



# Alpha Rho Chi

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Greetings and Happy Holidays, Brothers!

I want to wish all of my Alpha Rho Chi brothers a holiday season, a winter, and/or a new year of good health, success, hope, and, of course, fidelity and love. Whatever you believe, whenever you celebrate, whomever you love, and wherever you are going, you are my brother and Alpha Rho Chi is your family.

At Leadership Conference in October, I led a discussion of our anti-hazing policy, and I want to share the core message with you now: don't hurt others. Most days, it's how we live anyway, and we don't need a rule to tell us so. But sometimes we let the moment, the crowd, or the feeling of strength get in our heads and displace our better angels. This is not unique to APX or even to college Greek life. In the news, we have seen a recent spike in reports of hate crimes and other abusive acts. Many people, including some of our brothers, fear for their safety and the safety of their families and friends. While we can't control the world around us, we can demonstrate that this is not the way of Alpha Rho Chi.

Our no-hazing policy is the keystone of our risk management policy. Risk management is a practice of avoiding situations and actions that could bankrupt us or put us out of business. Many of these actions fall under the very broad definition of hazing. The Grand Council and our appointees are continually on alert to recognize, identify, and prevent actions which violate our anti-hazing policy and our principles of fidelity and brotherly love. As WGA, I do not condone and will not tolerate such actions by or against my brothers.

This holiday season is a time to remember who we are as individuals, as citizens, and as Alpha Rho Chi brothers. We are a diverse collection of wonderful people with unique stories and experiences, sharing a space with more than enough room for all of us to live together in harmony. Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2017!

Fidelitas, Amor et Artes,

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