

The Chrome and Blue

of Alpha Chi Sigma

52nd
Biennial
Conclave
Edition

Go to Conclave!

By Patrick Johanns, Alpha Theta 1981, Grand Recorder

Go to Conclave. Take as many of your Brothers as you can. That is my main message for this issue.

Thirty years ago, I went to my first Conclave hosted by Pi Chapter at Syracuse University. It really opened my eyes to how fantastic our Fraternity is and the wonderful Brothers I did not even know I had until then. I met collegiate Brothers

from all over the country, and we shared dozens of ideas about professional programs and activities that would grow our bonds of Brotherhood in our chapters.

Go to Conclave. Take as many Brothers as you can!

At my first Conclave, I met professional Brothers, ones I had read about in my pledge manual. And they were real

people who were passionate about chemistry and our Fraternity.

Go to Conclave. Take as many Brothers as you can!

We talked about important issues of government in our Fraternity. We heard about different professions in chemistry that I had never considered before. We bonded in the good times we had outside of sessions.

Read this issue to learn about a few of the things going on at Conclave.

So do yourself a favor. Do your chapter a favor. Go to Conclave. And I will say it one more time – take as many Brothers as you can. You will develop friendships that will last the rest of your life.

See you in Charlottesville in July!



While Conclave is a time to conduct fraternity business, it's also a time to improve the bonds of our brotherhood. Meet these Brothers and more at the 52nd Biennial Conclave in July!

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Alpha Chi Sigma By the Numbers:

More than 67,000 members
52 collegiate chapters
3 collegiate colonies
9 professional chapters
9 professional groups

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You're invited to attend the 52nd Biennial Conclave

An invitation from Grand Master Alchemist Randy Weinstein



I might be biased as an Alpha Kappa alum and a University of Virginia alum, but you gotta come to C'Ville for Conclave this year.

It is going to be different. We will have some themes, we will have some tasks that need to get done and we will have lots of bonding and brotherly fun. As a delegate or a non-delegate, you will be busy.

This Conclave will include some of the traditional events, such as an initiation to welcome our newest Brothers into our organization and the Keubler Award Banquet where we honor several current Brothers.

This Conclave also will have a lot of new. Want to join the teams to develop expansion plans for each district to form new collegiate chapters? Need to learn about the new hazing issues and laws? Want to help draft legislation to help our organization function better and more smoothly? Want to play quizzo and "reverse" auction and join our talent show? And there's so much more.

If you have never been to C'Ville, you need to see the grounds, understand what a wahoo is and explore the Thomas Jefferson (TJ) statue around which are so many rumors. And there's so much more to experience at this Conclave.

Come, bond, think, laugh, enjoy and help.

An invitation from Alpha Kappa Chapter

Thomas Jefferson once said, "But friendship is precious, not only in the shade, but in the sunshine of life, and thanks to a benevolent arrangement the greater part of life is sunshine." This statement is very true, but even more so when it comes to our brotherhood.

This is how Alpha Kappa Chapter feels about Conclave. The coming together as one to strengthen these bonds is essential, and we are honored – albeit a bit nervous – to be the host chapter for the 52nd Biennial Conclave.

Charlottesville is a small town full of life, from the lively Corner just about every night of the week to the downtown mall. Thomas Jefferson, the university's founder and designer, wanted the University of Virginia to be an academic village, where people with similar interests could come together and learn. In this way, the University of Virginia is an ideal place for Conclave.

In your free time you can go to our very own UNESCO World Heritage site, Monticello, which was the home of Thomas Jefferson. You also can visit the downtown mall, where you often can find live music, or one of the many restaurants throughout Charlottesville.

Come down to Charlottesville for the 52nd Biennial Conclave. We look forward to meeting you.



52nd Biennial Conclave updates



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Here's the latest news about the 52nd Biennial Conclave.

Registration

Registration is open! Find the [non-delegate registration form online](#). Delegates will receive registration information after their chapters submit the Notice of Delegate Election Form.

Delegate elections

The Notice of Delegate Election Form is due to the National Office by April 14. Go to page 4 to see the list of chapters that still owe the form.

