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## Grand Recorder Patrick Johanns

New classes; old friends; new faces – I always find the start of a new school year exciting. It always starts off with endless potential.

I hope each chapter has come into this fall with a full calendar of plans which involve National Chemistry Week activities, outreach events, attending a district conclave, earning a Three Star Award, and a recruitment program ready to go.

Please remember that the National Office Staff, your District Counselor, and your Supreme Council are here to aid you by every honorable means in attainment of your chapter's ambitions. It is a little known fact (or so it would appear) that the National Office staff does not bite. Don't be afraid to contact them with questions and help. They want to help you get your paperwork all in order.

The internet is a great place to network within our Fraternity. You can register at [www.alphachisigma.org](http://www.alphachisigma.org) and take part in the discussion forums. There are also Alpha Chi Sigma groups on Facebook and LinkedIn. Feel free to friend me on either of those sites. Have a great year!

## A Dedicated Member of Alpha Chi Sigma

Alpha Chi Sigma lost one of its most devoted members. Paul R. Jones, 68, died August 16 in Denton, TX. Brother Jones initiated into Beta Eta Chapter in 1970.

He served Alpha Chi Sigma in numerous roles, giving much of his time in service to Alpha Chi Sigma. Paul served as advisor to Beta Eta Chapter during 1970-71, 1985-86 and in 1989.

He was elected as Grand Professional Alchemist and served from 1986-88 then as Grand Collegiate Alchemist from 1988-90. He became Grand Master Alchemist in 1990-92 at which time he began his role as Grand Recorder in 1992, a role he continued until 2004. He also served the Fraternity as Grand Parliamentarian since 1992 and as Secretary-Treasurer of the Educational Foundation. In 2006, he was awarded the John R. Kuebler Award; the highest award Alpha Chi Sigma can bestow



on one of its members and is presented for outstanding service to the Fraternity and outstanding service to the profession or accomplishment in the science of chemistry.

Brother Jones was a faculty member in the University of North Texas Department of Chemistry from 1968-2006. He attended Pennsylvania State University and Purdue University where he earned a doctorate in chemistry in 1966.

Paul's dedication and counsel to the Fraternity and Educational Foundation will be greatly missed.

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### Alpha Chi Sigma – By the numbers...

- Over 61,800 members,
- 48 collegiate chapters,
- 8 professional chapters,
- 8 professional groups.

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## Star Chapter



*Congratulations to the following recipients of the Star Chapter Awards:*

### ONE STAR CHAPTER

Sigma Chapter at the University of California-Berkeley

### THREE STAR CHAPTER

Alpha Chapter at the University of Wisconsin

Epsilon Chapter at Indiana University

Zeta Chapter at the University of Illinois

Iota Chapter at Rose-Hulman University

Mu Chapter at the University of New Hampshire

Nu Chapter at Penn State University

Rho Chapter at the University of North Carolina

Alpha Beta Chapter at the University of Michigan

Alpha Theta Chapter at the University of Iowa

Alpha Kappa Chapter at the University of Virginia

Alpha Omega Chapter at Georgia Tech

Beta Rho Chapter at Kansas State University

Beta Psi Chapter at Southern Illinois University

Gamma Zeta Chapter at Cal Poly

## IMPORTANT DATES

### September 19

North Central District Conclave

### October 1, 2009

Deadline to submit information to include in the Winter issue of The HEXAGON. Submit articles, pictures, or Free Electrons (member news) to [National@alphachisigma.org](mailto:National@alphachisigma.org).

### October 24

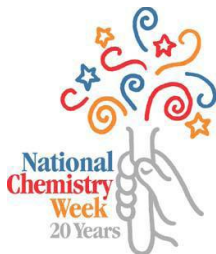
Southeastern District Conclave

### CONCLAVE 2010

The dates and location have been selected for the 50<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conclave of the Fraternity. The membership will be gathering at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio beginning August 3 – 8, 2010. Gamma Nu Chapter will be hosting this important event!



## National Chemistry Week Competition



**"Chemistry – It's Elemental!"**

October 18 – 24, 2009

Your chapter can win up to \$500 worth of stuff to help you promote the 2<sup>nd</sup> Object. How you might ask? First, download our contest guidelines and entry form from our website, then simply visit the ACS website and look over this year's National Chemistry Week theme (Chemistry – It's Elemental!) and decide how your chapter can participate.

After you participate in National Chemistry Week, fill out and submit the National Chemistry Week contest form to our National Office.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

## Risk Management

Chapter safety is a subject that comes up primarily around chapter initiations. However, it is something that we need to be aware of at all of our events. It is especially important in events that have candles or chemicals present.

Make sure that you have MSDS sheets on hand any time chemicals are to be used (chemistry magic shows, etc.) and that you have fire

extinguishers present at an event where there are to be any candles. Even at events where there are not candles or chemicals, please keep the safety of your Brothers in mind and do not expose anyone to any risks to their physical safety. The safety of our Brothers, pledges, and those around us should be our highest priority.

We should give and expect no less.

**HAVE A SAFE AND  
HAPPY INITIATION  
SEASON!**



## Reports needed at the National Office

As of 9/1/2009, the following chapters have initiation paperwork due to the National Office. Please contact Kathy Renner as soon as possible ([krenner@alphachisigma.org](mailto:krenner@alphachisigma.org)) or call (800) ALCHEMY, if you have questions.

