

Report of the Grand Council to the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity

March 28, 2025

The Grand Council of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity is directed to submit a report to each regular Convention in accordance with the Alpha Rho Chi Bylaws, Article VII, Section 04. This report primarily covers the activity of Alpha Rho Chi, from the 76th National Convention held April 2024 through February 2025. The report is divided into 5 sections, as directed by the Alpha Rho Chi Bylaws (printed below for reference).

Section 04 The Grand Council shall make a report to each Regular Convention containing the following items:

01. A statement of the condition of the Fraternity;
02. The transactions, including all rules and regulations, adopted, of the Grand Council since the last Convention;
03. Notable disciplinary actions taken against chapters, associations, or members;
04. All recommendations for the good of the Fraternity that it may see fit to make;
05. All petitions for new Chapters.

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01. Statement of the Condition of the Fraternity

Summary

As we continue to move beyond the pandemic and ever changing world landscape, Alpha Rho Chi continues to address challenges both new and re-occurring. The Grand Council and National Appointees have remained focused on assisting our member organizations as best we can to regain and maintain stability.

Since 2018, the collegiate membership of the fraternity declined with our membership numbers stabilizing over the last few years. In comparison to Spring 2024, the current collegiate membership has risen around 20%, which is an encouraging sign. The Fraternity has also seen two chapters and one alumni association fall dormant. The Grand Council is monitoring an additional few chapters and alumni associations who may fall dormant in the not-too-distant future. In positive news, the enthusiasm for expansion of Alpha Rho Chi seems to have grown as we currently have 3 chapters in formation and several other interest groups at colleges and universities across the nation.

At this time our fraternity is currently financially stable and continues to conduct business at all levels. The Fraternity does however continue to feel the effects of inflation and are addressing the financial challenges caused by the increase in costs across all services. One of the most significant impacts of this is with our insurance coverage. While the Fraternity continues to be insured, the increase in general liability premiums as well as the hesitancy of underwriters to insure Greek organizations has presented a unique challenge to continue to have the appropriate coverage our organization needs. Even in the face of these challenges, as stated earlier, our fraternity is financially stable and continues to conduct business at all levels. More detail on this can be found in Section 2 of this report.

As stated in the Grand Council Report to the 76th National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska: Throughout the course of our 110-year history, Alpha Rho Chi has had periods of both expansive growth and decline, both in membership and in chapters and alumni associations. Surviving the height of the pandemic years and emerging from it as a stable national body was a challenge that we as a Fraternity navigated our way through and in some aspects, still are. The current times are no different and have presented their own unique challenges. Regardless, the Grand Council remains focused on assisting chapters and alumni associations in finding stability and prosperity, through education, mentorship and hands-on training. Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity will continue to utilize technology, our creativity, and our own collective knowledge to ensure success as best we know how.

Membership

Component Organizations

The fraternity is currently composed of 28 student chapters, 15 alumni associations and 3 chapters in formation. Over the past year, the Dinocrate Chapter and Numisius Chapter and Hippodamus Alumni Association voluntarily dissolved.

Collegiate Membership

As of February 28, 2025, the official membership of Alpha Rho Chi stands at 850 collegiate members, including members studying abroad, and 244 potential new members.

Aggregated collegiate membership statistics are shown in the table below. Including members and non-member affiliates at all chapters, our average chapter membership has stabilized since 2022 and has risen over our 2024 totals to be at prepandemic levels.

<i>Collegiate Membership Highlights</i>						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<i>Collegiate Members</i>	821	723	747	770	652	850
<i>Potential New Members</i>	112	181	123	98	230	244
Total	993	904	870	888	882	1,094
<i>Average Chapter Size (members only)</i>	25	23	23	25	23	27
<i>Average Chapter Size (members + PNMs)</i>	27	27	26	28	28	35
<i>Chapters ≥20</i>	14	15	15	15	15	20
<i>Chapters < 20</i>	19	17	18	16	14	8
<i>Chapters in Formation</i>	1	1	0	0	2	3

The following table provides a census of the membership of our chapter, as reported in GreekTrack through February 28, 2025, compared with the same census from the 2024 reports: **Note:** An asterisk (*) indicates a chapter in formation and a double asterisk (**) indicates a chapter that has gone dormant.

<i>Collegiate Membership Details</i>						
	2024-2025			2023-2024		
	Collegiates	PNMs	Total	Collegiates	PNMs	Total
<i>Agamedes</i>	52	0	52	31	20	51
<i>Amenophis</i>	27	1	28	15	5	20
<i>Andronicus</i>	17	0	17	3	0	3

<i>Anthemios</i>	32	20	52	35	14	49
<i>Apollodorus</i>	18	16	34	25	1	26
<i>Arcesius</i>	39	0	39	0	36	36
<i>Callimachus</i>	8	12	20	10	15	25
<i>Cleisthenes</i>	19	0	19	17	7	24
<i>Cossutius</i>	3	2	5	6	2	8
<i>Daedalus*</i>	0	50	50	0	0	0
<i>Demetrios</i>	37	0	37	33	31	64
<i>Dinocrates**</i>	0	0	0	11	0	11
<i>Domitian</i>	20	0	20	27	6	33
<i>Hadrian</i>	60	0	60	35	0	35
<i>Hippodamus</i>	18	0	18	17	0	17
<i>Iktinos</i>	54	0	54	52	11	63
<i>Isidorus</i>	27	0	27	25	0	25
<i>Kallikrates*</i>	0	73	73	0	28	0
<i>Metagenes</i>	31	5	36	30	3	33
<i>Mnesicles</i>	3	2	5	5	1	6
<i>Nicon</i>	25	0	25	8	9	17
<i>Numisius**</i>	0	0	0	9	0	9
<i>Olynthius</i>	27	0	27	14	0	14
<i>Pheeax</i>	0	35	35	14	0	14
<i>Philon</i>	57	0	57	14	0	14
<i>Polyidus</i>	40	8	48	29	1	30
<i>Rabirius</i>	8	0	8	20	3	23
<i>Senenmut</i>	18	0	18	18	8	26
<i>Seshait</i>	12	0	12	10	0	10
<i>Severus</i>	52	0	52	27	1	56

<i>Skopas</i>	46	20	66	52	20	72
<i>Theodorus</i>	42	0	42	26	0	26
<i>Vitruvius</i>	58	0	58	48	8	56
Total	850	244	1,094	652	230	882

Alumni Associations (WGAA)

There are 15 Alumni Associations affiliated with Alpha Rho Ch

- *Andronicus Alumni Association**
- *Anthemios Alumni Association*
- *Apollodorus Alumni Association*
- *Cleisthenes Alumni Association*
- *Daedalus Alumni Association*
- *Demetrios Alumni Association*
- *Domitian Alumni Association**
- *Iktinos Alumni Association*
- *Metagenes Alumni Association*
- *Olynthius Alumni Association*
- *Polyidus Alumni Association*
- *Senenmut Alumni Association*
- *Seshait Alumni Association*
- *Severus Alumni Association*
- *Vitruvius Alumni Association*

**Indicates Alumni Associations which are not currently in good standing.*

Associations who have fallen out of good standing this year will receive a notice in May 2025 identifying their outstanding requirements to be completed before the end of the fiscal year (June 30th). Any association with outstanding requirements as of July 1st will receive warnings and/or suspension notices as appropriate noting the deficiencies.

