



Alpha Rho Chi

National Professional Fraternity for
Architecture and the Allied Arts

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Dear Brothers,

The Grand Council and leadership team have been hard at work during the pandemic to plan for the coming year and all its challenges. With everyone's health and safety in mind, we present the following national guidance regarding fraternity operations for the 2020-2021 year.

Follow Applicable Guidance

First and foremost, the Grand Council vehemently encourages every member and non-member affiliate, such as pledges and colonists, to **comply with institutional, local, state, and federal guidelines in place to protect communities from the spread of COVID-19**. The actions you take matter and each one of us must do our part to turn the tide on this global pandemic.

Activities

The Grand Council hereby issues a **moratorium on officer and appointee fraternity-related travel and in-person gatherings** until further notice.

- We request that **all members and non-member affiliates, such as pledges and colonists, also abstain from fraternity-related travel**.
- The fall **Leadership Conference** will not be held in person.
- Members are encouraged to **meet virtually** wherever possible as they continue to engage the community, hold conversations with prospective members, and support fellow members in their professional, philanthropic, and brotherly pursuits.

The Grand Council hereby issues a **moratorium on all Ritual activities**:

- Do not conduct or rehearse the pledging ceremony or initiation ceremony until further notice. Collegiate members may continue to rehearse roles individually and chapters may continue to build or repair supporting Ritual items with local safety guidance in mind.
- In the interim, non-member affiliates, such as pledges or colonists, shall retain their current affiliated status.

Dues

Collegiate dues and continuing pledge/colonist fees have been reduced from \$130/year (collected in semesterly or quarterly installments) to a minimum of \$75/year collected in **\$25 installments on October 1, December 15, and March 1**.

- **Suspended Collegiate members or Non-Graduate members** (who are not enrolled for the term or have left indefinitely) are not obligated to pay Collegiate dues.
- **New Pledge** fees and **New Initiate** fees will not be collected, in accordance with the Ritual activity moratorium.
- In the event that travel and activity restrictions are loosened, the Grand Council retains the right to restore the payment installments up to their previous levels, after timely notification.

Alumni dues, which are voluntary for Alumni not holding leadership roles, will remain at \$100/year. The Grand Council is grateful to those Alumni who have already contributed their 2020 dues and encourages those who have the means to contribute to do so: www.alpharhochi.org/alumni/dues. As a reminder, Alumni can take advantage of the option to contribute via automatic payments and/or installments of your choice via Memberplanet.

This year is sure to bring newer, harder problems. If you or your organization are ever in need of friendly counsel or assistance, do not hesitate to contact your Regional Director, the Alumni Directors, or the Grand Council. Thank you for your continued support of Alpha Rho Chi. Be well.

Fidelitas, Amor, et Artes,



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