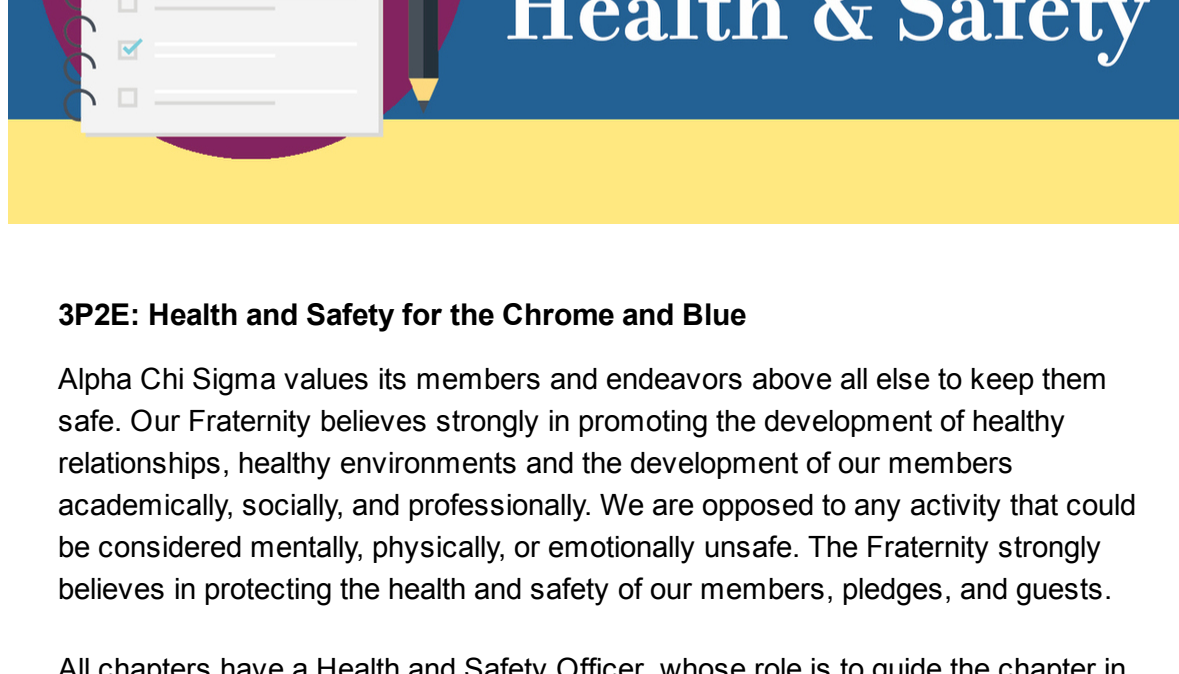




From the Grand Collegiate Alchemist

The fall semester brings a lot of excitement for new activities, new friends, and new adventures. Especially now that we are increasingly able to meet in person again (though masked and socially distanced), many of us are extra excited to get out and participate again. Two cautions for you to consider when planning or attending activities: 1) COVID-19 is not gone, so it is not safe to forgo the safety measures that have been in place for many months now. Getting vaccinated, wearing a mask, socially distancing, and avoiding high risk activities and settings are your best bet for preventing the spread of COVID-19. 2) Be cautious in planning new activities for your brothers and pledges. Consider carefully whether they are following the Health and Safety Policy, are in the best interest of those involved, and are avoiding hazing. Hazing is a slippery slope, and acceptable activities can quickly become hazing if careful thought is not taken to avoid it. If you are unsure of an activity, please check with your District Counselor for guidance.

