

# The Chrome and Blue

## of Alpha Chi Sigma

### Graduation isn't the end of membership

By Patrick Johanns, Grand Recorder

**C**onsider your origin;  
you were not born to  
live like brutes, but to  
follow virtue and knowledge.  
— Dante Alighieri

Graduation is approaching for many collegiate members. It means leaving a fun and wonderful world with a piece of paper that says you learned something, good friends and some epic memories for "the real world" filled with jobs, paychecks and responsibility...What a cliché!

Some of the best things from college do not end with graduation, and Alpha Chi Sigma is one of them. Membership is for life, and far too many Brothers let it end with graduation. [The professional branch](#) of the Fraternity includes collegiate alumni brothers as well as professors and chemistry professionals who are initiated directly into professional membership. Here are a few ways to stay involved:

#### Professional Chapters and Groups

Each professional chapter or

group draws its name from the city or area in which it exists. Currently we have professional chapters in Chicago, Delaware Valley, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Research Triangle Park, St. Louis and Washington, D.C.

Professional Groups exist in Atlanta, Detroit, Kansas City, Mid-Missouri, New Jersey, North Florida, Southern Indiana, Southwest Virginia and the Twin Cities. [Read more about professional chapters and groups.](#)

#### District Committees

Many district have committees that help the District Counselor and work with chapters to help them with programs and activities. District committees are a great way to stay active within the Fraternity and sometimes can lead to a position as a District Counselor.

#### District Counselor

Being a District Counselor (DC) can be an extremely rewarding position, speaking from personal experience. [District Counselors](#) constitute

the link between the collegiate and professional chapters and the Supreme Council and are appointed by the Grand Master Alchemist with the concurrence of the Supreme Council. [Tell us if you're interested](#) in being a DC or serving on a district committee.

#### Professional Representative

To allow professional members to have a presence in the Grand Chapter, the office of [Professional Representative](#) (PR) was formed in 1986. PRs advise the Fraternity on short-

and long-term goals and serve on committees.

#### National Committees

We have several standing national committees as well as ad-hoc committees that are formed to address special issues. You can find descriptions of these committees and other ways to stay involved on [the interest page](#).

Choose your own path to stay involved but remember the Three Objects and your lifetime commitment to our Brotherhood!



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#### Alpha Chi Sigma By the Numbers:

More than 63,000 members  
47 collegiate chapters  
5 collegiate colonies  
7 professional chapters  
9 professional groups



## Submit your bid to host Conclave

Does your chapter want to host the 51st Biennial Conclave? Now is the time to prepare your chapter's bid.

If your chapter would like to submit a bid, you must gather information about facilities, room and board, accommodations, estimated transportation cost, local area items of interest and more.

[Visit the national website](#) for the list of bid documents. The Conclave Bidding and Hosting Guide will help your chapter determine if you have the resources necessary to host a Conclave. It also will guide you through the process of creating a bid for consideration.

The deadline to submit bids to the Supreme Council is April 30, 2011.

## Installation at Longwood University



Join these founding Brothers of the Longwood University Colony as it is installed as the Gamma Chi Chapter on Saturday, April 16.

All Brothers are invited to attend the Longwood University installation on Saturday, April 16.

The festivities will begin with an informal lunch with the Supreme Council at noon followed by a campus tour.

The installation ceremony and a semi-formal reception will be held at 5 p.m. on the ground floor of the Chichester Science building on the Longwood University campus.

The cost has not been finalized yet, but it is estimated that the reception will cost about \$17 per person.

[See the list of nearby hotels.](#)

For more information or to reserve your seat, contact [Sarah Blevins](#) at (804) 869-0389.

Chapters and Brothers are invited to send letters of congratulations to be read at the ceremony. Send them to:

Longwood Colony of AXSigma  
201 High St.  
Chemistry Department  
Longwood University  
Farmville, VA 23909

Congratulatory e-mails may be sent to [GMC Mark Evaniak](#). These also will be read during the installation ceremony.

# \$50 rebate program for battery-operated tealights

*By Mark Evaniak, Grand Master of Ceremonies*

In the fall, every collegiate chapter should have received – along with their Source-books – a package of electric tealights. My hope is that these were put to good use in the fall initiations across the country.

As GMC, I would like all initiations to become flameless. Over the holidays, I visited many different stores and noticed high-quality, battery-operated candles. These range from the simple tealights that you received to nice pillar candles that have a “flicker” and on/off feature. Also, there are scented and unscented. And all seem to use a wax pillar with an LED in the center.

