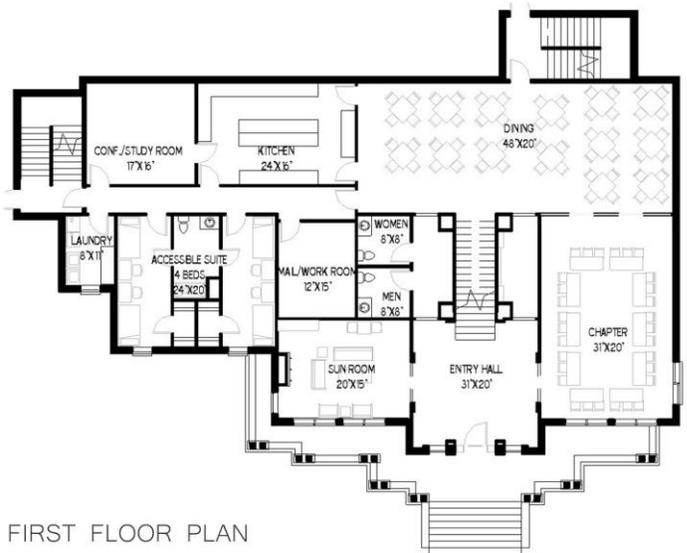
Throughout this initial design process, our architect held a number of meetings with our undergraduate brothers and invited them to

complete a housing-outcomes survey. The results of the meetings and survey, along with conversations from our alumni board members with the architect, has resulted in a truly magnificent, state-of-the-art, enhanced living and learning environment for our undergraduate brothers that will allow Acacia to continue to enhance the brotherhood of the fraternity by having a chapter house that embodies the legacy of Acacia at Iowa State!



THIRD FLOOR PLAN

The proposed design for a new chapter house, as envisioned by our architect was a result of several meetings and conversations. It features the main floor of the chapter house with an imposing two-story entrance “Great Hall” that sends an unmistakable message that you have just entered a place of greatness, one to be treated with respect—a place to welcome guests, parents of our undergraduate brothers and alumni brothers; honor our prior achievements; and to be a focal-point for the fraternity to the public. The main level will also contain two, two-person rooms to meet current ADA requirements.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

The design incorporates many of the currently-lacking amenities at our chapter house, including a **commercial-grade kitchen** so

that **meals can be prepared on-site**, rather than catered-in by a vendor; a **dining room that seats 50**, plus a large chapter meeting room, that when combined with the dining room, can provide for larger-scale dinner-exchanges with sororities, professors, and other guests. The upper floors contain a mixed-grouping of two- and four-member rooms with **private bathrooms and showers**, a library, integrated small-scale kitchens with informal seating and gathering spots.



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

The basement level will be comprised of a recreation room, home theater, two study areas, and nearly one-quarter of the basement will be dedicated to the mechanical needs of the facility. Each floor will also provide laundry facilities, expanded wired and wi-fi internet nodes, and guest bathrooms. **The anticipated capacity will be 42 members, which is emblematic of the former 142 address associated with our chapter property.**

Can we re-use anything from the old chapter house?

The answer to this is yes, we can! The hardwood floors from the first floor of the chapter house, but all the lighting fixtures, plus all of the display cases in the basement will all be re-used in the new chapter house. The hardwood floors and lighting will be used in the new formal library on the third floor, and if enough hardwood remains left over, it will be used in the second floor study area.

The chapter members and Board felt that it was essential that we re-use as many items as possible in the new chapter house. We were especially focused on saving the items from the first floor as they carry a historical significance to us and will enable us to retain the “legacy” of the old chapter house and re-use it in the new house.

We did look into the possibility of the savings the windows from the old house, but the cost to try and salvage them was prohibitive. In addition, and perhaps more important is that all of

the old windows were literally “custom-built” for that house. As such, there are no two windows that have the same dimensions. Putting them in a new chapter house was not cost effective, and it would have made the new house look like it was made out of “spare parts,” which would damage its outward appearance.

Are any contributions for the new chapter house tax-deductible?

At the present time, the architect estimates that approximately **35%** of the contributions made for the construction of the new chapter house will be **tax-deductible** to the person making the contribution. However, we understand that the architectural fees and related items will also be fully tax-deductible as well. We also have some rooms that are “dual-purpose” in terms of study and other uses, which may partially qualify for tax-deductible status. **If** these costs finalize as we expect, it appears that the tax-deductible portion of each contribution should be approximately **41%**.

