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Other Leadership: Vice Chair, Young Professionals of Bloomington (YPB) Steering Committee, Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, 2023 – Present. Board Member At-Large, Monroe County Civic Theatre (MCCT), 2024 – Present.

**Bio:**

Initiated Fall 2006 Beta Nu chapter; Webmaster, Beta Nu chapter, 2007 – 2008; Vice Master of Ceremonies, Beta Nu chapter, 2007; Vice Master Alchemist, Beta Nu chapter 2008; Wisconsin Professional Group founding member, 2011 - 2016; Professional Representative, 2014 – 2018; Treasurer, Indianapolis Professional chapter, 2017 – 2018; Member, Ritual Committee (2018 revisions), 2017 – 2018; attendee of the 2008 - 2022 Biennial Conclaves; North Central District Counselor, 2018-present; District Counselor Chair, 2020 – present.

**Statement:**

I am honored to have been nominated to run for Grand Master of Ceremonies. Serving on the Supreme Council has been one of my goals ever since I started thinking about what life in Alpha Chi Sigma would look like after my time at Purdue. Luckily, I had a wonderful mentor and friend, Lauren Giarmo, who served as my “big brother” when I was pledge. She had just finished an internship at the National Office and kept telling Beta Nu chapter about all the things happening at the national level. Lauren convinced me to attend the 2008 Biennial Conclave since it was just down the road at Indiana University and let me sleep on the floor of her room when I could only be there Friday and Saturday due my own internship that summer. But from that brief experience, meeting so many Professional brothers and seeing everyone’s passion for the Fraternity, I was hooked.

Alpha Chi Sigma, like so many things in life, gives as much as you put into it. From the countless late-night conversations to the instant bonds of friendship, from the networking opportunities to the memories that last a lifetime, I can say without a doubt that joining Alpha Chi Sigma was one of the best decisions I made in college. I have been happy to serve at the national level, first as a Professional Representative, and now as a District Counselor, for over a decade. And I will happily continue paying it forward so that the scores of brothers who joined after I did can have the same life changing experiences.

The Ritual of our initiation ceremony is what binds us together as brothers across college campuses and state lines. One of the key components that most chapters lost during the Pandemic was how to put on a good initiation. While many chapters have regained their stride, there are still nuances and details that have been forgotten. If elected as GMC, I want to restart The Spangle in some form and provide regular touchpoints with chapters on best practices for initiation. I also want to develop other mechanisms for opening lines of communication for ritualistic discussion within the confines of our secrecy requirements.

Another piece of our lifelong bond comes from the realization that the Fraternity is larger than any one chapter. While the collegiate chapter experience is invaluable, very few new members truly understand what we mean when we say membership is for life. I believe that the main cause for this gap in knowledge is education. More time needs to be spent during Pledge Education on the Professional Branch, what it means to be a Professional brother, and how Alpha Chi Sigma functions on a national level. To this end, as GMC I will work with the GCA and DCs to promote the use of The Sourcebook and build additional tools for chapters to use during Pledge Education. Furthermore, I will promote the Professional Induction and Professional Recognition Ceremonies as part of the regular communications I mentioned above and work with the GPA and PRs to ensure that chapters can access this aspect of ritual.

Finally, I will build upon the work of past GMCs. I will continue to be a steward for Alpha Chi Sigma’s trademarks. I thoroughly enjoyed attending the installations of Delta Zeta and Delta Nu chapters and it is my hope that I will be able to plan the installation of Delta Tau at the University of Delaware. And if I should not be elected, I will continue to serve this, the Fraternity of my choosing, in whatever capacity the Supreme Council requires of me.

Yours in the Double Bond,

Hannah Bowman