Supreme Council candidates

One important function of Conclave is electing Grand Chapter officers. The Nominations Committee has submitted a list of Supreme Council nominees. The following Brothers are candidates for the Supreme Council election at Conclave:

Grand Master Alchemist

- Mark N. Evaniak, Beta Sigma 1980 (current Grand Professional Alchemist)

Grand Professional Alchemist

- Jonathan E. Wenzel, Delta 1996 (current Grand Master of Ceremonies)

Grand Collegiate Alchemist

- Helen M.M. Webster, Alpha Rho 1994 (current Grand Collegiate Alchemist)

Grand Master of Ceremonies

- Calvin A. Bond, Alpha Rho 1986 (current Northwestern District Counselor)
- Kip A. Nalley, Alpha Sigma 1990 (current president of Washington, D.C. Professional Chapter)

A biography and statement for each candidate are available beginning on page 5 of this issue and [on the website](#).

Supreme Council nomination procedure

In addition to receiving nominations from the Nominations Committee, the Constitution and Bylaws allow for Grand Chapter members to nominate candidates prior to Conclave. Here is the process we will follow for nominations prior to Conclave:

1. The Nominator and Secunder will notify the Grand Recorder in writing of their nomination of a Supreme Council candidate.
2. Within three days of receipt of a nomination and seconding, the Grand Recorder will determine if the nominee is an active professional member and

- will contact the nominee to determine if he or she accepts the nomination.
3. Nominees whose nominations are received and accepted before Conclave will be invited to submit their vita and statement of views to be posted on the website and available to members of the Grand Chapter at Conclave.
4. Nominations from the Grand Chapter received and accepted before March 30 will be invited to submit their vita and statement of views to be included in the April issue of *The Chrome and Blue*, which also will include the nominees from the Nominations Committee.

Nominations also will be accepted from the floor at Conclave.

Legislation

Conclave sessions run more smoothly and accomplish more if there is legislation in the hopper before Conclave starts. This gives delegates time to research the issues and seek input from their Brothers.

If you intend to make a resolution or amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws, contact [Grand Recorder Patrick Johanns](#) by April 24.

Important deadlines

- April 14 – Notice of Conclave Delegate Election Form due to the [National Office](#).
- April 24 – Legislation due to the Grand Recorder.
- May 1 – District counselor recommendations due to the Grand Collegiate Alchemist.
- May 16 – Conclave registration fees increase.
- June 12 – Deadline to register for Conclave.
- June 12 – Flight itineraries due to the National Office.
- June 13 – Conclave registration fees increase.
- June 15 – Star Chapter items due to the National Office.

More information

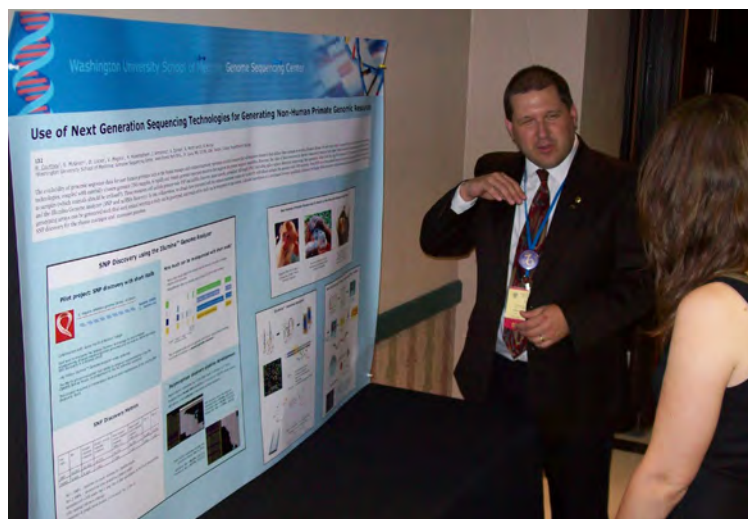
Find the latest news and information in the [Conclave section](#) of the national website.

Share your research at the Professional Poster Session

You are invited to participate in the Fourth Biennial Professional Poster Session at Conclave. It will be held during the social hour before the Kuebler Banquet on Wednesday, July 30.

As a professional fraternity, professional activities are vital to the mission of Alpha Chi Sigma. These certainly do not stop at graduation; for many Brothers, graduation is when their involvement in professional activities blooms. Upon graduation, many Brothers find themselves involved more in chemistry than before. Some even find themselves in a chemistry career path they didn't know existed.

In keeping with our Second Object, Alpha Chi Sigma will host a poster session to high-



light the work our Brothers do. All members – collegiates and professionals – are welcome to participate in this opportunity.

This session is a chance for Brothers to highlight their careers in chemistry-related

fields, show off some science outreach activities and present research. Undergraduates currently participating in research and undergraduates who have conducted a previous research project also are invited to participate. We

request that the work be from the last two years, though it does not need to be new, unpublished work.

