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## 75th Grand Council

This year Phi Delta Chi celebrated the 75th Grand Council in beautiful Charleston, SC. Grand Council is now convened annually! Delegates present from most of the Collegiate Chapters and many of the Alumni Chapters nationwide decided to have the next 2 Grand Councils in the same centralized location. This was done so most attendees could save on travel expenses. The Fraternity could also contract with the hotel and conference venue for lower prices when guaranteeing multi-year events.

Next year, Grand Council will be held at the Embassy Suites in St. Charles, Missouri (7-30 to 8-2-2025) St. Charles is 30 minutes west of St. Louis. We hope to have a large number of Alpha Sigma Alumni in attendance next year.

**Maybe a multi-car “road trip”.**

*More information will be available in a few months.*

We had 3 Alpha Sigma Alumni attend this year’s Grand Council. Dominic Zotta (1985), Ray Traficante (1972) and Jessica (Lindsay) Karlson (2015) proudly represented our chapter along with almost 300 other Phi Delta Chi Brothers. We all had a wonderful time seeing old friends and meeting new Brothers! Thank goodness we all left before hurricane Debby hit the east coast. Lots of great pictures and memories from this year’s Grand Council.

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## 75th Grand Council 2024 Charleston, South Carolina



Brother Ralph Saroyan, a 1964 graduate from the University of the Pacific and a member of the Alpha Psi Chapter. Also pictured is Brother Dominick Zotta (Alpha Sigma 518)  
This was Ralph's 26th Grand Council !



Alpha Sigma Alumni at this year's Grand Council:

Ray Traficante (1972)  
Alpha Sigma 388  
Jessica Karlson (2015)  
Alpha Sigma 1285  
Dominick Zotta (1985)  
Alpha Sigma 518



## Tau Chapter (Purdue) 2024 Thurston Award Recipients

The Grand President's Award was first awarded in 1974 and it acknowledges the best chapter of Phi Delta Chi. It symbolizes all that is good about our Fraternity. A broad base of judges, including undergraduates, alumni, Regional and Grand Officers, grade the six components of the award to provide impartiality.



Alumni from several Phi Delta Chi Chapters having fun at "Topgolf" in North Charleston, SC.

Cocktail hour at the Embassy Suites Hotel !!



2024 Grand Council

Join the Alpha Sigma Alumni Chapter next year at Grand Council !  
Embassy Suites Hotel  
St. Charles, Missouri.  
Save the dates!  
July 30th thru August 2nd

## **“Pay it Forward” UIC - Phi Delta Chi Memorial Award Fund**

The memorial award is presented annually at the UIC College of Pharmacy Convocation to a third year pharmacy student entering the last year of pharmacy school, who has demonstrated leadership in the fraternity, community outreach programs and other student organizations. Our Alumni Chapter recognizes the importance of this involvement as students go on to their future careers in pharmacy.

The award fund is supplemented by ongoing contributions from our PDC Alumni. For those wishing to donate to the **Phi Delta Chi Memorial Scholarship Fund** at the University of Illinois, please click on the secure link below. Then scroll down to the bottom of the page where a box is indicated as **“other”**.

Please type in the following to guarantee that your donation is sent to the proper account held by the University of Illinois Foundation:

**Phi Delta Chi Memorial Scholarship # 772143** All donations are tax deductible.

[\*\*UIC College of Pharmacy Alumni Giving Link\*\*](#)

## **Update Contact Information**

We are making an urgent appeal to all of our Alumni Brothers who have recently made changes to their personal email addresses and/or changed last names. Staying in contact is what makes our chapter a success. Without updates to your contact information, you may be lost to us as PDC Brothers. Send us an [\*\*email\*\*](#) and we will update our files. None of your personal information is shared.

The Phi Delta Chi National Office would also appreciate any updates to your profile. To make PDC National Office updates click on the Greek Track link below.....Thank You!

[\*\*GREEK TRACK\*\*](#)

## LEADERSHIP RETREAT and PICNIC (8-25-2024)

As in the past, our Alumni Chapter has reserved a shelter at Blackwell Forest Preserve. Officers from the Collegiate and Alumni Chapters will be getting together for the retreat. The park entrance is on Butterfield Rd. (Hwy 56)

**If coming from Chicago follow these directions:** Get on I-88 (Toll Road) and **Exit I-88 at Winfield Road - North.**

Then drive 1.5 miles to Butterfield Rd. (Hwy 56) AND turn left on Butterfield. Drive two blocks to the park entrance.

If more information is needed, open the link below:

[Blackwell Forest Preserve](#)

When visiting the Blackwell WEB page above please click on the Blackwell Trails Map link and download the detailed PDF map link.

The retreat is scheduled to begin promptly at **10:00 AM** at the **NORTH SHELTER**. (If you are using "Google Maps" to guide you, make sure to enter the destination as the **Blackwell Forest Preserve North Shelter**)

Refreshments for the meeting and lunch will be provided by the Alumni Chapter. Burgers, Dogs and Brats will be cooked by "Chef Ron" and "Chef Ray". There will also be side dishes galore, water and assorted sodas.

**(Alcoholic drinks are not allowed in the park)**

Alumni are invited to participate in the Collegiate Chapter Retreat or just attend the **picnic lunch** at approximately **12:30 PM**. Family members are welcome to the picnic. Immediately after lunch, the Alumni Chapter will conduct a short business meeting.

Please contact the [Alpha Sigma Alumni Chapter](#) if you are planning to attend the picnic. There are plenty of activities and things to do at this beautiful forest preserve! The Blackwell Forest Preserve is very accessible and easy to find. Just visit the Blackwell [website](#) for additional directions, maps, and information.



Photos taken at the 2023

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, miscellaneous Collegiate Chapter expenses, support of the chapter website and the "Annual Retreat and Picnic". If you know of any Brothers who are not receiving this newsletter, please feel free to pass along our newsletter link. This helps us to grow and continue being 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!**