The Domitian Alumni Association did not complete all fiscal requirements for 2024 and are in their second consecutive year in bad standing with the Fraternity. A reminder of their outstanding requirements will be sent again in May and if not remedied before July 1, 2025, will be given a notice of suspension.

Alumni Membership

The current alumni membership as of March 25, 2025 stands at 10,906, with an additional 10 Honorary members and 42 Faculty members. Of our total alumni membership, we have 167 active members and 315 lifetime members. Our membership records also list 1,226 members as deceased.

The following table provides a census of current alumni data as reported in GreekTrack through March 24, 2025.

Alumni by Chapter					
Chapter	Total	Alumni	Honorary	Faculty	Deceased
Agamedes	99	99	0	0	0
Amenophis	104	104	0	0	0

Alumni by Chapter					
Chapter	Total	Alumni	Honorary	Faculty	Deceased
Andronicus	642	558	1	0	83
Anthemios	1441	1008	1	11	421
Apollodorus	422	413	1	3	6
Arcesius	0	0	0	0	0
Aristobulus	18	18	0	0	0
Callimachus	137	137	0	0	0
Cleisthenes	218	214	0	1	3
Cossutius	98	98	0	0	0
Daedalus	345	339	0	2	4
Daphnis	144	138	0	2	4
Demetrios	577	454	0	1	122
Dinocrates	324	205	0	0	29
Domitian	183	183	0	0	0
Hadrian	182	182	0	0	0
Hemiunu	51	51	0	0	0
Heracleides	105	103	0	2	0
Hippodamus	94	93	1	0	0
Iktinos	904	691	2	0	211
Imhotep	52	50	0	2	0
Isidorus	280	280	0	0	0
Kallikrates	94	70	0	0	24
Metagenes	425	403	0	2	20
Mnesicles	446	347	0	0	99
Nicon	176	174	0	2	0
Numisius	57	56	0	0	1

Alumni by Chapter					
Chapter	Total	Alumni	Honorary	Faculty	Deceased
Olynthius	136	133	1	1	1
Paeonios	106	26	0	0	80
Philon	139	139	0	0	0
Polyidus	163	162	0	1	0
Polyklitos	81	55	0	0	26
Pytheos	226	223	1	1	1
Rabirius	375	374	1	0	0
Rhoecus	166	163	0	2	1
Satyros	239	224	0	0	15
Senenmut	201	201	0	0	0
Seshait	227	220	0	5	2
Severus	256	256	0	0	0
Skopas	68	68	0	0	0
Sostratus	123	123	0	0	0
Theodorus	67	67	0	0	0
Theron	120	88	0	0	32
Vitruvius	496	463	1	2	30
Xenocles	189	176	0	2	11

Leadership

The Grand Council serves as the fraternity's Officers and also as the Board of Directors. They are:

- **Worthy Grand Architect:** A.J. Kessinger (Vitruvius)
- **Worthy Grand Associate Architect:** Zack Borell (Anthemios)
- **Worthy Grand Estimator:** Sama Verdina (Domitian)
- **Worthy Grand Scribe:** Margaret Scaglione (Senenmut)
- **Worthy Grand Lecturer:** Claudia Miraldi (Anthemios)
- **Worthy Grand Inspector:** Nathan Strother (Metagenes)
- **Grand Advisor:** Laura Schmidt (Anthemios)

Many hard-working, dedicated Alpha Rho Chi members serve the fraternity as appointees to the Grand Council. Our Regional Directors for 2024-2025 are:

- **Region 1/11 (Agamedes, Apollodorus, Nicon):** Melissa Holder (Polyidus)
- **Region 2 (Andronicus, Arcesius, Cleisthenes):** Caroline Bair (Anthemios)
- **Region 3 (Amenophis, Rabirius, Philon):** Elise Ketz (Demetrios)
- **Region 4 (Domitian, Iktinos, Vitruvius):** Cesar Portillo (Clesithenes)
- **Region 5 (Metagenes, Olynthius, Polyidus):** Thomas Wyatt (Apollodorus)
- **Region 6 (Hadrian, Hippodamus, Seshait):** Garrett Brown (Senenmut)
- **Region 7 (Callimachus, Cossutius, Numisius):** Melissa Boudreau (Metagenes)
- **Region 8 (Demetrios, Isidorus, Theodorus):** Caroline McCollam (Rabirius)
- **Region 9 (Anthemios, Mnesicles, Severus):** Dan McDonnell (Demetrios)
- **Region 10 (Skopas, Senenmut):** Maggie Kleinman (Olynthius)

Serving in key positions to support our fraternity initiatives are:

- **Charter Directors:** Cassidy Brown (Apollodorus) & Sam Ihle (Daedalus)
- **Events Coordinator:** Darius Greenleaf (Anthemios)
- **Expansion Director:** Nathan Lipson (Anthemios)
- **Leadership Conference Coordinator:** Josh Naputi (Cleisthenes)
- **Vendor Coordinator:** Rick Fryer (Vitruvius)
- **Alumni Director:** Caitlyn Talton-Prater (Cleisthenes)
- **Special Projects Coordinator:** Mary Beth Robbins (Theodorus), Didem Erbilien (Agamedes)

02: Transactions, Including All Rules and Regulations Adopted, of the Grand Council since the Last Convention

Rules and Regulations Adopted

The 76th National Convention held in April 2024 received nine motions submitted under new business with 5 of the motions passed, 1 was divided into 3 motions with two of the three parts passing, 2 of the motions failed and 1 was referred to committee.