The Board will be utilizing the services of an attorney who specializes in this field and has an established history in working with the representatives of the Internal Revenue Service to gain their approval prior to construction for identifying that percentage of the property that will be considered “educational” in nature.

The Board believes that we should have the exact percentage determined by November, 2015. Once we have this information, we will be sharing it in the next newsletter.

Why wait until 2017 to start construction?

This delay in starting construction is due to a unique circumstance that occurred in the City of Ames. The Director of the Planning and Zoning Department unexpectedly passed away, and due to this event, all projects (I emphasize the word **all**) were put on hold until a replacement could be hired.

This process will take about six months, and so it won’t be until later this fall (after a new director is hired) that we can submit our application for demolition and building of a new chapter house. This is not necessarily a completely bad thing. It gives us more time to work with our alumni to develop a plan that will allow us to gather the funds that we need to build our new chapter house.

The bottom line is that we must gather \$2.4 million from our alumni on or before April 1, 2017 in order to start construction. If we can do that, we will be on schedule to move into our new home in August, 2018. And what an event that will be for all of us!

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Board. We look forward to hearing from you!

Acacia Leadership Academy Builds Leadership Skills

((Editors Note: Each year, the Acacia Fraternity hosts an annual event know as the Acacia Leadershuip Academy. This year, the event was held from July 29th – August 1st. At this educational training event, chapter members from nearly all the chapters of Acacia Fraternity learn essential leadership skills that enable them to be more effective leaders within their own chapter and in the local university setting as well. This article is presented from the perspective of a number of individuals who are either instrumental in the formation or presentation of the this event, or who participated in this years academy.

In addition, congratulations go out ot Joe Webb, Venerable Dean of the Iowa State Chapter who was awarded the \$3,000 George F. Patterson Jr. scholarship! Congratulations Joe!))

Darold Larson, Executive Director of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation

As graduates of the land-grant University for the State of Iowa, you may remember the 1989 movie Field of Dreams and the refrain heard by Iowa farmer Ray Kinsella in his cornfield telling him, “If you build it, they (he) will come.” He interprets this as an instruction to build a baseball field. The same can be said about one of Acacia’s greatest programming events - the Acacia Leadership Academy.

Having just completed our eleventh biennial event and having graduated over 1,300 attendees, Acacia has hit a home run. Realizing the need to augment educational programming in off-Conclave years, the International Council agreed to hold a trial event in August of 1995. A generation later, the ALA has become an undergraduate favorite and each year a new group of brothers eagerly look forward to building their own Fraternity of Dreams.

Just like the name Acacia, the ALA is unique as our Fraternity is the only Greek organization to offer programming in a fraternal setting. Over 100 Acacians from across the United States and Canada meet and function as one chapter – providing input and ideas from their various experiences. Outside speakers compliment the program to give the undergraduates a great fraternal experience.

The dynamics of the event allow us to create a model chapter of Acacia by electing officers, assigning committees, writing bylaws, creating a judiciary, and initiating new members. The results create greater participation and responsibilities for undergraduates – experientialism at its best. Supplemented to the program are team-building exercises along with competitive athletic events and social games.

In recognition for creating this event and his decades of service as Executive Director of the Fraternity, the International Council

renamed the program the Darold W. Larson Acacia Leadership Academy in 2011. All eleven academies have been hosted at the Indiana Acacia chapter house as it size and central location offer a great experience at an affordable cost. To assist the undergraduate-driven event, recently the Acacia Fraternity Foundation has reached out to chapter alumni to sponsor one day of the four-day event. With an expense budget of approximately \$20,000, the AFF asks for sponsoring chapters to supplement the budget with a contribution of \$3,000.

“I have never felt brotherhood to such an extreme level as I did these past few days! There is no better feeling in the world than walking down the hall at 7:00 a.m. on your way to the showers and having so many people say, ‘Good morning, brother!’” - sentiments shared at Pass the Gavel on Celebration Saturday

The Foundation, in concert with the International Council, requested the Iowa State Chapter - as the reigning Malcolm Award chapter - to become a lead sponsor for what is commonly referred to as Celebration Saturday. Thank you to the dedicated Iowa State Acacia alumni who assisted in underwriting this truly one of a kind event!



