

# The Iota Informant

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**Iota Chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity**  
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## Homecoming 2008 Gathering – slightly different this year

Homecoming weekend at Rose is October 3-5, 2008. Iota Chapter will have our traditional alumni and collegiate gathering following the football game on Saturday night, October 4. Meet at 8:00pm at the *other* Applebee's at 1950 Ft Harrison Rd (NW corner of Ft Harrison and Lafayette Ave., in the Plaza North lot)

Last year we had 40 alumni and collegiates present. Come join the fun and catch up on the news we can't put in print! Please RSVP to MA Levi Rupp by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 2, if you plan to attend: [rupplj@rose-hulman.edu](mailto:rupplj@rose-hulman.edu)

## Conclave 2008 Wrap-up

The 49th Biennial Conclave was held July 22-27, 2008 in Bloomington, Indiana. The conclave was co-hosted by the three local centennial chapters - Epsilon, Zeta and Iota - with Epsilon doing the lion's share of the leg-work. By common consensus, it was a fun and successful week.

Iota chapter took home several recognitions including, a 3-Star chapter plaque and district and Supreme Council certificates noting the chapter's assistance with the conclave efforts. Individually, Howard McLean completed his 2-year term as Grand Professional Alchemist. Harold Cowan assisted the National Office staff all week. Don and Merryn Cole were recognized for their work with the professional poster session. Merryn was also recognized for her work with the Pledge Canon, and Mike Raffay for his work on the Ritual Committee. John Becker, Ethan Murnahan, and Mike Raffay served on the stage crew for the model initiation.



Photo: The 11 Iota brothers at conclave included, L to R, Harold Cowan, AGR Pat Kemle, Don Cole, Bill Lewis, Pete Anderson, Mike Raffay, GPA and chapter advisor Howard McLean, Iota delegate Pam Major, John Becker, GLDC Bryan Bals, & Ethan Murnahan. Rosaniline was also present for her 5<sup>th</sup> conclave in a row, but had already been cat-napped and missed the chapter photo!

## **North Central Regional Conclave – October 18 in Indy**

The annual North Central Regional Conclave will be held Saturday, October 18, 2008, at the National Office in Indianapolis. The address is 2141 N Franklin Road. Gathering is 8:30 to 9:00 a.m., the regional conclave will run from 9:00 a.m. to about 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 for coffee/donuts and lunch. Come meet the brothers from around the midwest. Some of the discussion of the day will cover events from the 2008 National conclave (see story above). At least two members of the Supreme Council will be there too! Harold will have lodging available on Friday and Saturday nights for the out-of-towners as usual.

## **Iota's Fall 2008 Rush and Initiation**

Rush is currently underway for our fall 2008 pledge class. The formal pledge ceremony will be in late October with initiation scheduled for Saturday, December 13, 2008.

## **Alumni News**

Dr. Mark Anklam, *Iota 1989*, is the new chair of Rose-Hulman's chemical engineering department.

Bryan Bals, *Iota 2001*, completed his 2-year term as Great Lakes District Counselor in August.

Don Cole, *Iota 1997*, has transferred within Parsons, now as a senior engineer of vessels and heat transfer equipment at their Richmond, KY operations. Don's wife, Merryn Cole, *Alpha Theta 2003*, has been selected as a Fellow in the NSTA New Science Teacher Academy for the 2008-2009 school year.

Ben Collins, *Iota 2007*, and chemistry department chair Dr. Michael Mueller, *Iota 1992*, "made a technical presentation on bio-lubricants at the recent Society of Automotive Engineers' International Powertrains, Fuels and Lubricants Congress in Shanghai, China" according to a recent school press release. The research was also featured by a story by Inside Indiana Business. Ben is returning to Rose as a senior this fall.

Jacob Fuerst, *Iota 2003*, and wife Marti were married August.

Dr. Samuel F. Hulbert, *Iota 1996*, has been honored through the creation of the Samuel F. Hulbert Chair in Biomedical Engineering. The school's press release added that "The distinguished academic title will be bestowed upon an applied biology and biomedical engineering faculty member with an interest in biomedical engineering, who has achieved a career in teaching and research."

Bill Lewis, *Iota 1995*, is now a Professional Representative to complete a vacant term.

Ethan Murnahan, *Iota 2005*, has been named the new Great Lakes District Counselor.

Mike Raffay, *Iota 2000*, survived hurricane Ike's recent assault on the Texas coast.

## **Iota's Centennial Celebration Update: 1909-2009**

Mark your calendars! Saturday, May 9, 2009, has been selected as the day to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Iota's founding with a dinner in the Kahn Room of the Union. If you recall from your pledging-days, Iota was chartered by the Supreme Council on May 10, 1909 and installed on May 22, 1909 by GMA J. Howard Mathews (ok, so I looked it up too!). Plans are being made!

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