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2025 Annual Report

Ritual/Regalia

In the fall of 2024, I issued an addendum to the Archaeus providing guidance on the proper way to wear the regalia. Additionally, the National Office sent any missing parts of the ritual binder to each chapter along with the addendum. As of this report, all but one active chapter has received its mailing. We have seen a direct correlation in the timeliness of responses with chapters that struggle with communication and officer transitions.

In February 2025, I traveled, along with the GMA, to visit Beta Phi chapter in Rapid City, SD. I was able to observe their initiation ritual. Additionally, I had fruitful discussions with the chapter and the owner of the venue where they hold the ceremony to better understand the safety measures put in place as well as the terms of the agreement between the chapter and the venue.

I developed designs and found a vendor for the new GHSO and AGR medallions to match the rest of the Supreme Council. I will work with this vendor to get a quote and have these medallions made in time for Conclave.

Ritual Committee

The Ritual Committee is now fully staffed and has had several productive meetings. The focus of the committee has been writing short articles on ritual related topics. Final edits are being made, and these articles will soon be published in the monthly *Chrome and Blue* and *Double Bond* newsletters.

Ritual Mentoring Committee

The committee has recruited several great candidates to mentor the parts of the ritual. At this point, the committee will start working with the host chapter for Conclave to ensure that they feel comfortable performing in the model initiation. Additionally, we will work on a publicity plan to ensure that all chapters know that they can request mentoring.

Trademarks/Merchandising

This year, I have approved 26 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. To make the process more streamlined, the National Office converted the form to use Formsite, like the other forms used to gather information from the chapters.

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Social Media Committee

The social media committee has not been able to have a successful meeting. A discussion will occur at the winter Supreme Council meeting on the contents of an updated social media policy and what the role of the committee should be going forward. I will work with the volunteer coordinator to find additional volunteers once we have solidified a focus for the committee.

Alpha Chi Sigma Scholar Committee

Applications for the 2025-2026 Alpha Chi Sigma Scholar Award will be due on 20MAR26. A new member of the committee was successfully recruited to replace a member who had taken on a more time-consuming role within Alpha Chi Sigma.

125th Celebration

The Supreme Council is looking ahead to the 125th Anniversary Celebration that will occur in 2027 in Madison, WI. I have put together a survey so that brothers may provide their input on preferences and expectations for this event. The participants of this year's Founders Day celebration have already responded to the survey. It will be distributed more widely this spring.

Rush/Recruitment/Pledge Education

A guidance document with best practices and suggestions for rush/recruitment events will be posted to the website early this spring. Additionally, an updated version of the Sourcebook will be published that not only includes the most current information but rearranges the content to better align with the Fraternal Canon. A second revision will occur to streamline the document and refresh the articles. Along side that revision, my plan is to develop a set of standardized quizzes that pledge educators can use in conjunction with the Fraternal Canon. By providing this resource, my hope is that chapters will focus more on the soft skills taught during pledge education instead of worrying about memorization of facts and trivia.

Yours in the Double Bond,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hannah Bowman'.

Dr. Hannah Bowman, *Beta Nu '06*
Grand Master of Ceremonies
Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity