

Chicago Alumni Chapter:

Celebrating 100 Years of Service

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Pre-Chartering 1897-1911

Although the Chicago Alumni Chapter was not chartered until 1911, its roots and the roots of Phi Alpha Delta go back to 1897 and the birth first of the Illinois Law Student League, then of Lambda Epsilon, and finally of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity. Like the chapter, the fraternity was born in Chicago, and many of the founders of Phi Alpha Delta became members and life-long supporters of the fraternity's first alumni chapter.

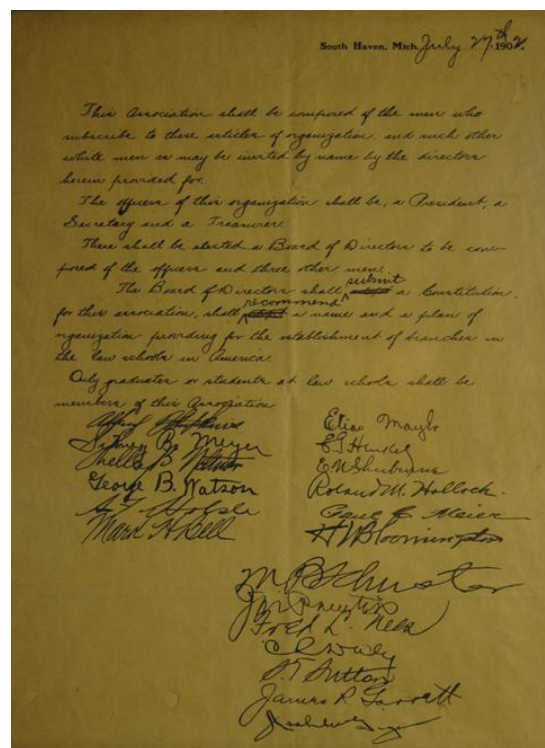
On November 4, 1897, the Illinois Supreme Court adopted new requirements for admission to practice. The Illinois Law Student League was formed and lobbied for an exemption for those students who started their legal education prior to the court's adoption of the new rule. Though eventually found unconstitutional, an exemption was passed the Illinois legislature excusing these students from the rule's provisions. That association of students formally organized in 1897, as Lambda Epsilon Fraternity. Lambda stood for "law" and Epsilon for "equity".



John A. Brown (Story), President of Chicago Alumni Association 1908-1909, Charter Member Chicago Alumni Chapter in 1911.

In order to accommodate expansion and to form a more smoothly functioning association, the fraternity met at the Colonial Tavern in South

Haven, Michigan and unanimously dissolved Lambda Epsilon. The next day, on July 27, 1902, the "Articles of South Haven" were adopted and the group was reformulated as Phi Alpha Delta.



Articles of South Haven - July 27, 1902

Although the fraternity had not yet established alumni chapters in 1902, it did have alumni members. While these members continued to be affiliated with their student chapters, they did not wait for the creation of alumni chapters to start organized alumni activity. The Chicago Alumni Association was founded almost immediately, its membership composed of alumni members of Phi Alpha Delta residing in the Chicago area. Few records remain of the activities of the Chicago Alumni Association or its activities.

The Association had its regular meetings at Vogelsang's Restaurant at 178 Madison Street, and

its “big event” was an annual dance, the first of which was held on April 30, 1903.



Annual Chicago Alumni Association Dance – April 30, 1903

It is known that the Association generally held officer elections in June, and that officers generally served a one year term from July to July. A full officers record is not existent, but it is known that John A. Brown (Story Chapter) served as president from 1908-1909, Louis Cambridge (Webster Chapter) served from 1909-1910, and Arthur Kracke (Story Chapter) served as its last President from 1910 until the chartering of the Chicago Alumni Chapter in 1911.

The Early Years 1911 - 1919

At the eleventh fraternity convention, held in the summer of 1910, the fraternity finally recognized the alumni associations by creating provisions for alumni chapters of the fraternity. Almost immediately, four alumni associations submitted their petitions for alumni chapter charters. The first among these was the Chicago Alumni Chapter.

The petition to charter the Chicago alumni Chapter was signed by John A. Brown, Charles L. Daley, Harry Fasmer, George E. Fink, W. Merle Fisher, Lewis C. Garver, Harry Hamlin, Craig Hood, Harry Keats, William Kerr, James McKeag, Paul C. Meier, Harry C. Moran, Thomas P. Octigan, James D. Power, Jackson M. Prentiss, Samuel H. Roberts, Simon T. Sutton, Frank B. Teed, and Chris Whalen.

Among this illustrious group can be found one of the original members of the Illinois Law Student League (John A. Brown), four signers of the “Articles of South Haven” (Charles L. Daley, Paul C. Meier, Jackson M. Prentiss, and Simon T. Sutton), and three individuals who would serve in the national fraternity’s highest office (Supreme Justices Paul C. Meier 1904-1905, Thomas P. Octigan 1906-1907, George E. Fink 1923-1925).



