

Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity Supreme Council Meeting

December 3-4, 2016
Holiday Inn Newport News
943 J Clyde Morris Blvd
Newport News, VA 23601

December 3

The Supreme Council met in the Holiday Inn conference room in Newport News, Virginia. Present were: GMA Jonathon Wenzel Δ '96; GPA Helen Webster AP '94; GCA Kip Nalley ΑΣ '90; GMC Jason Ellis Δ '97; GR Patrick J. Johanns, ΑΘ'81. Also present for some or all of the meeting were: Angelica Jusino ΔΖ '15, CCDC Erin Fagan ΠI '09, ACDC Jeff Moore ΑΩ'96, PR Hannah Bowman BN '06, PR Stephanie Bates, AP '95, ECDC Claudia P. Brodtkin ΠI '02, Washington Pro President William Chang T '03, and OA Gary Anderson AH '62.

GMA Wenzel welcomed all in attendance and opened meeting at 4:00 pm on Saturday, December 3rd.

Grand Master Alchemist

1. Conflicts of Interested – No conflicts of interest were identified by the members of the Supreme Council.
2. Committee Appointments – All committees have been filled except for nominating committee. These committee is expected to be completed in January. Some potential committee members were discussed.
3. Education Foundation – The Fraternity will be donating \$100,000 to the Alpha Chi Sigma Educational Foundation over the next 5 years into a restricted fund that will be used for the Alpha Chi Sigma Scholar Award. The donation will be announced on Founders Day.

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Grand Professional Alchemist

4. Foundation Solicitation during Fraternity Solicitation – There are concerns that the Foundation's next solicitation may occur during December when it might cause confusion with the end of the 2016 solicitation.
5. Professional Chapters – Doing well. There is talk of groups forming in the Tidewater and Buffalo areas.
6. Professional Representatives – The PRs. are active working on committees. They have offered to help and create content for the professional newsletter. PR Deschaines will be standing down from PR Chair

7. AIChE – GMA Wenzel will be attending and overseeing our visibility there.
8. Philly ACS Meeting – There was a good turnout including Br. Shakisheri. Good discussions resulted and it is reported that he learned a new demo for his chemistry show.
9. Motion 21: Alumni Relations Committee – The committee is working.

Grand Collegiate Alchemist

10. Report on Redistricting and District Committee usage (specific issues—closed session) – The number of districts decreased this biennium. The DCs have given a positive response to efforts to make greater use of committee members to visit chapters and assist. Results will be reviewed at the end of the spring semester. The strategy appears to be working positively.
11. Motion 7: Changes to Membership Election Process – Efforts to abide with this motion has not been quite working as intended as a self-reporting measures. Some education of the Chapter Advisors with help with this.
12. Expansion Update Colonies
 - a. Expansion Directors
 - b. Northern Illinois U of Zeta – They are basically ready to move ahead on the path to chapterhood.
 - c. Winthrop U of Rho – Spring activities will be evaluated for their readiness to petition in late 2017.
 - d. Albion College of Alpha Beta – Has had a 20 plus pledge class which included a faculty member that can be the Chapter Advisor. They will likely be ready soon for a GMA visit.
 - e. UC-Irvine of Beta Gamma - has been a colony for a long time. They would like to have more involvement in the department. They will be evaluated for their readiness to petition to be a chapter.
 - f. Kappa of Beta Rho – They have had problems with keeping officers and some conflicts with their parent chapter. There are 3 active brothers who are interested in moving forward. They need a good pledge class in spring to stay viable.
 - g. Philadelphia U of Gamma Omega – They have had a GMA representative visit. The report on the visit is being prepared. It is a small school but it has a variety of majors that would be good fits for Alpha Chi Sigma. It is likely that we will be able to vote on allowing them to petition.
 - h. U of New Orleans of Delta Beta – Their petition is being voted on now.
 - i. U of Tampa of Delta Gamma – has been a colony for a long time. If their upcoming evaluation goes well, they will be given the green light to petition to be a chapter.
 - j. Alpha Gamma Colony – They look on track to be reactivated in the Fall of 2017 pending a good spring term.
 - k. University of Richmond – Looking good. Probably on track to become a chapter later next year.
13. Expansion Update Collegiate Groups

