

Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity

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Overview

2015 has been a busy year for the fraternity. While every organization has their ups and downs, Alpha Chi Sigma continues to show growth in all aspects. With fewer distractions, Supreme Council has been able to begin focusing on long-term planning for the continued health of the organization.

Expansion

In 2015, the Fraternity has expanded by one Professional Chapter and three Collegiate Chapters. I had the privilege of presenting Kansas City Professional Chapter their Charter in August. We have reactivated Beta Mu chapter at Occidental College and Beta Pi Chapter at the University of Florida. Our newest Chapter, Delta Epsilon at Boston University will be officially installed in February of 2016. We currently have a colony at the University of New Orleans, which is about ready to petition for their Charter.

SC/DC June Meeting/Orientation

In June, Supreme Council met along with our newest District Counselors. Along with discussion of fraternal business and a visit from Brad Hulse, the focus was on bringing the DC's up to speed on their responsibilities. Topics included developing working relationships with Chapter Advisors, District Conclave development, and how to help their Chapters with ritualistic questions and problems.

Website

At the end of 2014, SC approved a budget to redesign our national website. This has been an ongoing project with Blackbaud to get it up and running. Originally slated to be completed in September, various corrections in the coding and working with the designers to provide a professional website we can all be proud of has taken longer than expected.

Conclave

Supreme Council in July accepted the bid from Alpha Omega Chapter at Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Georgia, to host the 53rd Biennial Conclave. The date has been set for July 25-29, 2016. I have met with the host chapter in September and everyone seems to have a positive attitude about the upcoming event.

Committees

Nominating Committee has met and identified members to run for Supreme Council for the 54th Biennium. The names will be announced at the Supreme Council meeting in January.

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

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

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

Professional Expansion: Kerri Federico, Chair. Work with GMA and GPA to develop and implement policies and procedures for the expansion of the Professional Branch.

General Advisory: Randy Weinstein, Chair. Continue giving general advice to the fraternity.

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. Input on redesign of website.

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

Ritual: Stephanie Bates, Chair. Beginning work on the next ritual update.

Miscellaneous

In August, Rev. Jean Kuebler, granddaughter of Brother John Kuebler, and her husband came to visit the National Office. John Becker, Marena, Allison, and myself enjoyed spending part of the day talking with her about her grandfather and what he meant to the Fraternity. This was one of the truly memorable moments this year to learn about our history. My warmest thanks to John who was a wealth of knowledge and impressed everyone.

Yours in the Double Bond,

Mark Evaniak, *Beta Sigma, 1980*
Grand Master Alchemist