Here are the Iowa State Acacians who attended 2015 Acacia Leadership Acadamey in Bloomington, Indiana. (Back row), Michael Webber, Jeremy Davis (Acacia International President), (middle row) Ryan Zumbach, Harold Zarr (Acacia Foundation director), and (front row) Aditya Nevale and Drew Sherman.

Ryan Zumbach, Rush Co-Chairman, Iowa State

The Acacia Leadership Academy is well worth attending. ALA gave me the opportunity to step outside of my comfort zone. I ran for senior dean for the week, met undergraduate and alumni Acacians from around the country, and discussed goals through

Acacia Fraternity as well as personal life goals. I feel a renewed drive to improve my life through goal setting, acting quicker on opportunities that present themselves, and become a stronger leader and member of Acacia. Going to ALA has better allowed me to understand Acacia Fraternity from an individual chapter perspective as well as understanding the fraternity from an international perspective.

The Acacia Leadership Academy had some great speakers to present to us. We learned about the purpose, benefits and everything behind our headquarters staff and alumni who are able to give all of us undergraduates a one of a kind fraternal experience. We had a session with Taylor Deer from Phired Up Productions on the art and science of building relationships while recruiting. We were also presented with a new recruitment software tool called ChapterBuilder. We learned about risks in life that can harm our personal lives and our fraternity and how to prevent terrible situations from happening. One of my favorite quotes shared with us from these sessions by Patrick McGovern is that “We are all our brothers’ keepers.” After each speaker, it was nice to have a breakout session into our team groups to discuss our thoughts and opinions and how we all handle certain situations at our own individual chapters. It was refreshing to see all of the different ideas bouncing off of each other as we felt connected through similar experiences.

Leaving ALA, I am definitely bringing back some new and fresh ideas that will keep our Iowa State chapter improving. But I am also thankful for everything we do exceeding well at Iowa State. After all, we are fresh off of a Malcom Award victory.

I know I have made some new life-long friends who I can call Brothers. It’s incredible how on the first day everyone is a stranger, but by the end feel a connection with over a hundred new people. Having those ties within our fraternity’s ritual and common values creates an instant sense of belonging and friendship among Acacians all across the country... and I can’t forget about the guys up in Canada.

Aditya Nevale, Rush Co-Chairman, Iowa State

ALA was an enlightening and eye opening experience where I received the opportunity to network with my brothers from across the country. I could not have imagined how much I gained in knowledge terms of risk management, recruitment, how to structure a pledge program, etc. The bulk of what I learned came from the breakout sessions where we split everyone at ALA into four groups and shared the challenges that each of our chapters face and what we have done to try and overcome our hurdles.

The experiences that I gained from ALA were invaluable. Never in my life have gotten to know a group of around a hundred guys as well as I did during the five days while I was at Indiana. It was interesting to see that I share the Acacia values with men all around the country. I have never met more dedicated Acacians than the Alumni that came to visit from around the country. I was inspired by the stories I heard from Alumni who flew across the country to maintain their chapter house during the years their chapter was inactive so that future Acacians might be able to recolonize and enjoy the brotherhood that we have opportunity to experience today. I never have been more proud to say that I am an Acacian and proud of it.

Alumni Support Scholarship and Chapter House Funds

The financial contributions of our alumni are absolutely vital to long-term success of the chapter and the viability of our scholarship program. Without the support of our alumni, we simply could not provide the scholarships and other financial support needed to keep the chapter operating at the level of success that we are currently enjoying.

Our emphasis on academic performance and high moral character of the members that we recruit has never wavered, and has led to the building of a chapter that is well respected within the Iowa State Greek Community. But this alone is not the key to our success. The generosity of our alumni in being willing to

financially support the scholarship and house renewal funds are equally critical to our success.

Without the hard work of the chapter members, and the active support of our alumni, our success simply would not have been possible. We recognize all of our alumni who have so generously contributed to the financial well-being of the chapter, and we hope that as you examine the record of success of the chapter in the chart shown below, you will see that your investment has been well placed. We sincerely hope and respectfully ask you to continue your financial support of the men of the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia.



Chapter House Improvement Fund

\$ 875 Contributed in 2015 by Iowa State Acacians

The table that is shown lists those Brothers and friends who have made contributions to the new chapter house improvement fund in 2015. Please accept our grateful thanks for your generosity!