If you have questions or would like to register a poster, contact [Merryn Cole](#), Alpha Theta 2003. Please include:

- Your name
- Your initiate chapter and year
- Your current university or employer
- The title and abstract of your poster.

The deadline to register your poster is July 1.

For more information about Conclave or to register to attend, visit www.alphachisigma.org/conclave.

Notice of Delegate Election Form due April 14

As of April 11, the following chapters still owe the Notice of Delegate Election Form to the [National Office](#):

Collegiate Chapters

Beta
Delta
Epsilon
Zeta
Mu
Pi

Rho
Sigma
Alpha Alpha
Alpha Beta
Alpha Epsilon
Alpha Sigma
Alpha Upsilon
Beta Gamma
Beta Eta
Beta Pi
Beta Rho
Beta Sigma

Beta Tau
Beta Phi
Gamma Beta
Gamma Delta
Gamma Zeta
Gamma Eta
Gamma Theta
Gamma Xi
Gamma Upsilon
Gamma Chi
Gamma Omega
Delta Alpha

Delta Beta
Delta Gamma

Colonies

Occidental College

Professional Chapters

Los Angeles Pro
St Louis Pro

Meet the Supreme Council Candidates

Candidate for Grand Master Alchemist

Mark N. Evaniak, Beta Sigma 1980

Personal Information and Involvement – b. Buffalo, N.Y., 11/9/1960. B.S. (chemistry), Rochester Institute of Technology, 1984. Chemist, Alliant TechSystems, 1998-2002. Analytical Chemist, Microbac Laboratories, 2002-2008. Senior Scientist, ABC Laboratories, 2008-Present.

Initiated into Beta Sigma Chapter, 1980. Master Alchemist, spring 1983. Co-founder of Gamma Iota Chapter, 1987. Master Alchemist, spring 1987. Master of Ceremonies, fall 1987. Treasurer, 1995-1996. Alumni Secretary, spring 1988, 1993-94. Member of the Research Triangle Park Professional Chapter, 2005-2008. East Central District Counselor, 1988-1990, 2002-2006. Grand Master of Ceremonies, 2010-2012. Grand Professional Alchemist, 2012-Present. Attended 36th to 51st Biennial Conclaves. Conclave Delegate, 1990, 2004-2012.

Statement and Goals – I would like to thank the Nominations Committee for asking me to run for the position of Grand Master Alchemist of Alpha Chi Sigma. I am humbled at the thought of serving and will attempt to continue to keep the Fraternity moving forward.

As I attended my first Conclave with OA Gerry Dobson presiding at Delta Chapter, I never thought that the experience would have such a profound effect on my life – fraternally, professionally and personally. By serving, I continue to try to pay the debt to this organization for all that I have gotten out of it.

Serving on the Supreme Council over the last two biennia, I am proud of how we approached leading the organization through both difficult and complex decisions. One shared principle continues to be the most successful – teamwork. As you read the statements for all of the Supreme Council candidates, realize that no matter who may be elected, we all have worked together successfully in the past, and I am confident that whatever the composition of the SC is in the future, there is the potential to continue this principle for success into the next biennium.

One of Grand Master Alchemist Randy Weinstein's goals was the growth of the organization through more collegiate chapters. I do not foresee slowing down in the near future and will continue to encourage this growth.

In fact, I would like to extend this growth into keeping our young professionals active and more engaged in the Fraternity. We have learned a lot while growing collegiate chapters, but we also have learned that this process cannot be used to easily expand the Professional Branch. During my tenure as Grand Professional Alchemist, I have been fortunate to work with professional Brothers who have many good ideas. I plan to work with the next GPA to develop a separate expansion procedure for the successful addition of professional groups and chapters. Open dialog will be essential between both branches of the organization, and together we can make this successful.

Lastly, as many of you are aware, we will begin this biennium with a new National Office located a few miles from the old one. We have moved into a smaller office, one that offers us the chance to become more efficient. As a goal this biennium, I would like to see our electronic National Office, www.Alpha-ChiSigma.org, improved as well. As we continue to grow, the website is our first impression to anyone wishing to learn more about us. I'd like us to make a good first impression. An upgraded website also should offer our members a more efficient way of doing business, making it easier for us to communicate at all levels of the Fraternity.

In closing, I wish again to thank everyone who has given me the opportunity to serve this organization as GPA this past biennium. I look forward to continuing my service to the Fraternity by leading it forward.



