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## Alpha Sigma Advisor Thom Tolhurst Remembered

Dear Brothers, it is with a heavy heart that I am sharing with you the news of the passing of one of our Collegiate Chapter Advisors, Brother Thom Tolhurst. He was loved and respected by the students at the College of Pharmacy, where he was employed for over 30 years. During the past five years, Thom served as a Faculty Advisor to our Alpha Sigma Chapter. Unfortunately, Thom never recovered from a massive stroke he suffered on Christmas Eve.

A service for family, close friends and colleagues was held on January 4th to celebrate Thom's life. He was remembered for his practicality, generous spirit, and unwavering dedication to the students at the College of Pharmacy. In honor of Thom's commitment to education, a scholarship will be established in his name to benefit pharmacy students at the University of Illinois, Chicago. Thom will be missed on campus!

My thoughts and prayers go out to Thom's family and friends and to his true love, Varanya Chaiyaperm.

*(Brother Raymond Traficante)*



## UIC College of Pharmacy - Phi Delta Chi Conference Fund

The new “Phi Delta Chi Conference Fund” has been established. This fund will be maintained by the College of Pharmacy and University of Illinois Foundation. The money that you donate will be distributed to Collegiate Chapter Brothers traveling to Phi Delta Chi professional meetings such as Grand Council, Leader Development Seminar and the Midwest Regional Meeting. The funds are held in trust by the Foundation and are distributed only to a student that has officially applied for the grant.

As an Alumni Brother, please consider making a charitable donation to this fund. The cost of sending a Collegiate Delegate to Grand Council and other PDC meetings has increased dramatically.

Click on this [LINK](#) for more complete instructions and a link to the Illinois Foundation’s webpage at the UIC College of Pharmacy. **The success of this endeavor will depend on all of us.**

## 75th Grand Council Charleston, South Carolina

Next year, the Phi Delta Chi Fraternity will be holding Grand Council in the beautiful city of Charleston, South Carolina. It may be too early to signup but it’s not too early to plan ahead. The dates to reserve for Grand Council voting delegates are July 31st, 2024 thru August 4th, 2024. **Grand Council will now be held annually!** The 2024 meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites - Charleston Airport.

There will be several other levels of registration available for Alumni Brothers beginning on February 1st, 2024. Pricing for the different levels and detailed information will be available soon.

(We will keep you informed - see next page)

As posted in the January e-Communicator:

## **GRAND COUNCIL 2024 WILL BE IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA! START PLANNING NOW!**

Grand Council is the Ultimate Fraternal Experience and brings together Brothers from across the country to conduct the business of the Fraternity.

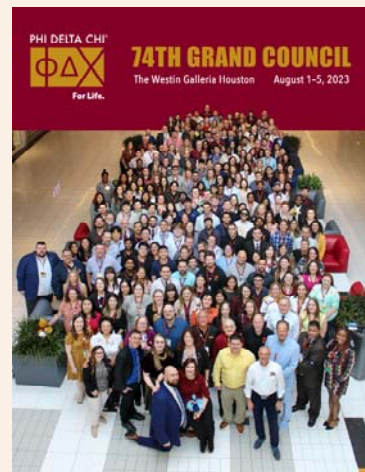
**The 75<sup>th</sup> Grand Council in 2024 will occur from  
July 31st through August 3rd in Charleston, South Carolina!**

**What happens at Grand Council?** During Grand Council, our Chapter's Collegiate and Alumni delegates as well as Alumni Chapters will vote on business. Brothers will be able to participate in reference committees, Regional Caucuses, officer training courses, professional development opportunities, the Leader-Development Seminar (LDS) track, continuing education, and more.

**Start planning and fundraising now to attend the  
Ultimate Brotherhood Experience!**



Grand Council 2019 in Anaheim, CA.



Grand Council 2023 in Houston, TX.

## Oral History of Phi Delta Chi

You may have received an email or a post-card from the PDC National Office pertaining to an “Oral History” project. This is totally legitimate! **Publishing Concepts Inc.** will be collecting the information needed to make this project a success. This project is going to take a year to complete since there are over 90 chapters involved. It would be great to have our chapter well represented as part of the PDC oral history! The National Office may not be able to contact you but you can get involved by responding to this [LINK](#). Think of something to add to the “Oral History” project. No Purchase is necessary to be part of the history project.

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I AM PHI DELTA CHI:  
AN ORAL HISTORY

**For Life.**

Our upcoming engagement campaign, **I am Phi Delta Chi: An Oral History**, will compile a unique oral history archive, uniting our members across generations, professions, geography, and life experiences.

We have partnered with Publishing Concepts to help collect stories from as many members as possible and produce the **I am Phi Delta Chi: An Oral History** Publication.

By sharing your memory, you'll ensure that the rich history of Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Fraternity will be preserved for generations to come.

PCI will soon be contacting you via mail, phone, and email asking you to participate and updating your contact information.

Thanks for your participation!



The Alumni Association Facebook Page is up and running. If you are interested in seeking out a Brother or you just want to stay connected and in touch with the chapter, consider adding the private [PDC Alpha Sigma Alumni Facebook Page](#) to your list of favorite sites. Only Phi Delta Chi Brothers will have access to see who is in the group and what they post. Just make your request to be added, and once you are verified as a Brother, you will have access to the page.

Donations made directly to the Alumni Association are used to help defer a variety of expenses. This includes Corporate State fees, Collegiate Brothers with travel expenses to professional meetings, support of the chapter website and the “Annual Retreat and Picnic”.

If you know of any fellow Brothers who are not getting this newsletter, please feel free to pass the newsletter link along so we can continue to grow and continue to be a leading Alumni Chapter of Phi Delta Chi.

***To all the Brothers that have already given a donation to our alumni chapter, we thank you!!!***

## Alpha Sigma Alumni Association Donation Form

2024

Voluntary Suggested Donation  
is only \$20 per alum



Donations can be made by **check** or **online** at:

[Link to our Donation Page](#)

**Alumni Brothers from all regions are welcome to join our  
Alumni Association!**