



Letter from the #1

Brothers,

This past semester at Iota has been a much-welcomed return to a partial state of normalcy. Whether that be tailgates and game days coming back, more opportunities for philanthropy, or just gathering all together in larger groups, I believe I can speak for all of us when I say Fall '21 was a memorable semester. As we approach 2022, we have a lot of exciting things on the radar and are very grateful for all the people who make these things possible.



Brothers enjoying Saturday football together!

Active Brotherhood Status

I continue to be proud of the quality of men we have at Iota. With 113 active brothers and 33 living in the Lodge, we have been steadily growing while actively maintaining the values and qualities which make us a unique group of men. Last year Alpha Iota had the 2nd highest GPA amongst fraternities at UW, and we continue to remain in good standing with the IFC and UW. We also have eight brothers abroad this semester and look forward to seeing all the unique experiences they get to have.

Recruitment

We recognize recruitment as one of the most important things we do each semester. We believe we hold ourselves to the highest standards and finding the proper gentlemen to contribute to and carry on this legacy is of utmost importance.

This past semester we added a new “senior lunch” event towards the end of our rush process, which allows the potential new members and seniors a chance to get to know each other. We also kept several successful events such as wings with NFL football and our night of sophistication, where we got together for cigars and poker. We are confident we will be recruiting another outstanding group of men this spring!

Philanthropy

Last spring we held our major philanthropy golf event, the Iota Open, where we had nearly every brother out on the course while raising money for our charity of choice, Gio's Garden. This spring, we are looking forward to running the Iota Open again and hopefully having some parents and alumni out there too! Also, we are excited to announce our first annual Langdon Classic, where fraternities across campus will compete in a pond hockey tournament out on Lake Mendota. We will have a raffle for various prizes, donations from sponsors, and fundraisers run by all the participating fraternities to raise money for Special Olympics Wisconsin.

Convention

This past summer, we had four of our brothers travel to Alpha Pi Delta at North Carolina State University for the 180th convention. Although I could not attend, we all heard nothing but great things about it. Meeting and connecting with Brothers from different Alphas is a unique and valuable experience. It allows us to see that we are a part of something bigger than just Alpha Iota at Wisconsin.

In Closing

I look forward to attending the 181st convention at Alpha Xi Delta at Texas Tech with my brothers and getting a chance to bring some new things back to continue to advance Alpha Iota.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the continued support from our alumni, so on behalf of everyone here at Iota, I would like to extend a sincere thank you.

We can't wait to see what the future holds for Iota and hope to see you back on campus this semester.

YITB,
Riley Onell I'24
#1

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Congratulations
to the New Lodge
Officers and
Board Members

The Bonds are Eternal

Edward Hasbrook I'54
William Hentzen I'54
Franklin Wendt I'54
Glen Wilson I'54
Richard Grossman I'57
Peter Husting I'57

From the Flight Deck

As I embark upon a new role within our alumni group, I wanted to take the chance to outline a few priorities I see for the Iota Court Preservation association over the remainder of this year and into 2023.

Marketing and Communications

My priority is to reach out to every living alumnus and provide meaningful updates on how things are going at the Lodge. We began this journey by pulling together various e-mail lists and declaring one contact and donor list as the master. We need to continue improving that list, so we developed a tree of individuals who can help us reach out to their classmates to ensure they hear from us regularly. We will be reaching out to move that forward in the coming months. We have already implemented a shift in our communications strategy from semi-annual newsletters to more frequent Constant Contact updates. This reduces our production burden while creating more digestible content in today's mobile environment. If you are not receiving those updates, please e-mail me at jxweiler@gmail.com to be added to the e-mail list.

Another top priority will be the complete re-design of the Lodge website www.wisconsinlodge.org. We are currently in the RFP stage to bid this work out to a Wisconsin-based web design and hosting company. We hope to have this implemented and completed in two phases: phase one completion by August, 2022 and phase two by October, 2022.

Financial Updates

For more information, please see the WACP and ICPA financial section of the Iotian.

Lodge Maintenance and Infrastructure

As we continue to retire the debt, this will free up more cash, and with the heavy traffic a building like the Lodge gets, we need to consider preventive measures to avoid expensive "one-time" renovations. This can be avoided with a proactive maintenance schedule to keep the building modernized and refreshed. To do this, we will form a maintenance schedule to prioritize the work needed for the Lodge infrastructure and coordinate with reputable contractors to get the job done.

To this end, we have hired property manager Chris Behrendt. He is very familiar with the Lodge as he's worked with JH Ahern on the previous renovations. His responsibility is to maintain the property, schedule contractors for maintenance, collect live-in leases and rent from the undergrads, and report to the Board any concerns or work that needs immediate attention.

