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This year Grand Council was held in Louisville, KY. at the Galt House Hotel. It was decided after two days of discussion that Grand Council will continue being held on an annual basis. (as opposed to every other year) This will give more students an opportunity to attend this important Phi Delta Chi event.



Many benefits are gained from attending GC. Collegiate and Alumni Brothers are exposed to numerous topics in order to strengthen their leadership skills and their local Phi Delta Chi Chapters. Participants are encouraged to work through exercises and activities designed to expand their skills and resources by networking with fellow collegiate members across the country. The conference also provides an opportunity to run for national and regional leadership positions, have access to interact with Alumni mentors working in a variety of pharmacy practice settings, and have the opportunity to meet students from near and far, offering endless idea generating and networking possibilities.



Grand Council 2026 - Louisville, KY Photos



A view of the Galt House Hotel
from Indiana



Ralph "Grand Poobah" Saroyan and
Ray Traficante



....More photos from Grand Council



Alpha Sigma Brothers Jessica Carlson, Ray Traficante, Oceanna Pfeiffer and Kimberly Landini join Varanya Chaiyaperm who was presented with this year's "Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award"
Congratulations to Varanya !!



Congratulations Ray

Honorary Grand Presidents at this years Grand Council.
Nancy Alvarez (2013 Alpha Nu)
Dena Dillon (2019 Alpha)
Ray Traficante (2026 Alpha Sigma)
Dan Winkelmann(2023 Beta Delta)
This award has been presented 17 times since 1934.



Ralph Saroyan is joined by Brothers from the Gamma Sigma Chapter (Rosalind Franklin University) Whitney French, Stacie Moltzan Loescher and Japani Doan



The Thurston Cup goes to the Alpha Psi Chapter at the University of the Pacific

Complete Photo Album from Grand Council 2026 can be viewed on our Chapter's DRIVE link below:

[Alpha Sigma Alumni Chapter G-Drive](#)

2026 Leadership Retreat and Picnic Photos

Brothers from the Collegiate and Alumni Chapters had a very constructive retreat at the Hidden Lake Forest Preserve in Downers Grove on Sunday, August 16th. Topics discussed were Smoker, Founders' Day and the Spring Formal. Ray Traficante gave a Grand Council report congratulating **Brother Varanya Chaiyaperm**, this year's recipient of the Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award.





"Chef Ray"

Alpha Sigma Chapter 75th Anniversary

This coming year, on January 3rd, the Alpha Sigma Chapter will be 75 years old! We should have a celebration marking this milestone event! The Alumni and Collegiate Chapters will be working together to find a venue in Chicagoland to hold an event in the spring of 2027. An Alumni Chapter committee will keep everyone informed! We need some kind of head count to start the process of booking a location. Please watch for emails during the coming months.