Meet the Supreme Council Candidates

Candidate for Grand Professional Alchemist

Jonathan E. Wenzel, Delta 1996

Personal Information and Involvement – b. Belvidere, Ill, 1975. B.S. (chemical engineering), University of Missouri, 1999. Ph.D. (chemical engineering), University of Missouri, 2008. Research Engineer, Missouri University of Science and Technology, 2006-2010. Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering, Kettering University, 2010-2011. Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering, Kettering University, 2011-Present. Member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, 2002-2009. Senior Member, 2009-Present. Member of the Board of Directors, Kettering University Friends of the Library and Archives, 2013-Present.

Initiated into Delta Chapter, 1996. Recorder, 1997. Alumni Secretary, 1998. Webmaster, 2000-2001. Master of Ceremonies, spring 2002. Delta Chapter's Alpha Epsilon Colony Liaison, 2001-2002. St. Louis Professional Chapter President, spring 2002. Central District Counselor, 2002-2010. Chair of District Counselors, 2006-2010. Professional Representative, 2011-2012. Grand Master of Ceremonies, 2012-Present. Founding Member of the Mid-Missouri Professional Group. Member of various fraternity committees. Attended 45th to 47th and 49th to 51st Biennial Conclaves.

Statement and Goals – It has been humbling to serve Alpha Chi Sigma as the Grand Master of Ceremonies. Over the past biennium, it was wonderful meeting so many highly motivated Brothers with the best interests of AXΣ at heart. This motivation has been inspirational and catching – we truly are a wonderful Fraternity, and we are growing quickly as a result! It has been exciting to be able work as GMC on the installation and reactivation ceremonies of five chapters, the most installations in a biennium for AXΣ since the 1950s. As GMC, I have worked with the National Office staff and our Brothers on a number of projects including revising and developing our resources – such as the Sourcebook – improving programs and providing support.

It is an honor to be nominated as a candidate for Grand Professional Alchemist. I have given this role quite a bit of thought, and my focus is Professional Branch growth. I have listened to and participated in discussions throughout the country over

what the future of the Fraternity might look like and how to solve the problems that confront us. The Professional Branch is doing fantastic things, and now is the time to build on the successes of the collegiate expansion effort and work on the Professional Branch as well. It is a great time to do so – we have quite a bit of energy from the newest members of the Fraternity, and

we need to mobilize the motivation of all Brothers to grow and nurture our organization. How could this take shape? We need to look to the Three Objects, look to our strengths, look at what we are doing well, have a good discussion as a group, come up with a vision and build on it! In addition, at the beginning of the biennium, I will advocate creating a Professional Branch Expansion Director to facilitate our growth.

Another aspect of the office of GPA is fundraising, something most professors do to fund their research programs, myself included. I am excited to build upon our past successes with the annual solicitation – by the power of the pen and a careful statistical analysis of what works and what needs improvement. To get help, I will consult with the leading fundraisers at Kettering University and work with our highly skilled National Office staff to see how we can better enable our fundraising efforts. In addition to our annual solicitation, if there is a worthy initiative, I would be happy to facilitate preparing grant proposals to solicit funds from foundations and governmental agencies. For example, there can be funding opportunities for outreach programs.

We have plenty of talent and untapped potential in our Fraternity that awaits an opportunity. I look forward to continuing my part in providing opportunities, a sympathetic ear and an enthusiastic voice to facilitate the good things that lie for us ahead! Thank you!



Meet the Supreme Council Candidates

Candidate for Grand Collegiate Alchemist

Helen M. (Mahy) Webster, Alpha Rho 1994

Personal Information and Involvement – b. Cambridge, Mass., 2/24/1974. B.S. (biochemistry and CMBG), University of Maryland, 1997. Research and Development Associate, Kirkegaard and Perry Laboratories (KPL), 1997-2000. Quality Control Analyst, KPL, 2000-2001. Research and Development Associate, KPL, 2001-2003. Technical Services Representative, 2004-2006. Technical Services Manager, 2006-Present.

Initiated into Alpha Rho Chapter, 1994; Historian, spring 1995. Master of Ceremonies, fall 1995-spring 1996. Master Alchemist, fall 1996-spring 1997. Alumni Secretary, fall 1998-fall 1999. Member of Washington Professional Chapter, Chesapeake Bay Professional Chapter and Delaware Valley Professional Chapter, 1997-Present. President and Treasurer, Chesapeake Bay Professional Chapter, various years. Professional Representative, fall 2000-spring 2001, fall 2002-spring 2003, spring 2005-2008. Atlantic Central District Counselor, 2008-2012. Grand Collegiate Alchemist, 20012-2014. Attended 45th, 47th-51st Biennial Conclaves.