I saw them in stores like Target, Walmart, Home

Depot, Menards, Dollar Tree and even grocery stores like Kroger. They ranged in price from \$1 to much more.

In an effort to encourage the use of these candles instead of open flames, the Supreme Council has authorized a rebate program for all collegiate chapters up to \$50.

To receive a check from the National Office, a chapter must provide receipts for the purchase of these electronic candles. This leaves each chapter to choose the type of candle.

This program will run for the 2011 calendar year. I encourage all chapters to take part in this. Please contact the National Office for further details.



The candle on the left is vanilla scented and cost \$10, while the one on the right came from Dollar Tree.



This set of three candles was \$15 from Kohl's and included the black base and glass beads.

## Welcome!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all Brothers who were initiated this past fall. I hope your initiation was a positive experience, and I hope you are helping to make this spring initiation just as memorable.

## To Masters of Ceremonies

Over the past year, professional Brothers have commented to me that they have attended ceremonies where the participants had not committed to memory what was required of them. I also have noticed this.

As MC, you are in charge of the ceremony and how it is performed. Are you giving the Brothers enough time to learn what they have to do?

Unlike cramming for an Organic test, you should not expect Brothers to learn what they need to in one or two weeks. This includes everyone who will have responsibilities that evening. Are you helping them and making sure they know what is required?

As much as it is the VMA's job to make sure the pledges know what is required prior to becoming members, it is the MC's job to make sure everyone performing the initiation knows what they are supposed to do.

To everyone, I wish a safe, successful and fun spring initiation.



# Don't lose your tax-exempt status



Small tax-exempt organizations whose gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less are not required to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax. Instead, these small tax-exempt organizations are required to file annually an electronic Form 990-N with the IRS.

The form is easy to complete. All you need is the following information about your organization:

- Employer identification number (EIN)
- Tax year
- Legal name and mailing address
- Any other names the organization uses
- Name and address of a principal officer
- Website address, if the organization has one
- Confirmation that the organization's annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less
- If applicable, a statement that the organization has

terminated or is terminating (going out of business)

[Get more information from the IRS.](#)

The e-postcard is due each year by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. For Alpha Chi Sigma, our tax year ends on Dec. 31, so your e-postcard is due by May 15 each year.

Don't put Alpha Chi Sigma's or your chapter's tax-exempt status in jeopardy!

# Have you ordered your graduation medallions?

Don't forget to order graduation medallions for Brothers graduating from your chapter this spring.

The medallions are \$12 each, including shipping and handling. To order, send a check made out to Alpha Chi Sigma to the National Office or call (800) ALCHEMY to use a credit card.

Please provide a mailing address where the medallion should be shipped.



# What you need to know about Star Chapter criteria

To qualify for the One-Star Chapter Award, a chapter each academic year beginning July 1 and ending June 30 must:

- Return all pledge and initiation reports and fees to the National Office on time.
- Initiate a minimum of eight or 1/3 of the number of current active collegiate members (reported in the preceding year's Active Collegiate Member Register).
- Conduct two major service or professional activities. The report submitted to the National Office must include a description of the activity, the date, the number of Brothers involved and the estimated total number of people involved.
- Submit an officer list within two weeks of each election.
- Submit the following reports by June 30 each year:
  - Star Chapter Annual Report of Chapter Activities
  - Audit/Financial Statement
  - Charter, Ritual and Regalia Inspection (CRRI) Report
  - Active Collegiate Member Register
- Conduct two alumni-related activities.
- Conduct one additional major professional or service activity and one alumni-related activity.
- Submit a Professional Branch Induction Report.
- Submit one or more nominations for a National fraternity recognition award (such as the Scholar Award, the Ronald T. Pflaum Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award and the John R. Kuebler Award).

To qualify for the Three-Star Chapter Award, a chapter each academic year beginning July 1 and ending June 30 must:

- Satisfy all of the requirements for the One-Star Chapter Award.
- Maintain a chapter Web page, which must include:
  - Information about pledging and membership
  - A current calendar of events
  - The current chapter and officer contact information
  - Professional and service activities
  - An active link to the National Web site
- Plus accomplish any four of the following:
  - Increase active collegiate members by 5 percent (based on the preceding year's Active Collegiate Member Register).
  - Conduct two additional major professional or service activities.