1. Motion 76-01 moved to clarify the minutes from the 75th Convention confirming all references to “colonization” in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity be replaced with the term “chartering”, and all references to “colony” be replaced with the word “chartering organization” and “colonist” be replaced with the word “charter.” Motion passes.
2. Motion 76-02 moved the Alpha Rho Chi Rules and Regulations document to be ratified. Motion passes.
3. Motion 76-03 moved that the motion be split into Motion 76-03A and 76-03B. Motion passes.
 - a. Motion 76-03A moved that the motion be split into Motion 76-03A-1 and Motion 76-03A-2. Motion passes.
 - i. Motion 76-03A-1 moved to incrementally adjust the Alpha Rho Chi dues and fees schedule, per person, over the next four fiscal years (FY25, FY26, FY27, FY28) along the following schedule for alumni brothers: Recurring Dues, Per Person: Annual Alumni Dues to increase \$37.50 per fiscal year, resulting in \$250/year in FY28. Motion passes.
 - ii. Motion 76-03A-2 moved to incrementally adjust the Alpha Rho Chi dues and fees schedule, per person, over the next eight fiscal years (FY25, FY26, FY27, FY28, FY29, FY30, FY31, FY32) along the following schedule for collegiate brothers and charter members: Recurring Dues, Per Person:: Semesterly Collegiate Dues, Pledge Dues (formerly one-time fees) and Charter Dues (formerly one-time fees) to increase to \$7.50 per fiscal year, resulting in \$125/semester in FY32. One-Time Fees, Per Person: Charter Initiation Fees to increase \$12.50 per fiscal year, resulting in \$140 per initiate in FY28. Collegiate Initiation Fees to increase \$5 per fiscal year, resulting in \$110 per initiate in FY28. One-time fees will not continue to incrementally increase past FY28. Motion passes.
 - b. Motion 76-03B move to incrementally adjust the Alpha Rho Chi dues and fees schedule, per organization, over the next four fiscal years (FY25, FY26, FY27, FY28) along the following schedule: Recurring Fees, Per Organization: Alumni Association fees increasing \$200 a year, resulting in \$1,000 a year in FY28. One-Time Fees, Per Organization: The Alumni formation fee increasing \$425 a year, resulting in \$2,000 in FY28. The Chapter Installation Fee will remain at \$300. Each to-be-initiated Charter remains responsible for their one-time fee. Charter Formation will remain without a fee. Each to-be-pinned Charter remains responsible for their semesterly charter dues prior to formation. Motion fails.
4. Motion 76-04 moved the Alpha Rho Chi Rules and Regulations for Alumni Associations be ratified. Motion passes.
5. Motion 76-05 moved the APX Designation Policy be ratified. Motion passes.

6. Motion 76-06 moved that the office of the Worthy Grand Associate Architect establish, maintain and provide an alumni program for the purposes of mentoring Alumni and other membership classes of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity in knowledge derived from experience gained through members' selected career-paths in architecture and the allied arts. Motion was referred to Committee.
7. Motion 76-07 moved that The Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity National Professional Program is created. The Office of the Worthy Grand Architect shall keep, maintain and execute professional program(s) for the purposes of providing professional Continuing Education Course Credits to the general membership through consideration as one of the qualified technical societies and associations'. Funding for such programs shall be provided by Course Providers (or others) as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors through sponsorship of the event(s). Motion fails.
8. Motion 76-08 moved that The Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity National Convention Fund is created. The board shall receive and account for all money derived from donations, gifts, or similar sources derived on behalf of support for the National Convention Business Session and shall remit the money to the Worthy Grand Estimator for credit to the National Convention Fund. All expenses certified by the board as properly and necessarily incurred in the discharge of duties required in planning and executing the National Convention Business Session shall be paid out of the fund. Debt repayments against certified expenses incurred by the board or its agents shall be paid out of the fund. Warrants for the payment of expenses shall be issued and paid by the Worthy Grand Estimator upon presentation of vouchers regularly drawn by the chairperson and secretary of the board and approved by the board. At no time shall the total amount of warrants exceed the total amount of the monies collected and credited to the fund. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the Worthy Grand Estimator at the discretion of the board. Money in the National Convention Fund may be transferred to the General Fund at the discretion of the Delegates to the National Convention when in Session. Motion fails.
9. Motion 76-09 moved that the Office of the Worthy Grand Estimator publish a quarterly expense report and budget comparison report for year-to-date spending. Upon publishing, a link will be sent out to every brother and charter member. Motion passes.

Programs & Services

National Conventions

The 78th National Convention

The event planning team, led by Events Coordinator Darius Greenleaf has been working with potential cities for the 2026 National Convention. An announcement on the location and dates will be released soon.

2024 Leadership Conference

Events Coordinator Darius Greenleaf, Leadership Coordinator Josh Naputi and WGI Nathan Strother, organized and led the in-person Leadership Conference on September 21, 2024 in Nashville, Tennessee. All chapter Worthy Architects were invited to participate. Seminars included: utilizing tools to improve your chapter programming, financial success and an interactive presentation on Peak Potential and Winning the Fraternity Recruitment Game.

Alumni Programming

Rules and Regulations for Alumni Associations

The Alpha Rho Chi Rules and Regulations for Alumni Associations was updated in 2024 and unanimously ratified by the 76th National Convention. The updates focused on alumni associations having a minimum membership requirement in line with how alumni associations are formed, annual IRS filings, and attendance at Conventions. Understanding that the issues with the IRS are a complex matter, the WGAA has been working with AAs over the past months to bring all AAs up-to-date with the IRS and as such is choosing not to enforce this requirement for FY2025. AAs should be advised that IRS filings will be enforced for FY2026 and need to be current to be considered in good standing.

Alumni Dues

As always, we'd like to extend a huge thank you to the 167 alumni who have already paid their 2025 dues (or started payment plans) as of March 24, 2025! Your contributions not only help support alumni operations and programming, but support overall fraternal operations and our collegiate membership. With the alumni's financial support, we can continue to expand our programming opportunities, our alumni outreach, and association support.

It's never too late to support the Fraternity. If you haven't done so already, please consider making your financial contribution today. Simply visit **alpharhochi.org**, log into (or claim) your account and click the link on your dashboard.

The CY2025 dues campaign saw an adjustment to our more recent campaigns since adopting GreekTrack. Instead of directing Brothers to their accounts to generate their own invoices, the Grand Council created invoices for all alumni brothers for their convenience. The Grand Council appreciates all of the feedback we received in deploying invoices en masse and thanks you for your patience as we learn from this process.