----- Alumni Contributors in 2015 -----	
Refounding Father	(\$ 10,000 or more)
Board of Directors Club	(\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999)
Pythagorean Partner	(\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999)
Chapter Partner	(\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)
Gold Partner	(\$ 750 - \$ 999)
Silver Partner	(\$ 500 - \$ 749)

Bronze Partner	(\$ 100 - \$ 499)
Stewart Burger	
Don Messer - #447	
Lynn R. Pendry - #469	
James. M. Hanson - #533	
Dennis McComber - #556	
Lee R. Christensen - #601	
Bess D. Wilkin (Memory of Timm Wilkin) - #717	
Derek E. Robison - #1069	
Spirit Partner	(\$ 1 - \$ 99)
Gordon Sundberg - #501	
Walter R. Kolbe - #527	
Craig Buske - #1009	



Iowa State Chapter Scholarship Fund

\$3,930 Contributed in 2015 by Iowa State Acacians

The table that is shown lists those Brothers and friends who have made tax-deductible contributions to the chapter scholarship fund in 2015. Please accept our grateful thanks for your generosity! Your contributions provide vital support the academic efforts of your Brothers in our Chapter!

----- Alumni Contributors in 2015 -----	
Refounding Father	(\$ 10,000 or more)
Board of Directors Club	(\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999)
Pythagorean Partner	(\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999)
Chapter Partner	(\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)
Robert L. "Sam" Carstens - #354	
Gold Partner	(\$ 750 - \$ 999)
Silver Partner	(\$ 500 - \$ 749)
Douglas R. Whitney - #627	
Laury E. Decker - #910	

Benjamin J. Schneider - #1091	
Bronze Partner	(\$ 100 - \$ 499)
Lynn R. Pendry - #469	
Joel E. Jensen - #496	
Richard W. Taylor - #506	
James M. Hanson - #533	
Gary D. Harter - #538	
Dennis McComber - #556	
David William Smith - #565	
Jerry W. Crossett - #577	
Harold D. Zarr Jr. - #814	
Spirit Partner	(\$ 1 - \$ 99)
Gordon G. Moore - #509	
Walter R. Kolbe - #527	
Larry D. Miller - #677	
Craig Buske - #1009	
Nicholas Seibold - #1032	
Ezra L. Shields - #1044	

Acacia is #3 in ISU Greek System with 3.27 G.P.A. 72.7% of Members earn 3.00 GPA or Higher

The **Spring, 2015** semester grade results are in, and **Acacia Fraternity** is in the #3 spot in the Greek Community for academic honors. The competition is fierce for this honor, as reflected in the results for the top five fraternities. You will note that only **one-tenth of one point** separates Acacia from FarmHouse, and only **three one-hundredths of a point** separates Acacia from Alpha Gamma Rho. That is how close the competition is at the top!

1.	FarmHouse	3.37
2.	Alpha Gamma Rho	3.30
3.	Acacia	3.27
4.	Sigma Phi Epsilon	3.20
4.	Tau Kappa Epsilon	3.20
All Fraternity Average		3.01
All Men's Undergrad Average		2.94

Academic excellence is a cornerstone of the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia Fraternity. **As you can see from the table on this page, our chapter has been ranked #1 for sixteen out of the past twenty-two semesters!** Since the chapter was refounded in 1999, Acacia has held the #1 academic slot 69% of the time, and we have held either the #1 or #2 academic slot 91% of the time. An impressive record of achievement by any measure!

Our focus remains on recruiting only **exceptional men** who are **dedicated to their academic studies** and to making a **positive contribution to society**. This has been a core strategy which has been shown to be successful over the years. It is our focus on academics, personality, and a demonstrated level of leadership which has enabled us to build the preeminent academic Fraternity at Iowa State.

The list of the Brothers who earned a 3.00 or higher grade point is shown below, and we would like to recognize these Brothers for their outstanding academic achievement:

Grant L. Albansoder	Riley M. Austin
Keven Chng	Jakob R. Croghan
Nolan L. Dickson	Bemjamin M. Dirks
Kevin S. Duhrkopf	Colton W. Fales

McDaniel D. Foley
Jackson P. Griffith
Michael J. Hoefler
Addison G. Kistler
Lai Boa-Lin
Ryan S. Lohse
William A. Mann
Brian R. Mozey
Carter H. Reed
Chase M Russell
Devin M. Shields
Joe L. Webb

Joshua J. Foss
Garrett M. Hembry
Tanner J. Jaeger
Richard A. Korneisel
Wyatt N. Lauer
Wicitra Mahotama
Gabriel J. McCoy
Aditya S. Navale
Tye A. Reiman
Drew K. Sherman
Carlton J. Stripe
Ryan D. Zumbach

Each one of these Brothers will receive a \$200 academic scholarship this semester for exceeding the 3.00 grade point average for the fall semester.