Lastly, I want to help ensure a successful 2022 by communicating with all the Brothers more frequently, including building & financial updates, spring and fall events at the Lodge, and strengthening our social media and web presence.

We want to thank everyone for their ongoing support, participation, and engagement with all these upcoming activities.

YITB,
Jim Weiler I'85
ICPA Board Member
Marketing & Communications



Thanks for Joining Us at the 2021 Iota Reunion!

For those of you who were able to join us in Madison for the Reunion, you know what a terrific event it was. Perfect weather, the Badgers won, we had great accommodations at the Fluno Center, and, perhaps most importantly, we had a chance to visit the Lodge on Saturday afternoon. There we found a great group of very friendly, polite, and enthusiastic undergraduate Brothers. And the Lodge was in top-notch condition, which was wonderful to see in light of the contributions many of us have made to the maintenance of the Lodge. Please visit <https://wisconsinlodge.org/1950s-1960s-photos/> to browse the reunion photo album – please email any updates you have to the iota.court.preservation.assoc@gmail.com.

As many of you know from our correspondence leading up to the Reunion, the Iota Court Preservation Association footed the bill. In return, Brother McConahey encouraged all attendees to consider contributing to the Association. However, those of us on the organizing committee would like all of the Brothers, whether or not they attended, to consider doing this. Given the impact that our time at the Lodge has had on us, the positive view we had of the current undergraduate Brothers and the condition of the Lodge, we feel it is essential that the Lodge continues to be well-maintained and protected and that the overall financial stability is assured for the future Brothers who become Lodgers at Iota. Those in attendance also heard from Professor Wu, from the UW Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, on study outcomes regarding the precarious erosion and stability issues on the lakeside of the Lodge, so there are many great reasons to give.

And here is another good reason for doing so. There is now a way to increase our donations to Iota by 25%. Brother Denny Sanford (Alpha Nu '58) made a \$20 million donation to the Chi Psi Educational Trust. This donation included a matching grant provision. The first \$400k in donations to the Iota

Dedicated Fund within the Chi Psi Educational Trust will be matched 25%. If you wish to make donations directly to the Iota Court Preservation Association, the Association will then make a corresponding donation to the Iota Dedicated Fund. Thus, donating to either the Association or the Iota Dedicated Fund is tax-deductible and will be matched 25%. We hope many of you will take advantage of this very generous opportunity to benefit Iota. Donations can be made on the Chi Psi central office website, www.chipsi.org, or the Association website, <http://wisconsinlodge.org/donate/>. Any Brother wishing to donate in memory of a departed Brother can do so by donating to the Iota Dedicated Fund within the Educational Trust fund and specifying that it is for an Iota Brother. The Central Office will send an acknowledgment letter to the widow or anyone the donor wishes.

In summary, having seen the condition of the Lodge and the quality of the undergraduate Brothers, we strongly encourage all of you to consider supporting Alpha Iota with the knowledge that your donation will be used as you intend.

Finally, please mark your calendars for Homecoming, October 22, 2022, and book your hotel rooms now. There will be a special event football tailgate at the Lodge to dedicate personalized plaques to donors who purchased naming opportunities at the Lodge. Most of the Lodgers to be recognized are from the '50s and '60s, some posthumously. I hope you can turn out for this celebration to acknowledge the generosity of our Brothers.

YITB, Steve McConahey I'66, John Forrester I'63, Bill Rummler I'62, Mike Elmer I'66, Camp Van Dyke I'64, Dave Knox I'66, Cary Nusslock I'67, Dave Fronek I'66, Dick Dutrisac I'61

Chi Psi is a Fraternity of gentlemen devoted to the personal and collective needs of its members. A selective association of diverse individuals, we are dedicated to the cultivation of a unique environment that instills a lifelong commitment to Brotherhood.

Financial Report

Wisconsin Association of Chi Psi (WACP)

WACP Treasurer's Report

The Lodge depository account at Chase has a balance as of 2/8/22 of \$104,450. Spring collection of the rents is ongoing and nearly complete. A \$15,757 annual payment for insurance has been made, and all other bills recurring or otherwise have been paid.

Lodge Mortgage Update

Wisconsin Association of Chi Psi (WACP) and Iota Court Preservation Association (ICPA) as co-borrowers anticipate the renewal of the existing \$267k mortgage loan to be completed by March 2022. Associated Bank extended the loan for 90 days to allow for a real estate evaluation. This renewal will be a five-year term, and amortization will result in the loan being paid off at maturity. Once the mortgage is in place, we will be consolidating the WACP and ICPA accounts at AssociatedBank for more cost-effective transfers between the Lodge associations.

