**2018 Grand Master of Ceremonies Annual Report**

December 31, 2018

I am excited and humbled to be submitting my first report as Grand Master of Ceremonies. Already this has been a productive and rewarding start to the biennium.  I must take the time to thank the collegiate and professional brothers who helped make this year’s installations a fun and memorable time.

There are a few specific milestones I wish to point out:

* ***Sourcebook.***  Within the first few weeks of the biennium the sourcebook was revised incorporating changes from the revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws, the Tartan, and other aspects as a result of Grand Chapter legislation out of the Pittsburgh Conclave.  A special thanks to Erin Goodwin at the National Office for all of her assistance with the revision. For the 2019-2020 edition, a full review of the Sourcebook will be performed due to formatting recommendations. Specifically, I will direct several members of the Ritual Committee with aiding in the review of several sections including addressing Risk Management within the Sourcebook.
* ***Ritual Committee.***  I am currently working with GMA Helen Webster in establishing the full ritual committee. Kate Cavanaugh will be the chair for this biennium.  The ritual committee will be evaluating several topics including sourcebook revisions, chemical demonstration risk management, a resource book of good practices for master of ceremonies, and checking in with chapters to see how the new ritual roll-out is proceeding. The most important task from my perspective is the MC resource book. I often received many questions as a DC by new MCs that I believe can be answered quickly and easily with a resource book.
* ***Delta Xi Installation.***  The installation of the Delta Xi Chapter at the University of Tampa was on September 29, 2018.  The Delta Xi Brothers did an absolutely excellent job putting together a wonderful Installation event.  The event was well attended by other collegiate chapter representatives. GMA Helen Webster presided with GPA Kip Nalley, GCA Howard Mayne, and GMC Sean Pawlowski participating in the ceremony.  Thank you Delta Xi for a wonderful weekend.
* ***Delta Omicron Installation.***  While I was unable to personally attend the The installation of the Delta Omicron Chapter at the Florida A&M University was on November 3, 2018.  The Delta Omicron Brothers also did an excellent job putting together a wonderful Installation event. GMA Helen Webster presided with GPA Kip Nalley, and GCA Howard Mayne participating in the ceremony.  Thank you Delta Omicron for a wonderful weekend.
* ***Token Update.***I’ve been working with the South Dakota School of Mines to replenish our stock of copper boxes and lead and silver tokens. A proposed method for fabricating the silver tokens has been discussed and the new tokens look quite good. This will allow the fraternity to fabricate new and replacement tokens much more quickly.
* ***No major initiation incidents***.  As of the writing of this report, outside of some fear over missing ritual copies which were unfounded, no major issues or incidents have been reported.  I appreciate the feedback I’ve received so far pver the updated ritual.
* ***Merchandising.*** This is an artifact that I stole from former GMC Wenzel’s 2012 report as it is quite pertinent to current discussions. I have been asked by several brothers about additional official fraternity merchandising and permission to have the fraternity letters on their class ring. I have authored a letter to be provided to class ring makers to allow brothers to have our letters on the side of the ring. The following is the excerpt from GMC Wenzel’s report:
  + In addition several suggestions have come in for merchandising: t-shirts, bicycle jerseys, charm bracelets, collectible conclave coins, as well as other items.

It has been a very productive start to the biennium and I have high expectations over the next 18 months.   It has been an eye-opening experience working with our Brothers and the other members of the Supreme Council.  Barring any distraction my hope is to roll-out additional merchandise as well as other resources for use by our chapters at the conclusion of the biennium.

Yours in the Double Bond,

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