Statement and Goals – I am coming up on 20 years in this wonderful organization. I am humbled every day that I am allowed to help make a difference for our Brothers. From the collegiate offices I held (Historian, Alumni Secretary, Master of Ceremonies and Master Alchemist) to my involvement as a professional (establishing Chesapeake Bay Professional Chapter and serving as President and Treasurer as well as serving as Professional Representative, District Counselor and Grand Collegiate Alchemist), it has been a great source of joy and pride. I plan to be active with our organization in some capacity until I am physically unable to do so.

My greatest joys in our organization come from meeting and being able to help our Brothers. I truly find great satisfaction seeking answers and furthering communication. If you will have me for another term as Grand Collegiate Alchemist, I will con-

tinue to do my best to help find answers and keep everyone informed and in touch. I have made a strong effort to make myself available to both colleagues and professionals alike and will continue to do so.

In this current biennium, we have seen a record number of pre-colonies established throughout the country. Most of this growth has been passive (interested parties have found us). If allowed to continue in the office of Grand Collegiate Alchemist, I will help the Expansion Director and District Counselors to seek out other schools as well, so that we can be proactive in our expansion efforts, as well as reactive in our responses to those who find us. We have streamlined the colonization process to help make things easier for our future Brothers.

As a former Professional Representative, I also understand the need and want to assist our Fraternity after graduation. For many, even though we are professionals, our true interest still lies with the Collegiate Branch, the lifeblood of our Fraternity. I would like to see the professionals interacting more with this branch. It could be as a bridge between the two branches or helping to set up programs and opportunities that would benefit colleagues. There are many ways in which this could be a beneficial partnership.

If re-elected, it would be my honor and privilege to serve the Fraternity as Grand Collegiate Alchemist in the coming biennium. I would like to humbly thank the Nominations Committee and the Fraternity for this wonderful opportunity.



Meet the Supreme Council Candidates

Candidate for Grand Master of Ceremonies

Calvin A. Bond, Ph.D., Alpha Rho 1986

Personal Information and Involvement – b. Baltimore, Md., 1964. B.S. (chemistry), University of Maryland, 1987. Ph.D. (Environmental, Geochemistry, Analytical Chemistry), University of Maryland, 1996. Lecturer, Kent State University, 1996-1997. Lecturer, University of Maryland, 1997-1999. Assistant Professor, Utah Valley State College, 2001-2007. Associate Professor, Utah Valley University, 2007-Present.

Initiated into Alpha Rho, 1986; Alumni Secretary, 1987; Master of Ceremonies, spring 1990. Charter Member, Chesapeake Bay Professional Chapter, 1998; Assistant Advisor, Alpha Rho Chapter, 1999-2001. President, Chesapeake Bay Professional Chapter, 2000-2001. Ritual Committee member, 2006-Present. Professional Representative, 2004-2008. Northwestern District Counselor, 2008-Present. Attended the 45th through 51st Biennial Conclaves.

Statement and Goals – I've greatly enjoyed and have been honored to serve the Fraternity of my choice, both on the collegiate level through my grad school years and on a national level as a professional member for almost my entire 28 1/2 years as a Brother in Alpha Chi Sigma. In particular, I enjoyed my short time as Master of Ceremonies for Alpha Rho Chapter and my almost six years of service as the Northwestern District Counselor. I really caught the "ritual bug" while serving as Master of Ceremonies and acting in various parts during initiations at Alpha Rho and other chapters within driving distance of Washington, D.C.

I love the ritual of our Fraternity, the ceremonies. A well-done ceremony makes me feel proud to be a Brother. As I've observed initiation ceremonies at the four chapters in my district during the last three biennium, I've seen parts done really well and parts done very poorly. There's no excuse for the poorly conducted parts, the poorly conducted initiations. These ceremonies are the most-important events staged by our chapters. We need to reemphasize their importance, especially of learning and practicing the parts! Nothing ruins a good overall performance than Brothers who continually stumble over and forget their lines.

As Grand Master of Ceremonies, I will work to protect our ritual, to ensure the performances of our ritual are consistent throughout the Fraternity and to provide our chapters with the resources needed so that our newest Brothers are trained properly and can carry our ritual forward.

It is a great privilege and honor to be nominated to serve on the Supreme Council, and I thank the Nominations Committee for considering me for this position.



