



Dear Brothers,

This November 15, 2012 marks the 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Iota Delta's founding at Indiana University, honored with drinks and dinner at Milano Inn, Indianapolis. I hope that you remain as proud of our Brotherhood as I do.

For the past few years, I've been writing to you on our Chapter's anniversary with a sincere message of thanks, for standing by us in our recovery from near-failure in 2009. This year, I write with a different message. This year, we move on from the past and turn our attention to the future. **This year, we begin rebuilding Iota Delta.**

Please consider our current status: (1) We own our expanded two-wing house and are renting it; (2) We've saved more than \$100,000 in three years by being disciplined with Indiana Chi Phi finances; (3) We've recently extended the mortgage which gave us new life three years ago; and (4) We've finally severed the last distracting ties to those with whom we never should have done business in the first place. We are past the crisis of keeping our IU campus home in Bloomington. And so, we can - and should - refocus ourselves on Iota Delta's future.

Gaining your trust (or regaining it, as the case may be) has been the main goal of this alumni board. You deserve to feel completely confident being a part of Iota Delta going forward. Building that trust has been the driving force behind every decision we've made in the past three years. **In that spirit, we're asking you not just to stand by anymore, but to become an active contributor to the rebuilding effort.**

Time and again, at IU and other schools, fraternity chapters that re-establish themselves after being off campus do so **only** when they have strong alumni support. Those fraternities without it will eventually fade away again.

This fall's issue of the *Chi Phi Chakett*, which you should have just received, gives a particularly detailed report on alumni strength across the fraternity nationally. It's a reminder of just how broad and dynamic our organization is. You'll even see on p. 13 that **our Indy Chi Phi Club has been recognized as National's "Club of the Year" for 2012!**

It's that kind of alumni support that is going to be the foundation of our future success. Please watch your inbox and mailbox in the coming months for more details about our rebuilding effort. Get started today by paying your annual dues, only \$20, at [www.indianachiphi.com](http://www.indianachiphi.com). And know that, **if you step up to play your role, I promise that your faith in our Brotherhood will be rewarded - with Chi Phi's return to IU.**

So, *Happy 54<sup>th</sup> Birthday!* I look forward to you sharing an even bigger role in celebrating our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion at the IU Memorial Union next autumn.

**Yours in the Bonds,**

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