Previous academic results for the Chapter are as follows:

Term	Position	GPA
Spring, 2015	#2	3.36
Fall, 2014	#1	3.31
Spring, 2013	#2	3.17
Fall, 2012	#2	3.28
Spring, 2012	#1	3.39
Fall, 2011	#1	3.30
Spring, 2011	#3	3.12
Fall, 2010	#1	3.24
Spring, 2010	#1	3.32
Fall, 2009	#4	3.03
Spring, 2009	#1	3.29
Fall, 2008	#1	3.21
Spring, 2008	#1	3.29
Fall, 2007	#1	3.24
Spring, 2007	#2	3.15
Fall, 2006	#1	3.15
Spring, 2006	#1	3.29
Fall, 2005	#1	3.40
Spring, 2005	#1	3.43
Fall, 2004	#1	3.39
Spring, 2004	#1	3.38
Spring, 2003	#1	3.24

In Memoriam

The Board and Chapter recognize our Brother Acacians who have now entered the Chapter Eternal. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and friends as we recognize and salute these Brothers for their accomplishments and contributions throughout their lives.

Donald E. Hamann - #355

Donald E. Hamann, 92, died Tuesday, August 14, 2012, at the Bishop Dunn Care Center in Johnston, Iowa. Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, August 18, at Iles Funeral Homes-Westover Chapel. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. following visitation. Burial will be at Glendale Cemetery.

Mr. Hamann was born in Persia, Iowa. He graduated from Iowa State College and attended Harvard Business School. He was a navy veteran of [World War II](#). Mr. Hamann was a farmer and an auditor for the state of Iowa. While farming he was a strong supporter of soil conservation. He was involved in the initial development of the Mosquito Creek of Harrison County Watershed. He served as a volunteer for the Des Moines Food Pantry, Living History Farms and the Iowa Welcome Center. He enjoyed family, sports, gardening, crossword puzzles, and his friends at the Merle Hay Mall and the Urbandale Senior Center. He was a member of St. Stephen Lutheran Church and the Urbandale American Legion, Post 663.

Mr. Hamann is survived by his wife, Neva; two sons, Douglas of Atlanta, GA, and Alan of Northbrook, IL, and one grandson, Matthew of Nashville, TN. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Helen Ann; brother, Louis; and sister, Maurine.

Richard Grear Wilson - #409

Richard Grear Wilson, 87, a resident of Sugar Land, Texas and a long-time resident of Lafayette, Louisiana passed away peacefully with family at his side at Silverado Senior Living on September 21, 2014.

Mr. Wilson was born on December 31, 1926 to Elgar Ernest and Lucille Bucklin Wilson in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He spent most of his young life in Remsen, Iowa and Sioux City, Iowa. Mr. Wilson obtained his degree in Civil Engineering at Iowa State University, where he was a member of Acacia Fraternity. Mr. Wilson was a decorated Veteran, having served in the Navy during [World War II](#) and as a U.S. [Army](#) 1st Lieutenant building airfields in Korea during the Korea War. In 2008, he was honored to participate in the Louisiana Honor Air Flight.

After returning home, his career led him to Lafayette, Louisiana where he met the love of his life, Martha Lee Chaisson. They met

at a New Year's Eve celebration on Mr. Wilson's 27th birthday and were married six weeks later, on Valentine's Day 1954. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year.

Richard spent most of his career working for T.L. James & Company/Louisiana Paving Company, where he was a Vice-President and Area Manager. He holds the prestige of designing and building the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge on Interstate-10 between Baton Rouge and Lafayette; with a total length of 18.2 miles, it is the second-longest bridge in the U.S.

Richard was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many. He was known for his kind, gentle nature and his wit. He could often be spotted at Red's on the tennis courts with his tennis team, or at the Petroleum Club with his Tuesday Men's Bridge Group, or with the Friday night Couple's Bridge Group. He also enjoyed internet research, crossword puzzles, and was an avid reader. He and his wife Martha loved to travel, especially on cruises. He loved children and babies, and they had a natural affection for him. He was an "adopted Grandpa" to many.

