

2019 Grand Master of Ceremonies Annual Report

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I am excited and humbled to be submitting my report as Grand Master of Ceremonies. I must take the time to thank the collegiate and professional brothers who helped make this year's installation a fun and memorable time.

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

- **Sourcebook.** Last year 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 was performed due to formatting recommendations. It was discussed at the Summer SC meeting that no changes would happen to this version due to the limitation set by the Constitution and Bylaws. I believe that there are some changes that could be made that will benefit our chapters education efforts. Specifically, I will work with several members of the Ritual Committee and the new GMC candidates with an overview of several sections including addressing our new Health and Safety Policy within the Sourcebook.
- **Ritual Committee.** Kate Cavanaugh is 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.
- **Deltac Pi Installation.** The installation of the Delta Pi Chapter at the York University of Pennsylvania was on October 5, 2019. The Delta Pi 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 Merryn Cole, and GMC Sean Pawlowski participating in the ceremony. Thank you Delta Pi for a wonderful weekend.
- **Token Update.** I've been continuing the work with the South Dakota School of Mines to replenish our stock of copper boxes and lead and silver tokens. We have essentially caught up to our backlog and are now ordering to fulfill new installations. The new tokens look great and chapters have been overwhelmingly happy with them.
- **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. There have been some discussions about old copies reappearing so I will be working with the DCs this year to have them review with their chapters the disposal procedure for hard copies of the ritual.

- **Merchandising.** This is an artifact that I continue to steal 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. I believe Erin Goodwin will be presenting some options at the Winter SC meeting.

It has been a very productive biennium and I have high expectations over the next 6 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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