Paul C. Meier
1905-1906



Thomas P. Octigan
1906-1907

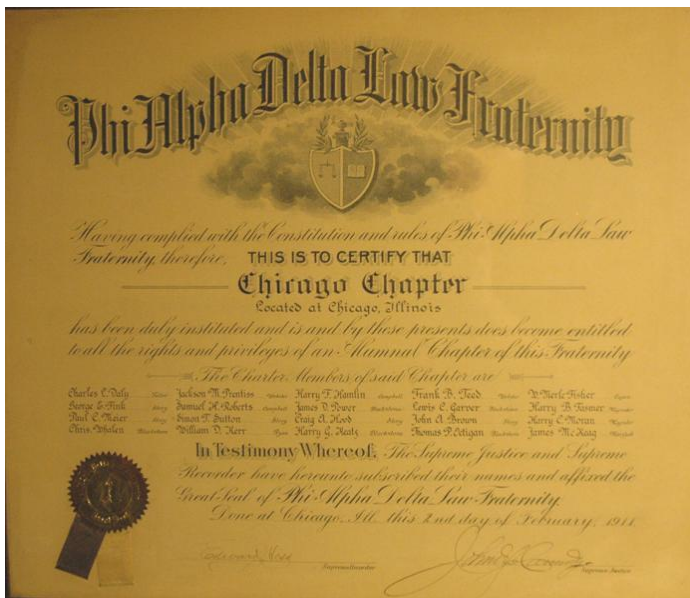


George E. Fink
1923-1924

The Chicago Alumni Chapter was officially chartered on Feb. 2, 1911, and its first president was Brother E.J. Thelin. The new chapter’s charter was celebrated at the annual Inter-Chapter Banquet on February 25, 1911 with Brother Edgar A. Jonas serving as Master of Ceremonies.

The February, 1911, PAD Quarterly Reported that at Chicago the brethren of Webster, Blackstone, Fuller, Story, and Marshall chapters were gathered with Chicago Alumni about the festive board with Supreme Justice Jack Carmody in their midst, “singing praises of the greatest legal fraternity in the world and making the Sherman House ring with plaudits and cheers”.

Chicago continued to serve as the heartland of Phi Alpha Delta in the early years of the Fraternity, hosting the fraternity’s then annual conventions from 1908-1914. The Chicago Alumni Chapter continued throughout this period to support the activities of the five local student chapters.



Chicago Alumni Chapter Charter February 2, 1911

As the nation grew closer to war, the fraternity was in excellent shape with thirty-seven law school chapters and fifteen alumni chapters, the Chicago Alumni senior among them. Then,

“war was declared and in a few short weeks Phi Alpha Delta was in chaos. Our entire membership responded to the country’s needs in one way or another. In many instances, entire chapter to the last man entered the military service.”

- “History of Phi Alpha Delta”, *The Reporter*, May, 1935.

The Chicago Alumni Chapter continued to remain active during the war years, keeping the Phi Alpha Delta “Lamp of Learning” aflame till those members who had not made the supreme sacrifice in war returned home to resume their legal educations and the remaining national officers of the fraternity resumed the duties of their offices. For its first post-war convention in December 1919, the Fraternity naturally returned to its roots in Chicago. This convention became known as The Victory Convention.

Early Chicago Alumni Presidents:

1911-1912	Edward J. Thelin (Webster)
1912-1913	George E. Fink (Story)
1913-1914	Edgar A. Jonas (Webster)
1914-1915	William E. Helander (Fuller)
1915-1917	George T. Preschern (Blackstone)
1917-1918	John B. Delaney (Blackstone)

The Roaring Twenties 1920-1929



Hon. Harry G. Keats, Chapter Justice 1918-1921,
“Grand Old Man of Phi Alpha Delta”

Brother Harry G. Keats (Blackstone Chapter), a probate court judge, took the reins of the Chicago Alumni Chapter during the War and continued to serve as Chapter President for three terms until 1921 putting the chapter back on a firm post-war footing and assisting the student chapters in their reactivation. For years thereafter, Brother Keats was affectionately known as “The Grand Old Man of Phi Alpha Delta”.



Annual Spring Banquet, April 18, 1925

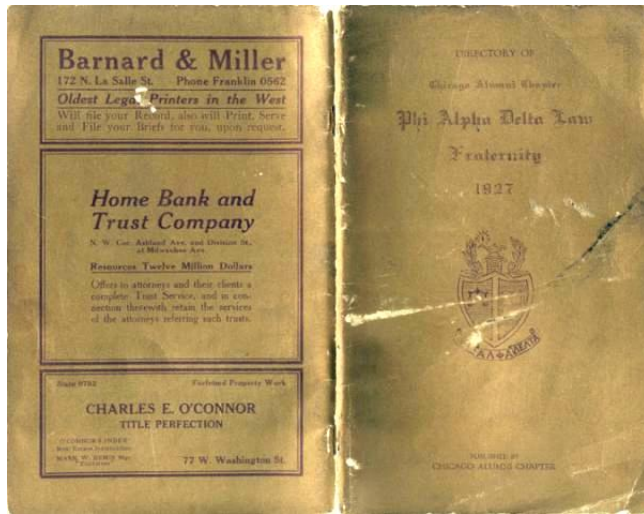
By 1921, the chapter was holding monthly meetings in a downtown restaurant, King’s Restaurant, and boasting a mailing list of over one hundred and sixty members. Local student members sent representatives to all the Chicago Alumni meetings, and in turn the Chicago Alumni Chapter supported the students – regularly attending events held by Blackstone, Fuller, Marshall, Story, and Webster Chapters. The student chapters and the Chicago Alumni Chapter held frequent well attended joint events and galas causing Brother Leon A. Mitchell of Webster Chapter to boast that the “Chicago Chapters are fortunate that Chicago is not only the birthplace of Phi Alpha Delta, but is also its stronghold, there being six chapters within the city, which gives large number to draw on for every function.”