As he lived his life, he lived his passing: in his final gift to mankind, Mr. Wilson has donated his body for the advancement of medical science.

Gordon W. Cook - #390

Gordon Alfred Cook, 88, of Cedar Rapids, died Friday Nov. 21, 2014, at Hallmar Residential Care Center after a brave journey through Alzheimer's disease.

Gordon is survived by his brother, Roger Cook of Fort Collins, Colo.; son, Bradley and wife, Kalyn, of Marion; daughter, Beth and husband, Bruce Peters of Wichita, Kan.; three grandchildren, Lindsey Kay Cook of Cedar Rapids, Justin and wife Lindsay Jo Cook of Andover, Kan., and A1C Eric Peters of USAF Randolph AFB; and a great-grandson due in March. Also surviving are numerous nieces, nephews and other extended family members. He was preceded in death by his parents, E. Lloyd and Anna Cook; and his wife, Marilyn.

Gordon was born to E. Lloyd and Anna Cook on Aug. 28, 1926, in Omaha Neb. He graduated from Benson High, Omaha, Neb., then graduated from Iowa State College class of 1948 in electrical engineering. After graduation, he started working for Iowa Electric Light and Power Co. in Cedar Rapids, where he was employed until his retirement in 1991.

Gordon married the love of his life, Marilyn Wilson, on July 12, 1952. They celebrated 47 years together. Gordon was a member

of Masonic Mount Hermon Lodge, IEEE, and in retirement SkyHawk Radio Airplane Club. He had a passion for early electrical appliances, building his own radios and televisions, aviation and traveling with his family. He was also active in St Luke's Hospital Festival of Trees, the Indian Creek Nature Center, assisted teachers in the Cedar Rapids school system with science classes and judged at Invention Convention.

Timm Alan Wilkin - #717

Timm Alan Wilkin, 66, of Titonka, Iowa, died Saturday, April 25, 2015 at home surrounded by God and family. He was born June 17, 1948 to Burt and Jean (Gowdy) Wilkin in Marshalltown, Iowa. Timm was united in marriage to Bess (Duncan) Wilkin on March 16, 1985 in Dallas, Texas. To this union was born a daughter, Sarah Jean Wilkin.

He graduated from Perry High School, Perry, Iowa in May, 1966. He then graduated from Iowa State University in 1970 with a double major in Economics and Psychology. Timm became a member of Acacia Fraternity in 1968 and maintained lifelong ties with his Acacian brothers. He received a Master's degree in Hospital Administration from Wavier University in 1978. Timm worked in health care for 23 years serving Zion Medical Center, Hospital Affiliates, Hospital Corporation of America, and Northwester Hospital with his last position as Vice President of Materials Management for St. Mary's Hospital, Long Beach, California. Timm felt called to the ministry while attending church camp at the age of eight. With the support of Fountain Valley United Methodist Church, Fountain Valley, California, Timm went on to attain a Master of Divinity from St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Kansas. He was ordained in 1997, serving the United Methodist Church at St. Marks UMC, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Titonka-Doan UMC, Titonka, Iowa and Grace UMC, Marcus, Iowa until poor health forced him into retirement.

Timm had many interests and hobbies which included playing bridge, cribbage, remote controlled airplanes, and the computer to just name a few. He was an avid golfer in younger years and a proud member of the Arnie's Army. Timm loved smooth jazz music, and then performing arts. From his youth, he sang with the choir and had a lovely baritone voice. He served on several Iowa Conference church boards during his ministry and was a member of the Titonka Library Board and Titonka Community Club. Timm was a lifelong learner and felt education was one of the most important things in life. This strongly influenced his decision to donate his body to science.

Timm was a devoted father and husband. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 30 years, Bess of Titonka, daughter Sarah of Madison, Wisconsin, siblings Rex (Sharon) Wilkin of Browken Arrow, Oklahoma, Brian (Linda) Wilkin of Overland Park, Kansas, Gary (Beth) Wilking of Rosemount, Minnesota and JoAnn (Kevin) King of Indianola, Iowa, and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by parents Burt and Jean Wilkin, and infant brother Scott.

Tanner Jaeger appointed Young Alumni Relations Director

Active Chapter Report

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Greetings my Brother ACACIANS!

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The following Brothers are your representatives on the Corporate Board. The Corporate Board is composed of both active chapter members and alumni. Feel free to contact us whenever you have ideas, suggestions or concerns!

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