APX Membership Mark

The Alumni Team continues to promote the use of the APX Membership Mark. Brothers in good standing are eligible and encouraged to append the letters "APX" to their names in professional use such as email signatures and business cards. The team hopes this promotion of the brotherhood will allow us to subtly and passively find and acknowledge the breadth of our influence in the industry. The full rules of use and alternatives denoting Honorary Brothers and Master Architects can be found on AlphaRhoChi.org.

Commemorative Convention Pins

The commemorative pin program proved such a success in 2024 that it returns for 2025. Brothers who have paid their 2025 dues and attend the year's Convention will receive a unique pin celebrating the City of Pittsburgh and thanking them for their continued support of Alpha Rho Chi.

Alumni Cruise

For years, our fraternity members have talked about organizing a large-scale alumni travel event that would bring brothers from different generations together for an unforgettable experience. After much discussion and careful planning, the Grand Council announced the first ever **Alumni Cruise**, a 4-night cruise on the Royal Caribbean *Mariner of The Seas* in October 2025. In addition to the 4-night cruise to Cozumel Mexico, registration includes a 1-night stay in Galveston, a group activity the night before and a group shore excursion.

The Grand Council recognized the strong desire for such an event and was equally excited about the prospect of making it happen. However, with this excitement also came the acknowledgment of the challenges involved. Organizing a trip of this scale required extensive coordination, financial considerations, and logistical planning to ensure a seamless and enjoyable experience for all. To mitigate risks and ensure a well-organized event, we have worked closely with travel professionals, secured group rates, and put measures in place to ensure this event is completely self-funded.

At the time of this publication, 11 alumni members are registered to attend. Online registration for the 4-night cruise has since closed, but Alumni Brothers interested in attending may reach out directly to the Grand Advisor to inquire about joining the event.

The Alpha Rho Chi Career Center

Launching later in 2025, Alpha Rho Chi is establishing a job board for members looking for job opportunities and for those wishing to post open positions to the membership. Additional details will be released approaching the launch date.

Expansion Program

Alpha Rho Chi continues to expand! The Expansion Team continues to capitalize on students yearning for community on their campus. We are finding Alpha Rho Chi provides just that and have moved to market ourselves as such. Expansion Director, Nathan Lipson, has been in active discussions with students from many schools across the country.

Historically, the Fraternity has declined inquiries from beyond the contiguous 48 states. With growing interest in Alpha Rho Chi and our expanded capacity, the Expansion Team has committed to taking each inquiry seriously. When a student from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa (UH) expressed interest in forming a chapter, the Expansion Team treated it as it would any other inquiry. However, the financial realities of travel to Hawai'i present a significant challenge. Both Hawai'i and Puerto Rico have accredited NAAB programs and a strong alumni presence, offering valuable support and networking opportunities. To ensure students outside the contiguous U.S. have access to the same opportunities while maintaining financial feasibility, the Expansion Team has proposed a 'Non-Continental Charter Fee' of \$1000, with adjustments for inflation over the next four years, to be reassessed periodically, to Convention this year. This fee will help offset the costs of bringing Grand Council Members to these chapters and enabling students to attend mainland events such as the Leadership Conference, while allowing Alpha Rho Chi to expand without worry.

The Expansion Team was not able to dedicate many resources to active expansion this year due to the high influx of organic interest. However, Nathan Lipson was able to attend a Freshmen Welcome Day at Pratt University in Brooklyn, New York. The Domitian Chapter also attended and were engaging, representing the Fraternity well. While the day may not have produced any tangible leads, it did display the ability the Expansion Team has to mobilize for a possible organized Active Expansion campaign in the future.

This year the Fraternity added two new Charters. In the Fall of 2024, the University of Arizona submitted an application which was accepted. Charter Formation Weekend was conducted on September 28th, 2024 by the Worthy Grand Lecturer; the Expansion Director; Charter Director 1, Cassidy Brown; Worthy Associate Architect, Zack Borell; and Grand Advisor, Laura Schmidt. No chapters were able to attend as UA is outside the allotted travel boundaries of current chapters. Sam Ihle, Charter Director 2, oversaw the Charter until her maternity leave. The Charter has 28 members and is in the process of recruiting and event planning. The students of the Charter proposed the name Phaeax and Grand Council accepted, along with their Cadency, the Saguaro Cactus.

In the Fall of 2024, Nathan Lipson received an email from students at California Polytechnic State University inquiring about restarting the Daedalus Chapter, and on the 1st of March, 2025, the Daedalus Charter was formed intending to revive the dormant Chapter. Nathan Lipson; Cassidy Brown; Zack Borell; Reese MacDonnell Regional Director 9, and Melissa Boudreau Regional Director 7 attended the day. As of the writing of this document, the Expansion Team shares the duties of overseeing the charter. The charter currently has 58 members.

We received a packet of intent from Howard University students hoping to have a formation weekend in the Fall of 2025.

A summary of the Universities the Expansion Director has communicated with this year:

- Arizona State University (Satyros) - Received packet of intent, no further interest
- Ball State University - Had introduction discussion and received “Process to Form a Chapter of Alpha Rho Chi” document
- Cornell University - Received no further communication beyond initial inquiry
- Hampton University - Had introduction discussion and received “Process to Form a Chapter of Alpha Rho Chi” document
- Howard University (Hemiunu) - Received packet of intent
- Pratt Institute - Had APX visit during Freshmen Welcome Day, no further interest
- University of Hawai‘i at Manoa - Had introduction discussion and received “Process to Form a Chapter of Alpha Rho Chi” document, ultimately chose not to proceed

Publications

alpharhochi.org

alpharhochi.org remains the fraternity’s primary repository of public-facing information, including resources for chapters, alumni associations, members and the general public. Members primarily use the website to access the database and make payments; download member resources, including but not limited to national governance, Grand Council meeting minutes, historical publications, etc.; and read Grand Council Announcements. Accredited schools of architecture across the country access the website to learn more about the Alpha Rho Chi Bronze Medal and submit nominations, while various other groups access the website to learn more about the Fraternity and contact the Expansion team.

The WGS Margaret Scagleion continues to make updates as needed to ensure resources are current and readily available. Many documents that were previously hosted on the site have been transferred to Google Drive folders, linked on a centralized resource page, as well as behind the login wall for members only. We have worked to expand our database of available resources allowing our members more accessibility to historic records and informational documents.

The Archi and Alpha Rho Chi Letter

The last edition of *The Archi* was published digitally in Winter 2021, shortly before the 73rd National Convention. There is currently one in publication to be issued later this year.