Meet the Supreme Council Candidates

Candidate for Grand Master of Ceremonies

Kip A. Nalley, Alpha Sigma 1990

Personal Information and Involvement – b. Rockford, Ill., 1971. B.S., cum laude (chemistry with a biochemistry option), University of Arkansas, 1994. M.S. (chemistry and biochemistry), University of California–San Diego, 1998. Associate Research Scientist, Idun Pharmaceuticals, 1998-2000. Ph.D. (biological chemistry), University of Texas–Southwestern Medical Center, 2006. Post Doctoral Researcher, National Cancer Institute, 2006-2010. Subject Matter Specialist / Principal Investigator / Product Manager, Sophic Alliance, Inc., 2010-Present.

Initiated into Alpha Sigma Chapter, 1990; two terms as Reporter and Master of Ceremonies. Southwestern District Counselor. South Central District Counselor. Vice President and Secretary, Washington, D.C. Professional Chapter, 2007. President, Washington, D.C. Professional Chapter, 2008-Present. Member of multiple national committees. Chair of the committee examining the Professional Representative position. Attended every Biennial Conclave since the 41st. Served as Conclave delegate for collegiate chapter, professional chapter and as a District Counselor.

Statement and Goals – First, thank you to the Nominations Committee for giving me this opportunity to serve Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity. I appreciate the recognition of my willingness to serve the Fraternity and the confidence that I would be a valuable member of the Supreme Council.

I feel that one of my assets as a member of the Supreme Council would be my ability to work with many different people and personalities within the Fraternity. I have a good relationship with the current members of the council who are up for election, and I look forward to working with them to strengthen the Fraternity now and into the future. While we may not agree on the best way to deal with every issue, the ability to work together with respect and with the good of the Fraternity in mind is the only way to accomplish the goals and the tasks necessary to grow.

The Grand Master of Ceremonies position is an important role in our Fraternity. As the keeper of the rituals of our order, the GMC plays an integral role in preparing and initiating new Brothers. I promise that, if elected, I will continue the work set about by the previous GMCs to make our rituals safer, to clarify and teach where necessary and to protect the ritual of the Fraternity.

One of the recurring themes in our Fraternity is the importance of communication. As the keeper of the fraternal copyrights and trademarks and the designated MC for fraternal events, I believe the GMC should be at the forefront of the effort to increase communications between members and outreach to non-members.

As GMC, I would work with the Supreme Council, the Grand Recorder, the Grand Editor, the Grand Historian and the National Office staff to develop a communications strategy that is in sync with today's technology and yet is usable and flexible for an organization like ours. We should be using our abilities to reach members and non-members alike through traditional and social media channels to further the objects of the Fraternity. Among these tasks should be an updated website with rich and expanding content. Communicating our objects will help the Fraternity by engaging current members and exposing the greatness of our order to others. My current position in my professional life has given me some skills that I believe would help meet these goals. I work for a scientific software company in a position that helps clients (scientists, clinicians and doctors) get the information they need in the format they need it. I think that this simple idea is applicable to many aspects of communication that we are facing as an organization. We need to identify the different consumers of information (current members, potential members, potential expansion targets, etc.) and get them the information needed. While this is an easy concept it is often very difficult to accomplish. That is why I would like the opportunity to serve the Fraternity as Grand Master of Ceremonies.



Have you submitted the e-postcard?



College and professional chapters whose gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less are required to file annually an electronic Form 990-N with the IRS by May 15.

The National Office e-mailed instructions to chapter treasurers on March 13. If you have any questions, contact the [National Office](#).

As of April 11, the following chapters have not submitted the 990-N e-postcard to the IRS:

Collegiate Chapters Gamma

Epsilon
Zeta
Mu
Pi
Rho
Alpha Beta
Alpha Epsilon
Alpha Theta
Alpha Pi
Alpha Rho
Alpha Sigma
Alpha Upsilon
Alpha Omega
Beta Gamma
Beta Tau
Beta Phi
Beta Chi
Beta Psi
Gamma Beta
Gamma Delta

Gamma Zeta
Gamma Theta
Gamma Iota
Gamma Kappa
Gamma Nu
Gamma Xi
Gamma Omicron
Gamma Tau
Gamma Upsilon
Gamma Phi
Gamma Chi
Delta Alpha
Delta Beta

Professional Chapters

Boston Pro
Chicago Pro
Indianapolis Pro
Research Triangle Park Pro



On March 8, Alpha Alpha Chapter was reactivated at Stanford University. Welcome back, Alpha Alpha!

Scholar Award recipient named

By Stephen Schneider, Scholar Award Committee Chair

On behalf of the Alpha Chi Sigma Scholar Award Committee, I am pleased to announce that Brother Jenna Silverman, Gamma Nu 2012, has been selected as the 2014 Alpha Chi Sigma Scholar.

