

Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity

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Overview

In general, the state of the Fraternity from the point of view of this office, is doing well. We have already welcomed three new Chapters into its folds and are ready to recognize two more. In my tenure as GMC, I did not have to answer the question asked about “answering the phone at four in the morning” once. Credit goes out to all of the Grand Chapter for working within the guidelines we set out. I was fortunate to visit several Chapters and one colony during their ritualistic work this biennium. Every time, their hard work had made me leave feeling proud to be a Brother of this Fraternity.

Source Book

Once again, the Source Book for new members went through some revisions. Small corrections that date back to pledge manuals in the 70’s were made, but the content remained consistent throughout. What did change was the publishing. Initially, the Source Book was being updated twice a school year; once in August and once in December, to reflect changes in the Grand Chapter. This would result in either unused books that went to waste, or having to order small lots of books to fill needs, driving up the cost. Last year, a single Source Book was published to cover the academic year. This saved the Fraternity in cost and reduced wasted printing.

Ritual and Regalia

The biggest effort this year was to help this organization become flameless. To this end, a rebate program for both Collegiate and Professional Chapters to help reduce the financial barrier was offered. I have had the fortune to visit several Chapters this year, and I am pleased with the innovative work they have done to this end. When actual candles are used, it seems out of the ordinary now.

One of the simplest but biggest challenges this biennium was to resupply our stock of cast badges and coat of arms. These are the ones you see to your right when you enter the National Office. Our supplier in the past had moved locations and had lost our original templates. My gratitude goes out to Marena and the National Office staff for helping get the issue resolved.

In what was probably an oversight, the PIC/PRC portion of the ritual is now available to all Professional Representatives. This should help them in the performance of their job. Any Professional Brother who may need a copy for ritualistic work may still contact the National Office or the GMC for information on obtaining a copy.

Copies of the ritual were also made available to Chapter Advisors who requested them. This was brought up to help eliminate the need for uncontrolled copies being generated and circulated.

Lastly, a green Part 6 which had been used mainly in the Central District has been examined by the Ritual Committee and eliminates all hazardous chemicals from the part. It will be demonstrated and distributed to Chapters at Conclave.

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Installations

In the past biennium, we have added four new Collegiate Chapters and one new Professional Chapter to our Organization.

On April 16, 2011, an Extraordinary Meeting of the Grand Chapter was held in Farmville, Virginia for the purpose of installing Gamma Chi as the 94th Collegiate Chapter of the Fraternity. One year later, on April 14th, 2012, an Extraordinary Meeting of the Grand Chapter was held in Toledo, Ohio for the purpose of installing Gamma Psi as the 95th Collegiate Chapter of the Fraternity. In June, 2012, GCA Weinstein presented New Jersey Professional Chapter with their Charter.

Recently, Gamma Omega at Widener College and Delta Alpha at the University of Rhode Island have also been approved by the Collegiate and Professional Chapters. The pleasure of installing these two newest Chapters will fall to my successor in the Fall of 2012.

Yours in the Double Bond

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Grand Master of Ceremonies