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2024 Annual Report

Ritual/Regalia

My focus for the start of this biennium has been finishing a project started by my predecessor, Matt Schnippert. During the 2024 Conclave, the District Counselors conducted an audit of each chapter's ritual binder to ensure that they were complete and current following the turmoil of COVID and the important health and safety related updates that were made in 2022. Also, during the 2024 Conclave, Brother Charles McAnany took photos while Zeta Chapter was practicing for model initiation. I was able to use some of these photos to generate an addendum to the Archaeus providing guidance on the proper way to wear the regalia. The National Office was able to send any missing parts of the ritual binder to each chapter along with the addendum. As of this report, 60% of chapters have received their mailing while we are waiting on responses from the other 40% of chapters to send the mailing.

Ritual Committee

SEDC Kate Cavanaugh has been appointed Ritual Committee chair for the 58th biennium. We are working with Volunteer Coordinator Oliver Penrose to find both collegiate and professional Brothers to serve on the committee. This biennium committee will be focusing on writing short articles for use in fraternity newsletters as well assisting with a revision to alchemy content in the Sourcebook.

Ritual Mentoring Committee

After conversations at the 2024 Conclave, I am starting a new committee to be co-chaired by Grand Historian Mitch Levings and OA DeWayne Gerber. We will be working with Oliver to generate a group of Brothers with experience performing the ritual who can provide advice and guidance to anyone who is new to a given role. The committee will also help the host chapter for future Conclaves prepare for model initiation.

Trademarks/Merchandising

In the past 6 months, I have approved 12 merchandise requests from chapters wishing to sell sweatpants, sweatshirts, t-shirts, and keychains featuring Alpha Chi Sigma's letters, name, and/or coat of arms.

Social Media Committee

The social media committee will be chaired by Kelly Tinney and contains a mixture of professional and collegiate brothers. I hope to have the first committee meeting prior to the winter Supreme Council meeting in a few days. The goals of this committee are to determine which social media platforms we should using, the types of content that should be posted on each platform, refresh the social media policy, and help identify sources of content.

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Alpha Chi Sigma Scholar Committee

Applications for the 2024-2025 Alpha Chi Sigma Scholar Award will be due on 28MAR25.

125th Celebration

The Supreme Council is looking ahead to the 125th Anniversary Celebration that will occur in 2027. Since this milestone happens on a non-Conclave year, special consideration will be needed. To help determine the scope of the celebration, I will be sending out a survey later this Spring. Based on the responses, a committee will be convened to begin planning.

Rush/Recruitment (Motion 12 from 2024 Conclave)

Based on the decisions to upgrade the member database and website in 2025, it will not be feasible to implement any additional databases this biennium. Furthermore, rush and recruitment activities will vary year to year and campus to campus making maintaining such a database difficult and time consuming. A guidance document on general best practices for recruitment would not require as much office time for generation or maintenance as opposed to a database of activities.

Future Plans

I am excited to dive into 2025 and get started on more of my goals. I am planning large revision to the Sourcebook – including the alchemy content mentioned above – to streamline the document to make it easier for pledge candidates to find the information they need while preserving our history and making available the additional information for those who want to explore deeper. I will be designing new regalia for the GHSO and AGR to use at Conclave, Installations, and other events. Finally, I look forward to meeting and interacting with even more Brothers now that I am on the Supreme Council.

Yours in the Double Bond,

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Grand Master of Ceremonies
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