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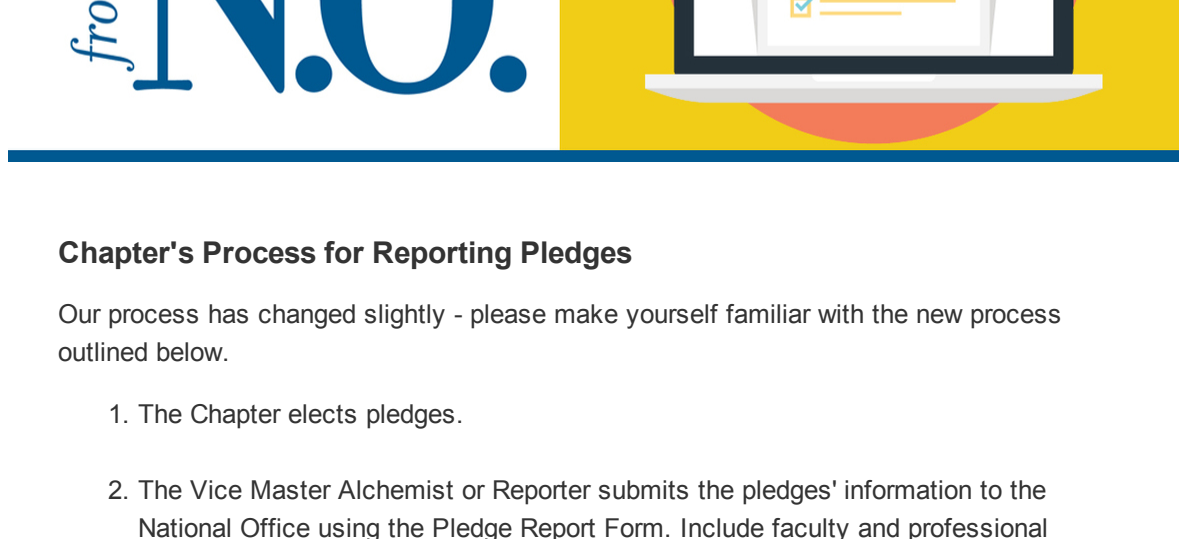


3P2E: Health and Safety for the Chrome and Blue

Alpha Chi Sigma values its members and endeavors above all else to keep them safe. Our Fraternity believes strongly in promoting the development of healthy relationships, healthy environments and the development of our members academically, socially, and professionally. We are opposed to any activity that could be considered mentally, physically, or emotionally unsafe. The Fraternity strongly believes in protecting the health and safety of our members, pledges, and guests.

All chapters have a Health and Safety Officer, whose role is to guide the chapter in scheduling educational events for the members of their chapter and also to think through possible health and safety concerns prior to all events, using the [Health and Safety Planning Guide](#) or the [Chemical Demonstration Planning Guide](#) as resources. The Health and Safety Officer should also work with the Vice Master Alchemist (or Pledge Educator) and the Master of Ceremonies to ensure our pledges have a safe and enjoyable pledge education period and initiation ceremony.

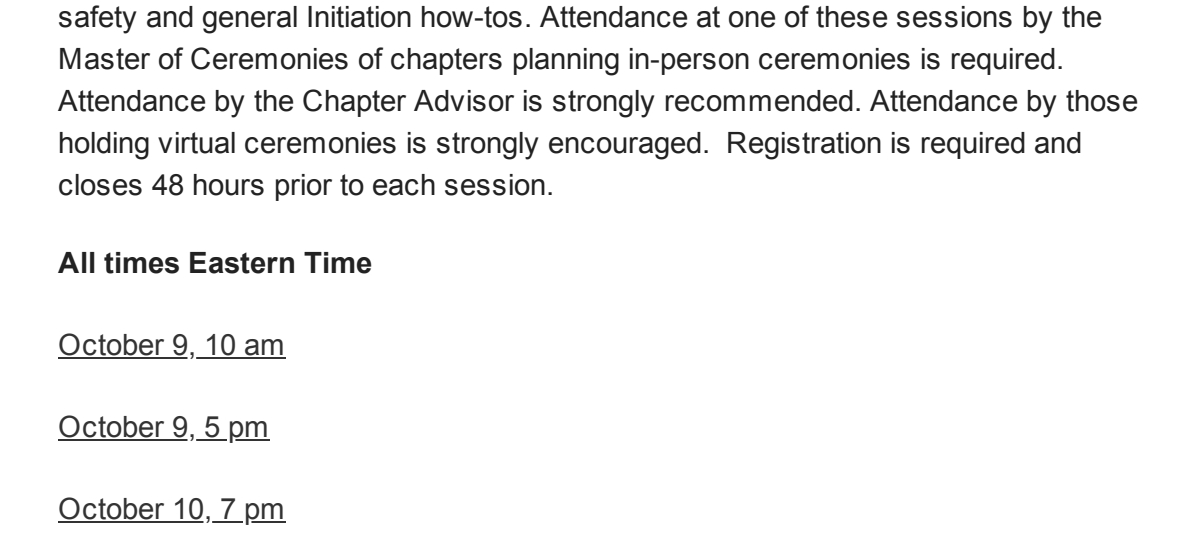
For more information, the Health and Safety documents can be found on our [website](#). Chapters should also regularly check their university's rules and regulations for any updates related to hazing or other safety concerns. Questions can be directed to your [District Counselor](#) or [GCA Merryn Cole](#).