The Archi Pledge

A digital update of the *Archi Pledge* will be published in July 2025, to include the election of new Grand Council officers.

The Rise

The Rise was last issued in the Spring of 2021. No additional issues have been drafted.

Social Media

The Fraternity continues to publish news and updates through our social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Members are encouraged to interact with the national fraternity through the following platforms:

- Facebook: facebook.com/alpharhochi
- Instagram: [@alpharhochi](https://instagram.com/alpharhochi) or instagram.com/alpharhochi
- Twitter: [@alpharhochi](https://twitter.com/alpharhochi) or twitter.com/alpharhochi
- LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/alpha-rho-chi-fraternity and linkedin.com/groups/785627

As mentioned in previous reports, a concerted effort has been made to post updates to social media whenever key news is emailed to the membership, as not all members have valid email addresses on file.

Professional Business Services

In our 111-year history, our fraternity has often hired professionals or engaged vendors to provide expertise and services that are required to run a business. The Grand Council finds that our needs, our size, and the expectations of our members, require committed, ongoing services and improvements. In addition, as Alpha Rho Chi grows and scrutiny of Greek-letter organizations increases, it is increasingly important that we proactively comply with all local and national regulatory requirements. To that end, we have made significant progress in addressing the fraternity's needs.

GreekTrack Membership Management System:

The Fraternity has been utilizing the GreekTrack for database and membership management for 3 years this Spring. This system has greatly improved our record keeping and Chapter Reporting system compared to previous infrastructure. It offers a wide variety of fraternity-specific tools to all of our members and organizations, out of the box, with features that include but are not limited to:

- User friendly interface, including a member dashboard showing your current status (and chapter or alumni association status for those in board positions).
- Integrated data collection, invoicing, and reporting at every stage of the membership process.
- Drag and drop email builder with the capacity for automated drip marketing campaigns, group segmentation by profile type, and tracking for each chapter and alumni association.
- File upload and sharing.
- Integrated fraternity membership records with APX Foundation giving records.
- Fundraising campaign tools for the APX Foundation, as well as each chapter and alumni association.
- Networking resources such as an alumni directory, job board and automated family tree.
- Mobile-friendly website hosting for the National Fraternity as well as each chapter and alumni association

In May of 2024 the WGS has started holding monthly GreekTrack office hours to provide additional support to the Alumni Associations and Chapters in maintaining and updating their membership information. Over 10 sessions 3 Alumni Associations attended and 2 Chapters.

Looking forward, GreekTrack has partnered with merchandising vendors and we are looking to launch some automated systems to improve the process for ordering pins, badges, and certificates as well as launch a Webstore.

Business Functions and Document Management

All Grand Council officers, National Appointees and APX Foundation officers have accounts with Google Workspace cloud-based suite of enterprise collaboration, communications, and archiving tools, where they access their official fraternity email, calendars, shared files and video conferencing.

Alpha Rho Chi also maintains a subscription to Zoom to facilitate larger virtual meetings and events for members across the country.

Accounting Services

In 2017, the Worthy Grand Estimator engaged the services of Ellen S. Silverstein, CPA to review and reconcile our bank accounts and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures (GAAP). This effort successfully brought our books up to date by GAAP standards. Each year since, our accounts were reviewed and reconciled monthly by a designated bookkeeper to ensure that our financial records remain accurate. Additionally, our end-of-year finances have been reviewed by our certified public accountant and found in good order.

Annual Taxes

The annual filing for Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity was performed and filed by the WGE and the national organization remains in good standing with the IRS.

Other Services

Alpha Rho Chi additionally maintains the following business relationships:

- Fraternal Law, LLC, provides legal counsel to Alpha Rho Chi on an as-needed basis.
- Holly Monroe of Heirloom Artists Calligraphy Studio is the professional calligrapher who inscribes our membership certificates and charters. Holly has been providing calligraphy services for Alpha Rho Chi for over 25 years, and we are very pleased with her work.
- Award Concepts collects nominations for the Alpha Rho Chi Bronze Medal, and subsequently engraves and ships the medallions to the awardees. Award Concepts was contracted in 2021 and alleviates significant administrative responsibilities from the WGS.
- Proforma Strategic Promotions is our official printing and promotional marketing products vendor. Under the management of Demetrios alumna, Julie Haar, Proforma has been a sponsor for conventions in recent years.

Awards & Recognition

Alpha Rho Chi has a robust Awards program. Our multifaceted program is designed to recognize the achievements of our members and chapters, as well as students and professionals around the country.

Alpha Rho Chi Bronze Medal

In 2024, the Alpha Rho Chi Bronze Medal was awarded to **76** graduating students from accredited architecture schools in the United States and Canada. Recognizing the qualities of leadership, service, and the promise of professional merit, the medal program represents our goals and ideals, even at schools where the fraternity does not have a chapter. The cost of administering this award is paid by the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation.

The 2025 awards nomination period will open March 1 and run through October 31.

Alpha Rho Chi Silver Medal

The Alpha Rho Chi Silver Medal recognizes fraternal distinction of outstanding merit by a Brother . This honor was most recently bestowed upon Brother Danielle Swanson of Anthemios, in 2024, for her 10 consecutive years of dedication as the National Historian of the Fraternity.

George “So” Whitten Award

Alpha Rho Chi chapters have a proven record of high scholarship, and the So Whitten award recognizes the chapter with the highest average GPA among its members. In 2025, two chapters submitted nominations for this award and will be recognized at the banquet on 3/29/2025.

Community Service Award

The Community Service Award recognizes the chapter that most gave back to the community, as determined by the Grand Council from the chapter submissions for this award.

Kenneth Kohlen National Faculty Advisor Award Nomination

The Kenneth Kohlen National Faculty Advisor Award recognizes the chapter advisor who best exemplifies the principles embodied by Brother Ken Kohlen. This honor is bestowed by a vote of the Convention. In 2024, one chapter submitted a nomination for this award which was approved by a vote of the chapters and alumni associations and will be announced at the 77th National Convention and awarded to the recipient at a later date..

Historian and Archives

The Fraternities official archives are physically located at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign as part of a negotiated contract arranged by our past Historian. Materials and artifacts have been catalogued and housed at the University and previously documented physical artifacts of value have been returned to their original owners or the appropriate chapter/alumni group. A process for submitting new material to the archives is being created in the coming year.

