

Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity

Professional In Chemistry



Office of the
GRAND MASTER ALCHEMIST

Randy Weinstein
800 Lancaster Ave.
Villanova, PA 19085
gma@alphachisigma.org

Annual Report of the Grand Master Alchemist December 31, 2013

Overview

The year of 2013 was yet another productive one for the Fraternity. We installed one new collegiate chapter and have a petition for another chapter working its way through our system. No chapters have gone inactive this year. Most impressively we currently have 4 collegiate colonies as well as 8 other pre-colonies, where initiations have been approved and are taking place. The national office has moved to a new location which will be safer, cheaper to operate, and will benefit the employees and brotherhood for years to come. The old office is currently on the market with one offer on it and hopefully it will be sold in the near future.

Growth

There is one major goal for my term as GMA; that is growth. You have heard about this in the annual solicitation sent out the past two years and we will continue to highlight this theme in future solicitations. Notice that these solicitations are coming from the entire council and not just the GPA as historically was done. This will help us grow our financial resources for the future. In addition, we are growing in the number of chapters. We have developed new expansion materials to be used to assist in forming new chapters and we will be spending a chunk of conclave time this year building our capacity and ability to expand. We grew the Hexagon, having each SC member take charge of an edition and giving it a theme relevant and of interest to our members. You would have seen so far an edition on what the fraternity means to you and why you financially support it. Also an edition on fraternal bonds and new relationships that have forms. The edition currently in production is on leadership and how fraternal life helps that valuable skill grow.

As we increase the number of chapters we will increase the number of people impacted by our great fraternity. We will continue to grow the resources and benefits available to our members. Some of these include reduced insurance rates from Gieco, continued alcohol awareness training for all collegiate chapters and colonies, reduced rates at Gradspring for technical job opportunities, a new and improved Wyvern Pin/Chemistry outreach policy, more resources (including the pledge manual) available online, a better more efficient national office, and more.

Conclave

Wahoowa – I am going back to my home chapter for conclave (which was selected by the other SC members before I weighed in with my input). Everyone should come. Not only to experience all that Alpha Kappa has to offer, but also to experience something new. Conclave will be changing a lot this year to make it more productive, fun, and worthwhile for everyone in the brotherhood. Of course a lot of traditions and history will remain, but if you have been before – come experience something new. If you have never been before – what are you waiting for?

Committees

There are a bunch of people leading committees and their committee members doing a lot of work this year..

Alpha Chi Sigma Scholars: Stephen Schneider, Chair. Continue reviewing nominations and develop ways to attract more to apply for our awards.

DCs: Claudia Brodtkin, Chair. Continue to work with the DCs to help our chapters grow and prosper. Find common needs and set up resources to address them.

Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity

Professional In Chemistry

Expansion: Jennifer Schnippert, Chair. Continue working with our current contacts and precolonies. Develop new plan for increasing interest in the fraternity.

General Advisory: Jennifer Showerman, Chair. Continue giving general advice to the fraternity. Particular efforts at help with the office relocation assessment will be required.

House Chapter Advisory: Michael Quan, Chair. Continue working with housing corporations that provide living and meeting space to our members.

Kuebler Award: William Sandstrom, Chair

Social Media Guidelines: Eric Haas, Chair. Continue monitoring new forms of social media for any needs/adjustments

Nominations: Melissa Ward, Chair. Improve methods for vetting candidates

Special Needs: Cary Supalo, Chair. Continue examination of our processes and procedures.

Ritual: Jon Wenzel, Chair. Green and flameless initiatives.

PR examination: Kip Nalley, Chair: What is the best use of PRs and what is their future within our organization.

Outreach and second object: Randy Weinstein, Chair, science outreach and second objective combo committee.

Yours in the Double Bond,

Randy Weinstein, *Alpha Kappa 1990*
Grand Master Alchemist