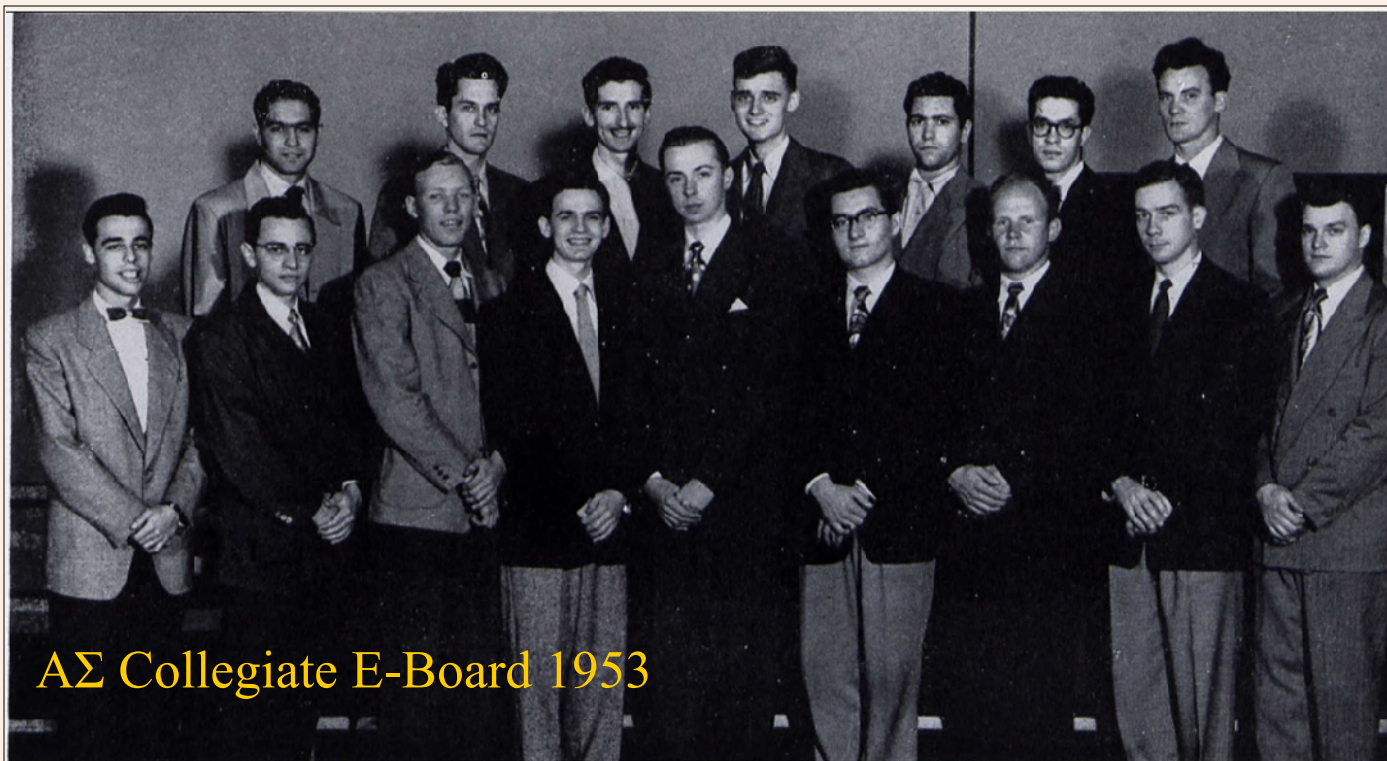


Photos from the
Alpha Sigma Chapter
50th Anniversary
April 13th, 2002

[Alpha Sigma Chapter](#)
Founded on
January 3rd, 1952



Alpha Sigma Chapter The Early Years



AΣ Collegiate E-Board 1953

*Top row: Alvin Feld, Fred Armstrong, John Zaruba, John Summers, Norman Sonenthal, Arthur Mazzenga, Stephen Tamborski
Bottom row: Nick Karabatsos, Harold Arnoff, Donald Ernst, Kenneth Hood, Thomas Anderson, vice president; Donald Frega, treasurer; Edward Swanson, president; Lewis Cooke, secretary; Alfred Howard*



First Chapter President (WCC) John Zaruba AΣ17
and his beautiful beloved wife, Gloria for 65 years



Thomas V. Anderson
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The first officers of Alpha Sigma are as follows:
President John Zaruba, Vice-President Donald Ernst, Treasurer Nick Karabatsos,
Secretary Norman Sonenthal, Chaplain John Summers.
Master-at-Arms Kenneth Hood, Inner Guard Arthur Mazzenga.

2026 “Smoker” at Pompei on Taylor October 2nd, 2026

This year the Alpha Sigma Chapter will hold the annual “Smoker” on **Friday, October 2nd** at Pompei on Taylor. The festivities will begin at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in attending, please reserve your spot by using on the link below. (**preferred method**) ORBy contacting Brother Margaret Schwab (WAL) before September 28th at:

alumni.alphasigma.pdc@gmail.com

The **full Italian Buffet** (Cash Bar), with all of the favorites, is only \$30 per person. Checks payable to **Phi Delta Chi** can be given at the event to the Worthy Keeper of Finance.

Electronic payment can be made in advance using the Google form below and Venmo: @PhiDeltaChi-AlphaSigma

[Google Form to reserve a seat](#)

The “Smoker” is the perfect venue to support our Collegiate Brothers and welcome the 2026 Candidates to the Alpha Sigma Chapter.



[Pompei on Taylor INFORMATION](#)

The Alumni Chapter hopes to see many Alumni Brothers in attendance at this year's event!





We invite you to attend

Phi Delta Chi Smoker

Please RSVP via QR or email
alumni.alphasigma.pdc@gmail.com



Buffet dinner and cash bar celebration for the
2026 Candidates!

Friday October 2nd at 7pm
Pompei Restaurant
1531 W Taylor St, Chicago, IL
60607

Active/Incoming Brothers:\$35
Alumni/P4 Brothers: \$30
Cash/Check at Event or Venmo
Venmo: @PhiDeltaChi-AlphaSigma



Alumni Chapter Private Facebook Page

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.

Alpha Sigma Alumni Association Donation Form 2026

**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!**