- a. Westminster of Delta – Active but did not do a pledge in the fall. They want to do initiations once a year. A better indication of their status after this spring.
 - b. Oregon State U of Sigma – As far as we know there are still Brothers there wanting to start a chapter.
 - c. U of Richmond of Alpha Kappa
 - d. Florida A&M of Gamma Beta – Doing great!
 - e. UC Santa Barbara of Gamma Zeta – will probably expire.
 - f. Alpha Gamma of Gamma Eta
 - g. York of Gamma Kappa – Doing well.
 - h. Kettering of Alpha Upsilon – Kettering has two cohorts of students that do not overlap on campus which are both active in forming a chapter. This will pose an interesting situation that we will have to address if they become a chapter.
 - i. Additional Expansion
14. New Colonies – The Supreme Council voted to create colonies at Florida A&M, York, and Kettering.
15. Chapters at risk – None on this list!!!

Grand Master of Ceremonies

16. Ritual Committee – Is moving along okay. The committee has been appointed. Sean Pawlowski is the chair. The committee has two subcommittees, collegiate and professional ritual. Reports from these committees will be ready at the summer meeting.
17. Sourcebook (Pledge Manual) – Very few changes will be made for the next edition.
18. Rush Brochure – Will be reviewed after the first of the year.
19. Flameless candle plan – Flameless candles are sent with each new ritual shipment.
20. Fall installations of Delta Zeta – Done!
21. Potential winter installations
22. Update on regalia inventory – Tokens are in short supply. As there could be as many as 9 installations/reactivations in the next 12 months, inventory levels on most things will have to be replenished.

Grand Recorder

23. Office and Office Staff – The Grand Recorder reported that Tamara Hogg will be starting on Monday, December 5, in the National Office. She will be learning the ropes during December and assuming the role of National Office Manager in January. Marena will be acting in an advisory role during January. Marena is starting a business providing consulting and services for nonprofits.

The SC broke at 6:15pm for dinner at Sushi King. Lively discussions between the SC and other brothers coupled with all you can eat sushi led to an evening of excellent Fraternal bonding at dinner which was followed by board games back at the Holiday Inn.

December 4

The Supreme Council met in closed session from 8:45 to 10:55am.

The SC resumed in open session at 11:22am.

24. The Supreme Council voted unanimously to expel Christopher Chin, Beta pursuant to a valid petition from Beta Chapter.
25. 54th Biennial Conclave – Conclave bid material will be posted in January and will be due on April 1.
26. SC Meeting – Chicago was discussed as location for next SC meeting potentially coinciding with a chapter installation.
27. Hexagon SC Responsibilities
 - a. Spring – GMC
 - b. Summer – GCA
 - c. Fall – GPA
 - d. Winter – GMA
28. HotelStorm – The SC approves the GR entering into an agreement with HotelStorm to provide discounts on hotel stays for active members.
29. Communications Plan – A comprehensive communication plan needs to be developed. Each SC officer should have a post at least once a month. A committee will be appointed to provide recommendations regarding a communication plan. They will report to the GR.
30. Google Docs – The SC will try to set up a Google Docs account to share files.
31. Outreach Programs – Incorporate the Wyvern pin program into the social media committee to the calendar.
32. Style Guide – Modifications to the style guide were discussed. The GMC will compile the changes. January 15 is a goal for finalizing the guide.
33. Expansion – A discussion of the chapter formation pipeline explored the reasons for the possible reasons for the large number of installation/reactivation slated for this year. Strategies for planting the seeds for more chapters were explored. We will be using Facebook ads to promote Alpha Chi Sigma at Western Michigan, Tufts, and University of Texas at Austin. The GR will place these ads.

At 4:50 pm, the GMA thanked everyone for their efforts so far this biennium and summarized his thought for the coming year and adjourned the meeting.