[See the history of the Star Chapter Awards](#) or call the [National Office](#) at (800) ALCHEMY.



# American Chemical Society luncheon

Brothers attending the 241st American Chemical Society National Meeting in Anaheim, Calif., are cordially invited to the traditional Alpha Chi Sigma social luncheon on Tuesday, March 29, starting at 11:30 a.m.

Please join us at the [Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. Restaurant & Market](#), located approximately two blocks east of the Anaheim Convention Center. Maps will be available upon request. Free on-site parking is available.

The luncheon promises to be exciting and a fabulous opportunity to meet and greet Brothers.

Lunch is your choice of several of Forrest's favorite dishes, including appetizer, entrée and dessert. The price is \$30 per person, payable at the luncheon. Collegiate members are invited to attend as guests of the Fraternity.

Register for the luncheon at the Alpha Chi Sigma table near the registration area at

the national meeting or send a message to the [Grand Professional Alchemist](#).

**Anaheim area AXS contacts**  
[Courtney Lacy](#)  
Los Angeles Pro President  
Cell (714) 488-9311

[Derek Marin](#)  
Southwestern District Counselor  
Cell (805) 459-6046

**On-site ACS national meeting contact**  
[Gary Anderson](#)  
Order of Altotus  
Cell (304) 634-1921

## ACS Luncheon

**Tuesday, March 29**  
**11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Bubba Gump  
Shrimp Co.  
Restaurant & Market**

**321 W. Katella Ave.  
Anaheim, CA  
(714) 635-4867**

# Delinquent reports needed

As of March 17, the following chapters have initiation paperwork and/or payments pending from fall 2010. Please contact the National Office if you have any questions.

- Delta
- Alpha Epsilon
- Alpha Pi
- Alcorn Colony (spring 2010)
- Widener Colony

Each Thursday afternoon, the current versions of the active logs and delinquency list are posted on the national website. Be sure to [check the website](#) each week and let us know if our records are not up to date.





# News, notes and reminders

## Professional chapter reports

Each professional chapter should submit an officer list, a member list and an annual report of activities to the National Office by March 31. Membership lists to be edited were sent to chapter presidents and secretaries on Feb. 8.

## Collegiate chapter reports

The National Office has been busy processing spring chapter recordings. We plan to e-mail the Chapter Registers the week of April 19. Please submit the necessary information to us by then so these registers will be complete and accurate.

The registers will be e-mailed to chapter reporters with a copy to master alchemists and treasurers. Please review your chapter's register carefully and make any additions or corrections as needed. Your changes or approval is due to the National Office by June 30.

## Professional Branch Induction

Professional Branch Induction (PBI) transfers a member from the collegiate branch to the professional branch.

Collegiate chapters should send their PBI forms to the National Office, even if you don't have a Professional Induction Ceremony. If your chapter is having a ceremony, please submit your PBI form at least two weeks prior to the ceremony.

If your chapter would like to hold a Professional Induction Ceremony in addition to or instead of a Professional Recognition Ceremony, contact your local Professional Chapter or Professional Group, District Counselor or GMC Mark Evaniak for assistance.

## Share your news

Would you like your chapter to be featured in *The HEXAGON*? Send articles and story ideas to [Grand Editor Brian Coppola](#). Some article suggestions include academic and personal achievements by Brothers in your chapter, activities and community service projects sponsored by your chapter, news from your school's chemistry department and Brothers with interesting stories of personal or professional accomplishments.



## You oughta be in pictures!

Show us what your chapter is doing by [sending us pictures](#) of your chapter's Brothers participating in activities and community service projects. We may use your pictures for *The Chrome and Blue*, *The HEXAGON*, the national website or Facebook.

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# Questions and answers about Fraternity insurance coverage

Because many Brothers have questions about the Fraternity's insurance coverage, our insurance broker, James R. Favor & Co., has prepared this list of frequently asked questions. We will feature several questions in the next two issues of The Chrome and Blue. You can see the entire document on the [national website](#).

*This basic information has been prepared as information only. The actual insurance policies are subject to definitions, exclusions, limitations, and various other terms and conditions. This information does not amend, extend, or alter the coverage afforded by the actual insurance policies. Complete specimen policies are available [on our website](#).*



**8. As a volunteer, how is my personal insurance affected?** You should always report any potential insurance claim to your personal insurance agent or carrier. Where permitted by law, the insurance provided for volunteers under the Alpha Chi Sigma policy is primary and will stand ahead of your personal insurance.