If you, your chapter, or your alumni association have items that are significant to our fraternity’s history, please contact historian@alpharhochi.org.

Insurance

General Insurance Policy

Since 2010, the Grand Council has purchased general liability insurance for the fraternity at large, and Directors and Officers insurance for its officers.

As stated during the Grand Council Report to the 76th Convention, our broker, Favor and Company, stated that there would be an increase in our premium ahead of our renewal in April 2024. The increase was as projected around 20%.

As we turned towards the renewal in April 2025, Favor and Company stated that Lloyd’s of London would no longer cover us as an organization. This isn’t due to anything negative that Alpha Rho Chi had done, but due to the amount of coverage provided by Lloyd’s compared to the premium we paid left them at an

extreme liability should something happen. The Grand Council was informed via certified letter in early 2025, that our current coverage wouldn't be renewed when the current policy term expires in April 2025.

Alpha Rho Chi is continuing to currently work with Favor and Company on another underwriter and has been working with another insurance broker, Holmes Murphy, to ensure we are doing our due diligence in providing our membership with the adequate insurance coverage it deserves.

As of this report, the Grand Council is in receipt of 2 quotes from Holmes Murphy and is awaiting a quote from Favor and Company. In procuring 2 quotes from underwriters through Holmes Murphy, this ensures Alpha Rho Chi will continue to have uninterrupted insurance coverage.

Fraternal Health and Safety Initiative

Alpha Rho Chi, in partnership with Favor and Company, remains committed to being a member organization in the Fraternity Health and Safety Initiative. Favor and Company has relaunched the FHSI program with a new membership structure. Conversations between Alpha Rho Chi and Favor have been put on hold as we negotiate our insurance coverage. Should we switch brokers, we will look into what programming a new insurance provider may offer.

Financial Transactions + Information

General Finances for FY 2024

A full financial report, including Budget vs Actuals Analysis for fiscal year 2024 and a current balance sheet is included as an appendix at the end of the report. A high-level overview of the budget and end of year balances outlined below.

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The Grand Council approved a budget with the projected revenue of \$203,725 and projected expenses of \$238,958. For a fourth year, the Grand Council approved a budget at a deficit for all the reasons that have been listed the previous three years. The Grand Council still believes that the fraternity can withstand losses better than individual chapters, and that individual chapters still need help with in-person operations. The FY24 budget aimed to minimize losses that the Grand Council approved the year before, understanding that programming such as Leadership Conference and chapter visits, while vital to overall fraternal health, would need to be scaled down as the fraternity could not continue to operate at such losses. The budget as approved also removed almost all budget considerations for Alumni Programming.

At the end of the 2024 fiscal year, we ended the year with an income of \$2157.45

For fiscal year 2025, the Grand Council approved a budget with a projected revenue of \$269,950 and projected expenses of \$292,835.

This year the Grand Council took a different approach to creating the budget. Previous years, the Worthy Grand Estimator would ask each board member to submit a budget for their various expenses each year, and then would collectively adjust based on previous year's spend and projected income. This year, the Worthy Grand Estimator took averages of the last 5 years for each category and adjust up based on the rate of inflation (4.1%; 2023 average). We approved a budget with a projected loss of \$22,885. This shortcoming is mostly due to the dues motion adjustments. The Grand Council still believes that it is

important to dedicate funds to support visits to the chapters, and that we can support operating at this amount of loss.

As of March 26, 2025, the fraternity has a net income of \$64,907. Please note that this value does not recognize some of our largest expenses, including the annual insurance policy, and a portion of the membership database fees as they have not been incurred yet, but will be within the fiscal year. While the Fraternity will likely end the year at a loss, we do not project to be at the level of loss originally projected.

Incomes

The following table summarizes the major revenue sources for fiscal year 2025 (shown here as 2024-2025) as of March 26, 2025, as well as the previous four fiscal years for historical perspective.

<i>5 Year - Major Revenues</i>					
Income	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024
Collegiate	\$ 45,236	\$ 74,064	\$ 37,639	\$ 78,235	\$80,119
Continuing Charter Fees	\$ 3,925	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,923
Pledge Fees	\$ 9,238	\$ 19,643	\$ 16,716	\$ 29,875	\$ 21,388
Initiation Fees	\$ 11,970	\$ 32,040	\$ 19,571	\$ 38,105	\$22,774
Chapter Installation Fees	\$ -	\$ 5,015	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,863
Alumni Association Fees	\$ 4,200	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,521	\$ 2,879	\$ 2,329
Alumni Dues	\$ 19,975	\$ 10,706	\$ 6,533	\$ 19,357	\$ 22,796
LC Fees	\$ -	\$ 8,622	\$ 9,013	\$ 4,070	\$ 6,243
AA Summit / AD Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant Leadership Fund	\$ 5,929	\$ 4,600	\$ 5,100	\$ -	\$ -

Our member database, GreekTrack, is our primary tool for collecting funds. While some chapters must pay their dues via check (due to university requirements), a majority of the membership (both alumni and collegiate) pay online. GreekTrack allows the Grand Council to maintain substantially greater data accuracy than previous databases, which will lead to more accurate income projections in the future. Alumni dues can still be paid by personal check, made payable to Alpha Rho Chi, and mailed to 1217 86th Street, North Bergen, NJ 07047.

Expenses

The following is a table summarizing the major expenses for fiscal year 2025 (shown here as 2024-2025) as of March 26, 2025, as well as the previous four fiscal years for historical perspective.

<i>5 Year - Major Expenses</i>					
Expense	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
GC Summer Meeting	\$ 1,828	\$ 4,727	\$ 6,242	\$ 5,935	\$ 8,069

GC Winter Meeting	\$ -	\$ 432	\$ -	\$ 91	\$ -
Convention Business Session	\$ 999	\$ 10,671	\$ 317	\$ 5,704	\$691
RD Retreat	\$ -	\$ 8,603	\$ 9,244	\$ 8,249	\$ 6,865
Publications	\$ -	\$ 1,540	\$ -	\$ 2,009	\$ -
Administration & General	\$ 35,641	\$ 37,920	\$ 20,974	\$ 58,628	\$
Membership Services	\$ 13,164	\$ 17,115	\$ 10,583	\$ 22,615	\$ 7,714
Internet Services	\$ 3,140	\$ 7,426	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Formation Weekend	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,730	\$ 4,206
Chapter Installation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,177
Charter Team Meeting	\$ -	\$ 2,923	\$ 3,565	\$ 421	\$ 2,894
Ritual Workshops	\$ -	\$ 13,143	\$ 4,340	\$ -	\$ 3,389
Chapter Development	\$ 358	\$ -	\$ 750	\$ 5,723	\$ 3,834
Alumni Development	\$ 2,628	\$ 3,496	\$ 700	\$ 3,484	\$ 2,835
GC Travel	\$ -	\$ 1,518	\$ 1,635	\$ 5,097	\$4,003
Leadership Conference	\$ -	\$ 69,356	\$ 91,633	\$ 39,340	\$ 51841
Alumni Summit / Alumni Days	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Balances

As of April 1, 2024, the ending balance of our accounts held by Bank of America total \$174,336.63.:

- Checking account balance is \$146,876.20
- Convention account balance is \$8,685.40
- Savings account balance is \$100.17
- Certificate of Deposit balance is \$16,674.86

03: All Subjects of Disputes between the Chapters

The following is an outline of the specific issues with chapters that have taken the time and care of the Grand Council over the past year.

