

# Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity

Professional In the Chemical Sciences

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Biennial Report of the Grand Master Alchemist

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## Overview

This biennium has been one for change. This may surprise many for those who know me, realize that I'm in many ways a traditionalist. In some ways, we may rest assured that these changes were well thought out and much needed. I would like to thank the hard work of the National Office and my fellow Supreme Council Brothers over the past biennium.

## Expansion

Not just this biennium but over the past 6 years, the Fraternity has continued to add both Collegiate and Professional Chapters and groups. To help manage this growth, the 52<sup>nd</sup> Biennium ended with the Fraternity expanding and reorganizing to 17 Districts and District Counselors. The ability to support this many Districts has challenged everyone, and may be evaluated again.

We have reactivated our Chapters at Occidental (Beta Mu) and University of Florida (Beta Iota) and have new Chapters at both Southeast Missouri (Delta Delta) and Boston University (Delta Epsilon). Unfortunately, we have deactivated Gamma Phi at the University of Buffalo, but hope to look at expanding back there in the near future.

There are currently 9 colonies that are readying themselves for chapter status, including a reactivation effort at the University of Kansas, with two preparing their petitions for a Fall vote of the Grand Chapter.

This biennium, the term "Pre-colony" has been removed from our lexicon. These groups of students are now referred to as "Collegiate Groups". Much like their professional counterpart, they represent colleges or universities where there is an interest in Alpha Chi Sigma, but as yet not enough of an organizational structure to support a colony. There are currently 7 Collegiate Groups across the country, which include a reactivation initiative at the University of Kentucky.

This past year we have also gained a Professional Chapter in the Kansas City area. I had the pleasure of meeting with the Brothers there during their installation, and look forward to hearing of their successes in the future.

## National Website

Last biennium, we moved our National Headquarters from N. Franklin Rd. to a new, more efficient office on Rucker Road. This Biennium, we moved our virtual office at [alphachisigma.org](http://alphachisigma.org). The new website design may have taken longer than we had anticipated, but was worth the wait. The redesign is friendly to both Brothers and to those interested in finding out what Alpha Chi Sigma is. A lot of hard work has gone into this effort by many people. In order not to leave anyone out, everyone has my deepest thanks for a job well done.

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## SC/DC Meeting, July, 2015

With the expanded number of districts came a number of Brothers who have volunteered to become District Counselors for the first time. During the Summer SC meeting, a day was dedicated in training these new DC's; explaining expectations; demonstrating procedures and spending time growing as a team. I am pleased with the overall effort and wish to thank all of their hard work over the past biennium.

## Title IX

In the past, the Fraternity has spent time focusing on various social issues that pose a risk to the organization. An effort has continued to make sure all Collegiate and Professionals are aware of our alcohol policies and how they pertain to the Fraternities Risk Management Policy.

A new challenge to all collegiate has surfaced, not just Alpha Chi Sigma. There has been a growing concern on how students, faculty, staff, professionals, and organizations handle reports of violations to the Title IX governance. This generally covers all forms of discrimination, including sex, racial, and violence. The SC is working hard to stay ahead of what is required and over the past biennium has worked with various university officials in understanding what is required of us both legally and morally to ensure compliance.

## Conclave

This year, we will all be meeting in Atlanta, Georgia from July 25-29 for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conclave, hosted by Alpha Omega Chapter. For those remembering our last trip to this campus in 1998, I personally promise not to bring anything potentially damaging to myself. The event will run from Monday to Friday, providing everyone two days of travel at both the beginning and end of the event. I have been impressed with the hard work of the Alpha Omega Brothers in getting ready, and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

## Errata

One final change that everyone may have noticed is in our header above. In July of last year, the Supreme Council had voted to change our tag line from "Professional in Chemistry" to "Professional in the Chemical Sciences". As the Sciences have matured, we may consider ourselves to be experts in Material Sciences, Food Science, Microbiology, Forensics, etc. Yet we all have an underlying foundation in Chemistry. We feel that this new tag line represents our membership better and hopefully may encourage others to feel the same way.

In 2015, I had the pleasure of traveling to the National Office and meeting with the Rev. Jean Kuebler, daughter of John Kuebler, Epsilon '10. Along with John Becker and the National Office staff, we had a wonderful time speaking with her about the history of Alpha Chi Sigma and how John was an important piece of that history.

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## Closing

It has been an honor to serve the Fraternity on the Supreme Council for the past six years, and humbling to serve as your President for the past biennium. Every Installation I attended and Brother I met reassures me that this organization that I love so much will continue to grow well into the future.

Yours in the Double Bond,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. N. Evaniak'.

Mark N. Evaniak, Beta Sigma 1980  
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