Chapter's Process for Reporting Pledges

Our process has changed slightly - please make yourself familiar with the new process outlined below.

1. The Chapter elects pledges.
2. The Vice Master Alchemist or Reporter submits the pledges' information to the National Office using the [Pledge Report Form](#). Include faculty and professional pledges as well as collegiate pledges.
 - When pledging a professional candidate who is not a faculty member at your school, complete the [Professional Candidate for Initiation Form](#) and email to reports@alphachisigma.org.
 - Faculty members and professional candidates are still responsible for paying fees.
 - The Pledge Report Form must be submitted at least four weeks prior to the initiation ceremony.
 - To determine if a pledge form has been processed, please check the [pledge recording process log](#).
3. The National Office will send the VMA, Reporter, Chapter Advisor, and the DC a Pledge Confirmation Report. Review the report carefully and report any errors immediately. This is the ONLY confirmation you will receive.
4. Pledges will pay all fees directly to the chapter. The chapter will be responsible for submitting fees for the pledge class to the National Office. For the process and breakdown of the fees, please visit the [Pledge Payment Process](#) page.
 - In the event a pledge does not complete the initiation process, the chapter should use the [Depledge Form](#) to report the depledge to the National Office and a refund of the lifetime membership fee will be issued.
5. The National Office submits initiation information to the vendor, who then mails membership certificates, cards, and member badges to the chapter.



From the GMC

Chapters wishing to hold Pledging and/or Initiation ceremonies in person must have permission from the GMC. GMC Ellis will be holding Q&A sessions in the coming weeks to help chapters plan in-person ceremonies. These sessions will cover both safety and general Initiation how-tos. Attendance at one of these sessions by the Master of Ceremonies of chapters planning in-person ceremonies is required. Attendance by the Chapter Advisor is strongly recommended. Attendance by those holding virtual ceremonies is strongly encouraged. Registration is required and closes 48 hours prior to each session.

All times Eastern Time

[October 9, 10 am](#)