**9. Does the Alpha Chi Sigma insurance provide auto liability coverage for members or volunteers if their automobiles are being used on Alpha Chi Sigma business?** No. Because of

State "Automobile Financial Responsibility" Statutes, (laws that require owners or operators of an automobile to maintain primary auto insurance), the operator and owner must rely on their own automobile insurance. The Fraternity's insurance provides Hired & Non-Owned Auto coverage to other PDE insureds that may potentially be responsible for auto accidents. This coverage is specifically excess of any other auto liability insurance that may be available.

**10. Does the Alpha Chi Sigma insurance cover a member's or volunteer's personal property?** No. In accordance with

Alpha Chi Sigma's Risk Management Policy, loss or damage to personal property (i.e. computers, bikes, books, clothing or other personal items) is not covered by the Alpha Chi Sigma insurance program. Usually loss or damage to your personal property can be easily insured under "renters insurance" or your personal or parent's homeowner's policy.

**11. Does the Alpha Chi Sigma insurance cover damage to my automobile if it is damaged on Alpha Chi Sigma property or while being used on Alpha Chi Sigma business?** No. The Alpha Chi Sigma insurance

program does not provide any coverage for your automobile.

**12. When does Alpha Chi Sigma review its insurance program?** The Supreme Council reviews the Fraternity's risk management and insurance program annually.

**13. What are the Alpha Chi Sigma Program Limits of Coverage?** The limits of coverage are \$1,000,000 Per Occurrence and \$2,000,000 Aggregate. The Aggregate Limits apply separately for each location. Certificates of the insurance coverage can be obtained on request from the National Office.

**14. Who is the National Office insurance contact?**

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Indianapolis, IN 46219  
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[national@alphachisigma.org](mailto:national@alphachisigma.org)

**15. Who is Alpha Chi Sigma's insurance broker?**

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Aurora, CO 80014  
Phone: (800) 344-7335 or  
(303) 750-1122  
Fax: (303) 745-8669  
[info@jrfco.com](mailto:info@jrfco.com)



# Calendar

## March

- 25 Initiation at Longwood University Colony of Beta Chi Chapter.
- 26 Initiations at Alpha Beta and Gamma Delta Chapters.
- 29 Alpha Chi Sigma luncheon at American Chemical Society Meeting in Anaheim, Calif.
- 31 Professional chapter reports due to National Office.

## April

- 1 Initiation at Beta Pi Chapter.
- 2 Initiations at Epsilon, Pi, Alpha Upsilon, Beta Nu, Gamma Zeta and Gamma Omicron Chapters.
- 2 Erie District Conclave at Case Western Reserve University. Contact [EDC Sean Pawlowski](#).
- 2 Northeastern District Conclave at the University of Rhode Island. Contact [NEDC Kerri Federico](#).
- 8 Initiations at Gamma Beta and Gamma Eta Chapters and University of Toledo Colony of Alpha Beta Chapter.
- 9 Initiations at Alpha, Beta, Sigma, Alpha Theta, Beta Eta, Beta Psi, Gamma Upsilon and Gamma Phi Chapters.
- 9 Atlantic Central District Conclave at University of Maryland. Contact [ACDC Helen Webster](#).
- 9 Atlantic Central District's Tetra Banquet. Contact [ACDC Helen Webster](#).
- 16 Installation at Longwood University.

- 16 Initiations at Gamma, Delta, Zeta, Alpha Rho, Alpha Omega, Beta Delta, Beta Chi, Gamma Theta and Gamma Tau Chapters.
- 23 Initiations at Alpha Sigma and Gamma Iota Chapters.
- 30 Initiation at University of Rhode Island Colony of Mu Chapter.
- 30 Deadline to submit your chapter's bid to host the 51st Biennial Conclave.

## May

- 7 Initiation at Mu Chapter.
- 15 Deadline to submit your chapter's 990-N e-postcard to the IRS.
- 21 Beta Gamma Seaborg Banquet in Los Angeles. Contact [Darlene Yem](#) at (909) 282-0353 or [Kevin Rodriguez](#) at (909) 630-8082.

## June

- 17-18 Supreme Council and District Counselor Meeting at National Office.
- 30 Collegiate chapter Audit Report, Register, Star Chapter Report and CRR1 due to National Office.



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