Silverman will graduate next month from Ohio University with a bachelor's degree in forensic chemistry. She has maintained a 3.9 GPA and stands at the top of her graduating class.

At Ohio University, Silverman was involved in research, studying photochromic and electrochromic compounds with Dr. Jeffrey Rack. She also performed research in the field of chemical education under Dr. Frazier W. Nyasulu. Silverman has co-authored



two publications and has conducted extensive electrochemistry research.

Silverman currently serves as master alchemist of Gamma

Nu Chapter. In this role, she encourages involvement from all members because she believes the brotherhood cannot be adequately experienced without engaging in activities with peers who share a

passion for chemistry and the same interests and goals.

Silverman is a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, the Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists and the Society of Forensic Toxicologists.

She hopes to launch her career in the field of forensic toxicology at a regional, state or federal crime lab.

Congratulations to all of the nominees for their hard work and to Brother Silverman on her selection as the Alpha Chi Sigma Scholar.

Thank you to the committee members for their thoughtful consideration of the nominees.

Turn in a PBI form!

Attention collegiate chapters with graduating seniors and members leaving your chapter: Turn in a PBI form!

Current contact information is vital for our organization and helps keep our Brothers connected. The Professional Branch Induction (PBI) form notifies the National Office when members transfer from the collegiate branch to the professional branch, with or without a ceremony. The information from this form ensures that our database is current.

When filling out the PBI form:

- Include e-mail addresses that are current and that will not expire after graduation.
- Use a parent's address if the member is in an academic or career transition.
- Remind Brothers to [visit the national website](#) or contact the [National Office](#) to update personal information and preferences anytime there is a change.



Officer transition meetings

With the end of the spring semester quickly approaching, many chapters will elect new officers.

Help start them off right by holding officer transition meetings before everyone leaves for the summer.

These meetings don't have to be long or boring. You can get pizza, have all of the officers show up and break off into groups or meet one-on-one over coffee or lunch.

You should review what happened last semester, areas that you think need improvement, activities that were well



received, urgent dates and possible pitfalls that your successor might experience.

This also is a great time to pass along documents, keys and more that your successor will need. Don't forget to use the tips and suggestions under the "How Do I" tabs on the [national website](#). Additionally, new and improved Manuals of Procedure (MOPs) for each officer position will be available after Conclave.

Your chapter will be one step ahead when your officers have the entire summer to think about and plan for the fall!

Charter preservation project

By Dr. Jonathan E. Wenzel, Grand Master of Ceremonies

The charter for your chapter is the most valuable and unique historic item given by the Grand Chapter for safe keeping.

In fact, the original document is irreplaceable since with time, the original signers of the charter will no longer be on the Supreme Council and may not be available. Producing a duplicate charter is expensive and at present might be nearly impossible.

In order to protect your charter and the information it contains, I am requesting that all chapters send a digital copy to the National Office. This may be a photo or large document

scan in either in jpg or pdf file formats, no greater than 6 MB in size and sent in a single e-mail to the [National Office](#).

Be sure the picture of your charter doesn't include a glare from the glass.

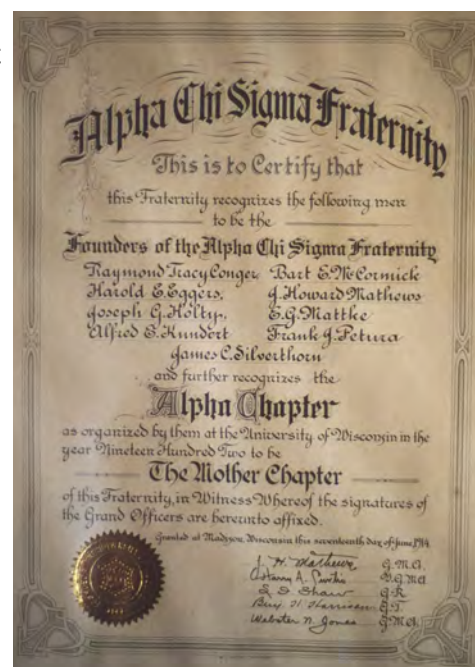
Keep in mind that some charters are more than 100 years old and are very, very delicate. Leave the charter in its frame. This is for a multitude of reasons:

- The charter may tear.
- The charter may stick to the glass.
- The oils in your skin may blemish the charter with time.

If you must remove the charter, please first consult the historical documents or rare books librarian at your school's library or historical society or contact the [National Office](#).

This also may be a good time to consider where your charter is displayed. Find a nice, secure location away from direct sunlight.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important project.