Chapter Investigations & Resolutions

As the Grand Council receives and responds to various issues, it is important to remember that the Regional Directors and Grand Council are here to assist and serve members in any situation that may

arise. By reaching out and asking for help/advice immediately as any questionable situation arises, all involved have the ability to be proactive in handling a possible situation as opposed to being reactive.

Andronicus Chapter Status

The previous Grand Council Report to the 76th National Convention described the series of events that ultimately led to suspension proceedings for the Andronicus Chapter. The chapter was notified via letter on January 15, 2024 and at the Grand Council March meeting on March 1st, 2024, a motion was presented and seconded for the suspension of the Andronicus Chapter. The motion was then tabled to allow the Grand Council to send a follow-up letter to the Andronicus Chapter notifying them of these proceedings and inviting them to the Grand Council April meeting held on April 22, 2024.

Brother Jimenez of the Andronicus Chapter attended the April meeting and pleaded the case on why the chapter had been unresponsive and not meeting the operational requirements of a chapter described in the Alpha Rho Chi National Constitution. Brother Jimenez stated that there is still strong interest and dedication to Alpha Rho Chi within the remaining collegiate active members of the Andronicus Chapter. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Grand Council discussed further and the motion to suspend was withdrawn. Instead, the Grand Council implemented a probationary period on the Andronicus Chapter where the Grand Council would assist the chapter to meet the requirements needed to regain good standing within the Fraternity. On May 1, 2024, a letter was sent to the Andronicus Chapter notifying them of the start of the probationary period upon receipt and will end no earlier than June 30, 2025. This letter laid out the first steps the chapter needed to take to regain good standing. A report detailing these actions taken by the chapter to fulfill these requirements was presented to the Grand Council on October 28, 2024.

After reviewing the report from the chapter and discussing the progress made, the Grand Council deemed the report acceptable and created the next steps to assist the chapter in regaining good standing with the Fraternity. A letter containing these requirements was sent to the Andronicus Chapter on January 28, 2025. Completion of these requirements will lift the probationary status and put the chapter back into good standing with the Fraternity. The Andronicus Chapter is diligently working to meet these requirements. The Grand Council is encouraged by their progress and trust that the chapter will see to it that all items asked of them are completed to regain good standing.

Isidorus Chapter Status

In February 2024, The Worthy Grand Inspector was notified by Regional Director 8 Caroline Becker that the Isidorus Chapter had held a big/little reveal at a local bar where alcohol was knowingly given to minors by other members. The Grand Council asked all members present at this event to write a report explaining the circumstances involving the event. After reading through the reports from the collegiate members and discussions between the chapter, Brother Becker, and the Grand Council, it was determined that the Isidorus Chapter was in violation of the Alpha Rho Chi Risk Management Policy.

After discussion at the Grand Council April meeting, the Grand Council decided to implement a probationary period on the Isidorus Chapter for these violations. A letter was sent to the chapter on May 7, 2024, notifying the chapter of the probationary period effective upon receipt of the letter and ending no earlier than June 30, 2025. This letter notified them that a National representative must be present at their next pin-in and ritual ceremony in addition to giving a presentation of the Alpha Rho Chi Risk Management Policy at the 77th National Convention. These requirements along with the lack of any additional violations to Alpha Rho Chi governing documents and policies, will allow the probationary status on the Isidorus Chapter to be lifted.

Chapter Health

We have witnessed our Fraternity face adversity throughout the years with some of the worst of it happening in the last half decade. While some chapters have been able to weather the storm, others have had a much harder time. Unfortunately, in the last year, we've had two chapters come forward for voluntary dormancy due to separate reasons. The Dinocrates Chapter came forward at the beginning of the fall semester saying the chapter had voted to no longer continue being a chapter of Alpha Rho Chi. The members cited participation issues along with the recent motion to increase dues as the reason for this decision. Regional Director Caroline Bair tried working with the chapter in multiple ways to encourage them to continue, but with no avail. A dormancy letter has been sent to the Dinocrates Chapter and we are currently waiting for confirmation of all closed accounts.

The second chapter that has struggled this year and has come forward with voluntary dormancy is the Numisius Chapter. During the 2023-2024 school year, Regional Director Melissa Boudreau experienced inconsistent communication while helping the chapter attempt to pay overdue fees and complete operational requirements of a chapter. In the summer of 2024, Melissa was notified by the WA there has been financial and brotherhood issues within the chapter that has prevented the chapter from operating over the previous several months prior to that conversation. A few months later, it was discovered that a single member was the only person interested in bringing the chapter back to good standing. After many attempts to rally other collegiate members still at the university with the help of local alumni and their Regional Director, the Numisius Chapter decided to voluntarily go dormant. A dormancy letter has been sent to the Numisius Chapter and we are currently waiting on all requirements needed to officially close the chapter.

In the winter of 2025, Regional Director Melissa Boudreau was notified by the Cossutius Chapter that the California College of the Arts in San Francisco, CA was in danger of filing for bankruptcy. The impact of this news caused a great disconnect between organizations and potential new members due to uncertainty of the future. We have not received any letter from the Cossutius Chapter regarding dormancy, but are hoping for the absolute best in this situation for the chapter and its members.

Listed above are the worst of the scenarios we've come across this past year, but they are not the only struggles we've seen. There are still some chapters that we consider in the "danger zone" that are experiencing one or more issues of low membership, internal engagement, recruitment struggles, financial instability, or lack of university support. However, the Grand Council and the Regional Director team have been working with these chapters to help plan ahead on ways to bring these issues to an end. While some issues are harder to solve than others, we are encouraged by the conversations we've had with the members of these chapters along with the plans and motivation we've witnessed.

