



IMHOTEP

Convention Report – March 2005

Greetings Brothers,

This year has truly been a year of growth and new achievement. Having graduated all of our charter members, it has been up to the rest of us actives to keep the excitement of the Imhotep chapter going in its third year of activity. A solid foundation has been laid and we continue to build a stronger chapter with each passing year.

Imhotep is proudly made up of twelve actives, nine alumni, one faculty advisor, one inactive, and five pledges. This is a first for the Imhotep chapter. This year is the first year we have held rush twice. January's initiation could not have gone any smoother. Our chapter truly came together in brotherhood as we all traveled to a lake front resort in Gamaliel, Arkansas for a weekend of initiation. We are all looking forward to our first spring initiation this May, with plans even better than the initiation this past fall. We have several younger individuals coming up with great enthusiasm who cannot wait join the brotherhood we have all worked so hard in establishing. I know this delta pledge class will make a great addition to the Imhotep chapter.

We have moved! This year the University of Memphis architecture department has moved from the engineering building on campus to Jones Hall putting architecture in the same building as the rest of the majors in the College of Fine Arts, including graphic design, interior design, art, and art history majors. This move has been a tremendous opportunity for the Imhotep chapter. We are beginning to establish a very positive relationship with individuals from different art backgrounds giving our chapter a wonderful chance to grow and prosper.

As a chapter, we meet every week and attendance is quite good. We still have a few brothers who have certain other responsibilities and cannot attend on a regular basis. However, the brotherhood is there when big events and new projects are planned.

Professionally, Imhotep has made an impact in the art and architecture community in several ways. In February we put on a model-making workshop which was intended for beginning architecture and art students. The workshop gave tips on model making materials, tools, and simple common techniques used when building models. This year's workshop was a great success. We had a wonderful turn out of architecture and interior design students. In April we are planning a perspective workshop. One of our very own brothers has a father who is a graphic designer with a talent in drawing perspectives. He has kindly volunteered his time to teach the brothers as well as other students his secrets to drawing perspectives.

Imhotep has definitely grown socially this year. We have had a movie night, poker night, and a Halloween party. We have also gone cosmic bowling, and had a night down town on the one and only Beale Street. When it comes to having fun and cutting loose Imhotep knows how to do it!

Financially, Imhotep is definitely improving. Nearly every brother is up to date with dues. We have had our first annual faculty/ alumni dinner and it was a complete success. We had several faculty member and alumni come out for good food and entertainment. We plan to make this an annual event.

Philanthropically, Imhotep is involved in the community wide World Aids Day. We help two local churches survey and set out over 2,000 markers to commemorate people in the area who have died from AIDS. The event is a big one in the Memphis community and gains quite a bit of public attention. This year we are working side by side with AIA. We have worked the annual homes show. We gave tours of well designed houses to the entire Memphis community. We have also volunteered to work the

Celebration of Architecture awards event and the Memphis Heritage silent auction. Working in shifts, we will take tickets, fill drinks, and anything else needed to make the event go smoothly.

Imhotep is rapidly growing. The chapter is not only growing in quantity but the quality gets better with every new pledge class. Imhotep is definitely starting to get more notice in the art and architecture community. We are very proud of all of our accomplishments thus far and I know that as a chapter we will only get stronger.

Respectfully submitted,

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