The loan's interest rate will be fixed for the entire term of the loan. Current interest rates are in the 4.0-4.5% range. Previously, the rate was floating and tied to LIBOR. Fees for the renewal will be less than the last loan, where the Lodge paid \$3,840 compared to \$875 under the current loan. Additional fees will include \$500 for the renewal fee, no doc fee, and \$375 for the real estate evaluation. Because mortgage loans are front-loaded, the amount we pay in principal increases with each payment while the amount paid in interest decreases. I anticipate that the Lodge will pay \$25k in interest during the upcoming five-year period compared to \$75k during the previous term. There will also be no personal guarantor of the renewed loan.

YITB,
Grant Schilling
Γ85

Iota Corporation Preservation Association (ICPA)

Donation Update

In 2021, we received over \$87,000 in donations. We want to thank you for the continued support, and we look forward to a strong 2022!

ICPA Financial Update

As of January 2022, the Iota Court Preservation Association

has over \$25,100 in our account. We continue to see strong donations in the first few weeks into 2022.

YITB,
Thomas Shield
Γ10

Save the Date

Alpha Iota Plaque Naming Dedication Ceremony Homecoming, October 22, 2022

We hope you can join us this fall and re-connect with some of your Lodge brothers. Over Homecoming weekend, we will celebrate our Brothers who have generously donated and purchased Lodge naming plaques. For our Brothers that have passed, we will dedicate their plaques posthumously.

To date, we've raised over \$1.3m in donations for 12 plaques and have eight remaining for dedication. If you'd like to reserve one of the remaining plaques, please get in touch with John Horneck at jhorneck@msn.com or call (720) 839-6955.

Lodge Improvements and Renovations



The “third-floor” major renovation entailed the following and was completed in 2018:

- Repainting the common area walls on the third floor and the stairwell to the basement
- Repainting the bar-room walls and ceiling
- Completely renovated the third-floor bathrooms: new tile, plumbing fixtures, lights, etc.
- Installation of hydronic radiant flooring throughout the third floor: in the bathrooms and each room has separate thermostats
- Repairing and repainting the walls and ceilings of the third-floor rooms
- Installing new flooring throughout the third floor



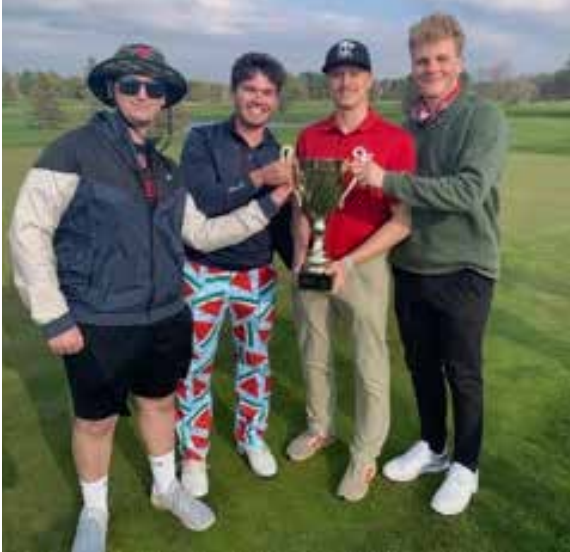
Improvements completed in the past 18 months:

- Replaced the old 80% efficient boilers with new 95% efficient boilers. Not only making them more cost-effective, but the new system can modulate to the correct temperature all of the time instead of cycling on (warm) and off (cold).
- We upgraded the wireless access in the building to a modern system. The new wireless access points provide whole-building coverage at speeds that exceed the internet service itself. This provides a better user experience.
- Replaced the front door, rear lower-level door, and first-floor bathroom door locks with an electronic system from Brivo. This allows for better control, management, and tracking of the users, contactless unlocking, and better building security.
- The leased washer and dryer were removed and replaced with a donated set. At the same time, the laundry room was refreshed, including installing new lighting.



2022 Alpha Iota Annual Charity Golf Outing Alumni Welcome!

Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 10:00 am CT, we will be hosting our annual charity golf tournament.



Golf outing champions



The Iota Open is at the **Oaks Golf Course** right outside of Madison. This past spring, the tournament had 60 brothers play and we raised over \$6,000 for our partner charity, Gio's Garden. Gio is a local non-profit organization that provides multiple services for children with special needs. In 2022 with less Covid restrictions, we are opening the tournament up to alumni and believe it will be a tremendous way for us actives and you to all spend time together. If you are interested, register on the link below or email Will Steck at wsteck01@gmail.com or Mike Harrington mikehwisc@gmail.com.

More details will be shared as we get closer to the event.