With all the struggles, there also comes prosperity. We continue to be amazed by the amazing works and immense goals that the chapters and collegiate members strive towards. The plethora of events being held across the county is astounding to watch from an outside perspective. We have chapters hosting events ranging from philanthropic events that positively impact an entire community to brotherhood retreats solidifying an unbreakable bond. We're seeing chapters plan professional events where members travel across state borders to tour multiple well known architecture firms and fundraisers that raise thousands of dollars, both for the chapter and for charity efforts. The Grand Council takes great pleasure in seeing the remarkable accomplishments coming from the incredible collegiate chapters of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity.

04: Recommendations for the Good of the Fraternity

The Grand Council has a lot of great recommendations for the fraternity. While our recent focus has been on stabilizing our organizations, we are committed to implementing these recommendations in the coming years.

Training Services

The Grand Council has contracted with Plaid, LLC. to provide educational development beginning with our collegiate members. The initial program launched in February 2024 is focused around Risk Management. The Grand Council is in discussions to contract further to provide Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training. There are also future training possibilities for alumni members as well as for national officers. Further details are provided below.

Risk Management

The Grand Council, with help from the National Appointees, has continued to focus on making our students' Alpha Rho Chi experience as safe as possible. These past few years have been particularly challenging because of the attitude surrounding Greek letter organizations all over the country. In short: even though Alpha Rho Chi is not a social fraternity, if there is an incident, we will be treated as one.

The Risk Management Policy was amended on February 17, 2025 and was ratified by a vote of the chapters and alumni associations on March 22, 2025. This was a needed step to ensure continued insurance coverage as the previous policy had not been updated since February 2015.

Moving forward the Grand Council will work with our partners to generate a Social Media Policy, a Crisis Management Policy, a Good Samaritan Policy and well as a policy on how to handle a sexual misconduct incident.

We continue our educational partnership with Plaid that was launched in February 2024 utilizing the Highwire course.. Highwire is a 45-minute, online short course offering a refresher to Risk Management around alcohol/drugs, hazing, healthy relationships/consent, mental health and being a "safe student".

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiative

Alpha Rho Chi remains committed to developing further our diversity, equity and inclusions initiative.

Discussions have continued with our education partner, Plaid, to begin offering their Cultural Competency program for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. It is broken up into 3 modules of 40 minutes each: Self-Awareness and Identity, Historical Events, and Social Structures and Inclusive Practices. The program also includes access to the companion discussion guide that can be used by students, advisors, Grand Council, etc. to support learning in the area of diversity, equity and inclusion by helping participants apply concepts to their personal life and campus experience. This is a student focused module to help students better understand themselves and create inclusive and welcoming environments. This program would also be available through Plaid's LMS.

With the unknown expense of a potential significant increase in our insurance premium, the Grand Council has paused and launch of this program as there would be a financial aspect to the program and

are working to ensure we are financially sound while still providing essential services to our membership within our current dues structure.

The Past and Future of Convention

Note: *This has been an ongoing topic carried from 2022, 2023 and 2024.. It remains front-of-mind for the Grand Council in advance of the 77th Convention in Pittsburgh.*

In our 2023 report to convention, the Grand Council indicated that in the future, members can expect to see significant changes to Convention to address the changes we have seen since the pandemic. As a reminder, the list below are the ideas that remain under consideration:

- Introducing a cap to the number of Convention attendees
- Reducing our dependence on hotel and conference center venues for our business sessions and banquet
- Reducing programming & complexity beyond the business sessions
- Cutting back on Convention extras & giveaways that are not covered by sponsorships
- Opening Convention registration significantly earlier
- Offering an installment plan for Convention registration fees
- Going completely virtual for business meetings, and holding a separate in-person event for awards, tours and other activities
- Adjusting the time of year Convention is held
- Hosting Convention at a series of rotating locations each year and/or hosting it at the same location every year

Many of these points were followed in the planning for the first in-person convention held in Nashville in 2023 and were further explored during the planning for the Omaha convention in 2024. Under the continued leadership of Convention Director, Darius Greenleaf, the Convention planning team has settled into a more comfortable rhythm as they planned this convention in Pittsburgh.

We have seen value in opening registration in early fall and establishing a cap on registration. We did reach that cap in 2025, and we were pleasantly surprised by the demand. However it is unclear if this was due to the proximity to several active chapters, and its timeline coinciding with many of our chapter's spring breaks. Because of this we are remaining cautious about increasing our projected attendance for 2026.

Despite the successful experiment in Nashville, after the Omaha convention, we have found that a hotel conference center really does suit the needs of our annual meeting. The 2025 convention and 2026 convention will continue with that model, but will be closely monitored for value and costs. We were able to negotiate our food and beverage minimums to keep the registration costs low. Once again, we were very close to achieving our goal of an early-bird registration fee below \$200, missing the mark by \$15.

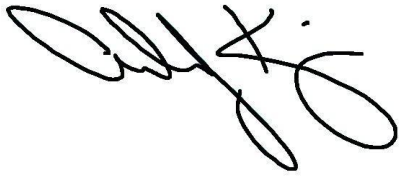
The lessons we have learned in the last three years will continue to be heeded. We continue to look for ways to improve, and we welcome all ideas and thoughts regarding the future of the Convention.

05: Petitions for New Chapters

On Friday, November 22nd, 2024 the Arcesius Charter at Louisiana State University submitted their petition to Grand Council to be installed as a Chapter. Grand Council voted unanimously to accept their petition. The vote was sent out to the Fraternity on December 1st, 2024. 18 chapters cast their vote in favor, the other 28 organizations let the 30 day timeline lapse allowing the WGA to cast their vote to accept the petition. The Arcesius Chapter was installed on January 25th, 2025 by the Hadrian and Hippodamus Chapter along with a team of Volunteers on behalf of Grand Council.

On Wednesday, February 12th, 2025 the Kallikrates Charter at University of Virginia submitted their petition to Grand Council to be installed as a Chapter. Grand Council voted unanimously to accept their petition. The vote was sent out to the Fraternity on February 22nd, 2025. At the close of the petition vote, 18 organizations had voted in favor of the petition, the other 25 organizations defaulted their vote to the WGA who voted in favor to accept the petition. The Installation day is scheduled for April 12th, 2025.

We, the undersigned officers of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, do hereby attest and affirm this report, and faithfully submit it to the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity for its sincere consideration:



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