Chapter	Initiation Date	Chapter	Initiation Date
Delta	11/15/2008 & 4/19/2009	Gamma Iota	4/25/2009
Alpha Epsilon	4/4/2009	Gamma Pi	5/29/2009
Alpha Pi	5/2/2009	Gamma Rho	3/7/2009
Beta Gamma	5/29/2009	Gamma Sigma	4/18/2009
Beta Pi	11/22/2008 & 4/18/2009	Gamma Tau	4/18/2009
Gamma Eta	4/10/2009	U of Buffalo	1/25/2009

**Remember –**  
Timely reporting  
goes towards the  
Star Chapter  
Award criteria.

## Message from the Grand Master of Ceremonies



When you receive your fall sourcebooks (i.e. pledge manual) you will also receive some new regalia in the shipment.

Please give these items and the included letter explaining how this new regalia is to be used, to the Master of Ceremonies.

Finally, I want to remind the

MC that there are to be **no electronic copies of the ritual**. You may not email it, place it on a server, fax it, scan it, send it over a cell phone, or use any other electronic means as all these methods are easily compromised. Only paper copies can be distributed to members and they should be hand delivered. Any copies must be accounted for and

returned to the MC after use.

I wish you and your chapter an exciting and prosperous year and I look forward to working with you over the biennium.

## Supreme Council News

The Supreme Council had a busy summer. Much of its effort was focused on choosing a location for the 50<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conclave, composing a Fraternity Policy Manual, and hosting the District Counselors for a meeting. During the SC-DC meeting a variety of topics were discussed including district conclaves, risk management, interacting with chapters and faculty, developing an effective district committee, and effective chapter communication. It provided a great opportunity for all involved to bond, share ideas, and get motivated for the coming year.

The following propositions were passed this summer.

**Proposition 4227** Members of the Supreme Council, the Grand Recorder, the Assistant Grand Recorder, and the National Office Manager shall annually submit and sign a Conflict of Interest statement to the Grand Recorder for review by the Supreme Council. In situations where there is an established conflict of interest, the person involved may not take part in the final deliberations of a contract or resolution and may not vote on the issue.

**Proposition 4228** The attached file retention policy be adopted to provide for the systematic review, retention and destruction of documents received or created by Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity in connection with the transaction of organization business.

**Proposition 4229** That the authorization of Mu Chapter to elect and initiate properly qualified students from the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, RI granted by SC Proposition 4155 be extended to expire on June 30, 2010.

**Proposition 4230** That the Supreme Council accepts the bid from Gamma Nu Chapter. The 50th Biennial Conclave will be held on the Ohio University Campus in Athens, Ohio from August 3 to August 8, 2010.

**Proposition 4231** The National Alpha Chi Sigma web site will remain non-commercial. Any exceptions to this policy that would allow a link to a commercial site must be approved by a Supreme Council proposition. This policy shall also apply to the web sites of subordinate chapters. This proposition replaces SC Proposition 3678.

**Proposition 4232** In order to provide better service to our members who desire Fraternity jewelry, a link to the Alpha Chi Sigma page on the Herff-Jones website is permitted on Alpha Chi Sigma web sites.

**Proposition 4233** Supreme Council responsibilities will be assigned within 30 days of the appointment of a new council.

**Proposition 4234** That Ian Taft, Nu 2007 be expelled from the Fraternity pursuant to a valid petition received from Nu chapter.

**Proposition 4235** The Supreme Council will meet in Indianapolis in January, 2010, at Grand Chapter expense to conduct Grand Chapter business.

**Proposition 4236** Due to the excellent service and the willingness to provide a special price on a kit of chemicals needed to conduct a tie dye outreach program, a link to the Colorado Wholesale Dye Company is permitted on Alpha Chi Sigma web sites.

**Proposition 4237** That the attached investment policy be adopted to direct the prudent investment of the Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity portfolio in a matter consistent with the objectives stated therein.

**Proposition 4238** That the Supreme Council approves and adopts the policy manual dated 31 July 2009.

**Proposition 4239** The Chesapeake Bay Professional Chapter be declared inactive.

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## The Science Outreach Program

To encourage and recognize participation in science outreach programs, the Fraternity established the Wyvern Pin Program. Science outreach being broadly defined as any activity that promotes the second object among pre-college age groups. There are four levels that can be earned in a member's lifetime. Each level has a corresponding colored Wyvern pin.



**Level One** – Black – One activity completed.

**Level Two** – Green – Three activities completed.

**Level Three** – Red – Seven activities within a 24 month period. At least one of these activities must involve scouting (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Explorers, Cub Scouts, etc.). One activity may be aimed at a general audience rather than a pre-college audience.

**Level Four** – Blue – Fifteen activities within a 36 month period. At least two must involve scouting. Two activities may be aimed at a general audience rather than a pre-college audience. A Brother must submit a brief (2-3 paragraph minimum) article to The HEXAGON. The article should describe an activity and include a photograph showing the interaction between the applicant and the audience.

*More specific criteria and application forms for the Science Outreach Program can be found at [www.alphachisigma.org](http://www.alphachisigma.org) under collegiate/forms and documents.*

## Alpha Chi Sigma Calendar

<b>SEPT</b>	<b>19</b>	North Central District Conclave
<b>OCT</b>	<b>1</b>	Deadline for submission for the Winter issue of THE HEXAGON to the National Office
	<b>15</b>	Founder Joseph H. Mathews born in 1881
	<b>18-24</b>	ACS National Chemistry Week
	<b>24</b>	Southeastern District Conclave
	<b>28</b>	Founder James C. Silverthorn born in 1880
	<b>29</b>	Founder Frank J. Petura born in 1881