Please register for the golf outing at the following link:
<https://tinyurl.com/IotaOpen2022>

RSVP deadline for the outing April 9, 2022

2022 Milwaukee Area Chi Psi Cocktail Reception

We want to thank all of our Brothers who attended another successful gathering at the Milwaukee Area Cocktail Reception in January at Godfrey & Kahn. Special thanks are due to our host committee for their generous sponsorship of the event.

2022 Host Committee:

Mike Barina, I'04
Matt D'Artilio, H'93
Drew Eschweiler, I'06
Roland Parker, I'83
Bill Walker, Jr., I'84
Peter Wilder, I'04



All the Brothers enjoying the 2022 Milwaukee Area Cocktail Reception.

Spring Semester Activation Weekend

Date: April 29th – 30th at the Lodge

For more information or to RSVP, please get in touch with

#1, Riley Onell, via email onell.riley2990@gmail.com or by phone (920) 662-6630.

Congratulations to the New Officers

New Lodge Officers #1- #5

Riley Onell	#1 President
Isaac Freichels	#2 Internal Vice President
Michael Harrington	#3 External Vice President
Caden Chier	#4 Treasurer
Panagiotis Drosos	#5 Sergeant at Arms



In order from left to right: Caden Chier (4), Isaac Friechels (2), Riley Onell (1), Mike Harrington (3), Louis Schaller (social), Panagiotis Drosos (5)

Other Lodge Officers

Louis Schaller	Social Chair
Benjamin Lundgren	Rush Chair
Joey Bushlack	Rush Chair
Lucas Olson	Rush Chair
Lorchan O'Sullivan	Rush Chair
Simon Clohisy	Rush Chair
Mahvir Karim	Rush Chair
Michael Perea	Pledge Educator
Tyler Kortekaas	Pledge Educator
Jack Marker	Pledge Programmer
Nathan Holje	Lodge Manager
William Grabowski	Scholarship Chair
Oliver Parmekar	Philanthropy Chair
Tate Sundberg	Marketing Chair/Historian
Paul Montagna	Brotherhood Chair
Trevor Griffiths	Intramural Chair
William Steck	Parent and Alumni Chair
Nathan Kriz	Steward
Aaron Brekken	Health and Wellness Chair

New & Current Lodge Board Members

New Officers to the Board:



James C. Weiler
I'85 – Chief Communications Officer



Andrew ("Drew") W. Eschweiler I'06
– Vice President



Grant S. Schilling
I'85 – Treasurer



Matthew B. Brennan I'89

Iota Corporation Preservation Association (ICPA)

Officers (all Officers are also Directors):

- John E. Horneck I'90 – interim President / Board Vice Chair
- Thomas S. Shield I'10 – Treasurer
- James C. Weiler I'85 – Chief Communications Officer
- Andrew ("Drew") W. Eschweiler I'06 – Vice President

Directors:

- Willard ("Bill") T. Walker, Jr. I'84 – Board Chair

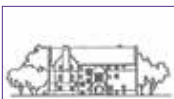
Wisconsin Association of Chi Psi (WACP)

Officers (all Officers are also Directors):

- John E. Horneck I'90 – President
- Grant S. Schilling I'85 – Treasurer
- James C. Weiler I'85 – Chief Communications Officer
- Timothy M. Van de Kamp I'02 – Vice President

Directors:

- Matthew B. Brennan I'89
- Frederic E. Mohs I'59



To join our email list to receive the latest news and updates, please provide your email address to Holly Champagne at holly@champagnecreatedesign.com

Join Us for Tailgate Receptions this Fall



All alumni are welcome to visit the Lodge during home football games this fall. Receptions will be held for two hours following 11 a.m. games and two hours before any afternoon/evening games. Specific times will be sent out via email the week before any home game.

Please RSVP with Jim Weiler at jxweiler@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Alumni Association Sponsored Football Receptions

Dates:

Wisconsin vs. Illinois State

Saturday, September 3rd, TBD
Reception time TBD

Wisconsin vs. Washington State

Saturday, September 10th, TBD
Reception time TBD

Wisconsin vs. New Mexico State

Saturday, September 17th, TBD
Reception time TBD

Wisconsin vs. Illinois

Saturday, October 1st, TBD
Reception time TBD

Homecoming Weekend/Plaque Dedication

Wisconsin vs. Purdue University

Saturday, October 22nd, TBD
Reception time TBD

Wisconsin vs. Maryland

Saturday, November 5th, TBD
Reception time TBD

Wisconsin vs. Minnesota

Saturday, November 26th, TBD
No Reception

We encourage all alumni to stop by the Lodge before or after any home football game, even if there is no sponsored reception.

Please RSVP with Jim Weiler if you are in town and plan to visit!