Meet the Central District

By Sarah Pickett, Central District Counselor

The Central District met on March 1 for its District Conclave. Despite the threat of snow and ice, 65 Brothers were present for the event.

Also present were Glenn and his Harem. The Glenn Kuhlman Central District Traveling Trophy (aka Glenn the Gargoyle in memory of Glenn Kuhlman, Delta 1989) is the much-coveted traveling award that goes home with the winner of each Conclave's Grudge Match.

Two years ago, a second game was introduced – Glenn's Harem. Each chapter takes home a miniature gargoyle and is encouraged to decorate it. Over the course of the year, chapters try to capture the Harem members belonging to the other chapters, and the chapter with the most Harem members at the next District Conclave wins.

Delta Chapter is located at the University of Missouri-Columbia in Columbia, Mo. Delta Chapter has worked hard to promote activities to help bond the entire district, such

as hosting a District Formal for the last two years.

The chapter's master alchemist is [William Moritz](#).

Alpha Epsilon Chapter is located at Washington University in St. Louis. Alpha Epsilon has seen a great deal of growth over the last few semesters. This is a result of a lot of hard work on the part of the chapter in a major revitalization effort. Alpha Epsilon also hosted this year's Central District Conclave, much to the delight of all of the Brothers in attendance (especially since we all got to have dinner at Brother Bill Courtney's mac 'n cheese restaurant, Cheeseology).

The chapter's master alchemist is [Sebastian Chung](#).

Beta Delta Chapter is located at Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Mo. The chapter has been expanding its professional activities and alumni relations by inviting alumni to speak about career opportunities at chapter meetings.

The chapter's master alchemist is [Matthew Senter](#).

Beta Rho Chapter is located at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan. This semester, Beta Rho became the parent chapter for the Kappa Pre-Colony, located at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan. This has been special for both groups, particularly since Beta Rho Chapter was originally colonized by Kappa Chapter. Beta Rho chapter makes time for social events as well, such as going as a group to Trivia Night each week after the chapter meeting as well as frequent road trips around the district and beyond.

The chapter's master alchemist is [Krystal Duer](#).

Gamma Theta Chapter is located at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo. While this chapter is the largest chapter in the district, the small size of the school helps to foster a very close-knit group. The chapter celebrates its Brothers at weekly meetings with nominations

for Geek of the Week (for displays of epic nerdiness) and Brother of the Week (for embodiment of the Three Objects), with prizes for each winner. This chapter also is working to increase its visibility in their community and to be responsive to needs within the community.

The chapter's master alchemist is [Stephen Cullen](#).

SEMO Colony of Beta Psi Chapter at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Mo., is working toward achieving chapter status. The colony's motto is Live Long and Prosper. The Brothers here are working not only to build themselves as an organization but as an organization that will last into the future. The majority of the colony's members have at least one Wyvern pin, which is a testament to the colony's dedication to outreach.

The colony's master alchemist is [Bradford Hutcheson](#).

For more information about the Central District, contact [CDC Sarah Pickett](#).



Alpha Epsilon recently hosted the Central District Conclave. Sixty-five Brothers attended to share ideas and grow in their bonds of the brotherhood.

Calendar

April

- 14 Deadline to submit Conclave Notice of Delegate Election Form to the [National Office](#).
- 18 Initiations at Epsilon and Gamma Beta Chapters.
- 19 Initiations at Sigma, Gamma Zeta and Gamma Iota Chapters and Boston U Colony.
- 24 Deadline to submit Conclave legislation to the [Grand Recorder](#).
- 26 Initiations at Alpha Epsilon, Beta Delta and Delta Alpha Chapters.
- 27 Initiation at Gamma Omega Chapter.

May

- 1 Deadline to submit district counselor recommendations to the [Grand Collegiate Alchemist](#).
- 3 Initiations at Beta, Mu, Tau, Alpha Theta, Beta Rho and Gamma Tau Chapters and U of Kansas Pre-Colony.
- 15 Deadline to submit your chapter's 990-N e-postcard to the IRS.
- 16 Conclave registration fees increase.
- 17 Initiation at Iota Chapter.

June

- 12 Deadline to register for Conclave without arranging your own housing.

- 12 Deadline for delegates to submit their flight itineraries to the National Office.
- 13 Conclave registration fees increase.
- 15 Collegiate chapters' Audit, Member Register, Star Chapter Report, CRRRI and Alcohol Awareness Training sign-in sheet are due to the National Office.

July

- 1 Deadline to submit items for the fall issue of *The HEXAGON*.
- 27 to Aug 1
52nd Biennial Conclave at the University of Virginia.



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