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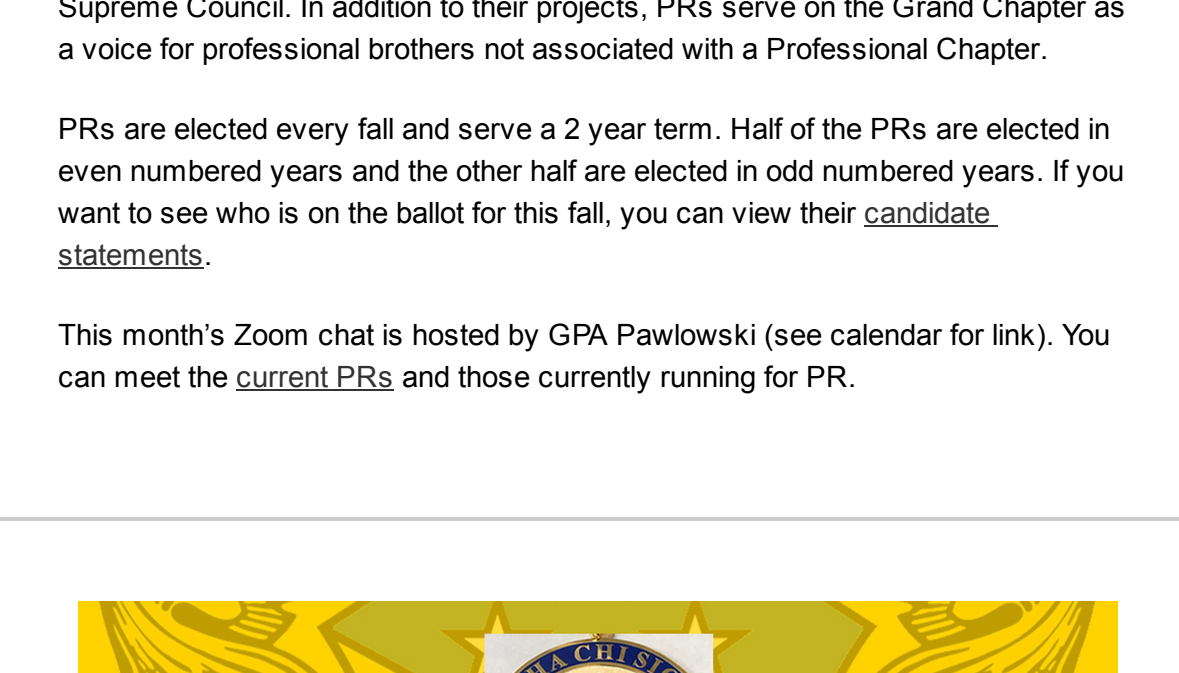
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[November 7, 7 pm](#)



Back to Basics: What is a Professional Representative (PR)?

Professional Representatives (also known as PRs) are another group of Grand Chapter members. There are currently 8 PRs, but that number is set every biennium at Conclave. PRs are the special projects team for the Grand Chapter often working on their own projects or working on projects as assigned by the Supreme Council. In addition to their projects, PRs serve on the Grand Chapter as a voice for professional brothers not associated with a Professional Chapter.

PRs are elected every fall and serve a 2 year term. Half of the PRs are elected in even numbered years and the other half are elected in odd numbered years. If you want to see who is on the ballot for this fall, you can view their [candidate statements](#).

This month's Zoom chat is hosted by GPA Pawlowski (see calendar for link). You can meet the [current PRs](#) and those currently running for PR.



Graduation Items Are Available Online

Avoid the Graduation rush and [order your items now!](#) Along with graduation medallions, cords, and stoles, you can find replacement membership badges and pins and a few novelty items!



Alpha Chi Sigma Merch Store

Make sure you visit our Alpha Chi Sigma merch store! We have thousands of Alpha Chi Sigma branded merchandise! Take advantage of the October sale - 10% off all Long Sleeve tees through October 31, 2021! It's a great time to stock up for the colder months ahead!



Upcoming Important Dates & Events

October 9, 2021 • 8:00pm Eastern • [Meet the PR's Zoom](#) - Meet the Professional Representatives and Professional Representative Candidates hosted by Grand Professional Alchemist Sean Pawlowski • Meeting ID: 817 0994 9393 • Passcode: 915913

October 30, 2021 • 1:00pm Eastern • North Central District Conclave hosted by North Central District Counselor Hannah Bowman. [Registration required](#).

November 13, 2021 • 8:00pm Eastern • AMAA with Grand Master Alchemist Kip Nalley. Stay tuned for more details!

December 11, 2021 • 8:00pm Eastern • Founder's Day Celebration with Grand Historian Mitch Levings. Stay tuned for more details!