On December 16, 1922, the Chicago Alumni Chapter hosted the Central District Assembly. The event was attended by chapters from throughout the Midwest and was presided over by the Supreme Officers of the Fraternity.

By 1923, the Chicago Alumni Chapter boasted two hundred and forty-one members. The chapter had a daily luncheon at Miss Hastings Tearoom located at 17 N. LaSalle Street and held regular monthly dinner meetings. The daily luncheons featured discussions of legal problems and other matters of

fraternal interest while the monthly meetings were arranged by a program committee and generally featured either a guest speaker or a musical program.

So great was the fellowship between the alumni and student chapters, that in 1924 the Alumni Chapter By-Laws were amended to officially recognize representatives of the student chapters with full voting privileges. The Alumni Chapter saw itself as an “a medium through which the active chapters may cooperate”.



The 1927 Directory of the Chicago Alumni Chapter

In 1925, the Chicago Alumni Chapter’s daily luncheons relocated to the new headquarters of the Chicago Bar Association. The social highlights for the Chicago chapters during the twenties were the annual Spring Banquets and the annual Summer Outings (which features baseball game between the married brothers and the single.

In 1926, the Chapter began publication of its own monthly newsletter, The Dictum, and the established the position of Editor of Dictum on its Executive Board. In 1927, the Chapter published its first Membership Directory.

The spirit of the Chapter in the 1920’s can be best described in the words of two term Chapter President Leslie F. Kimmell (Marshall Chapter) in his annual report in 1927, “In closing, it will not be amiss to mention the spirit of toleration which exists among our members. With almost 400 members, it is to be expected that we will have extremes of views on all subjects and with all degrees in between the two extremes. The spirit of true friendliness and the desire to be of real service is a

characteristic of our members. These are the ideals of true fraternalism. For the purpose of advancing these ideals and for no other purpose does our Fraternity exist.”

Chicago Alumni Presidents of the Twenties:

1918-1921	Harry G. Keats (Blackstone)
1921-1922	Albert Peterson (Webster)
1922-1923	Allan T. Gilbert (Blackstone)
1923-1924	Emmet “Buck” F. Byrne (Story)
1924-1925	Henry L. Chatroop (Marshall)
1925-1926	Homer A. Dodge (Benson)
1926-1928	Leslie F. Kimmell (Marshall)

Chicago Alumni Justices of the Twenties:

1928-1929	Cecil Emery (Webster)
1929-1930	Lisle L. Richmond (Marshall)

Surviving The Depression 1930-1939



William M. O'Shea, Chapter Justice 1934

Having survived the losses of the first World War, the Fraternity next faced the challenge of the Great Depression. The Chapters faced constantly increasing difficulties in maintaining their membership and managing their finances. The 1932 Convention was cancelled due to financial concerns, and chapter taxes were reduced. As fraternity members suffered across the nation, the Chicago Alumni Chapter took the lead in raising fraternal spirit and encouraging fraternity activity.

In 1933, William M. O'Shea (Webster) petitioned the Supreme Executive Board of the Fraternity on behalf of the Chicago Alumni Chapter to organize a National P.A.D. Night – complete with National Radio Hookups.

“On January 20, 1934, in all of the larger centers of the country radio programs were broadcast and our members listened in on some program broadcast from their particular sections of the country.”

- “History of Phi Alpha Delta”, *The Reporter*, May, 1935.

The Chicago Alumni organized the program to be broadcast from the Drake Hotel in Chicago on WMAQ. Music was provided by Stan Olin of Webster Chapter, and Brother Dwight H. Green, then U.S. District Court Attorney gave the key note address. All seven Illinois student and alumni chapters were represented. Similar programs were broadcast from sixteen other radio stations across the country. The Chief proponent of National PAD Night, Brother O’Shea was elected the Chicago Alumni Chapter’s next Justice.



Testimonial Dinner for the Hon. Dwight H. Green, March 6, 1937 at the La Salle Hotel

Brother O’Shea would also be instrumental in assisting the transfer of Webster Chapter and all its student members to Loyola University of Chicago when the Chicago Law School shuts its doors.

In the mid 1930’s, the Chicago Alumni’s monthly meetings were moved from the Chicago Bar Association headquarters to the Hamilton Club, though daily luncheons remained with the Chicago Bar.

In 1939, the Sullivan’s Chicago Law Directory accepted the suggestion of the Chicago Alumni Chapter and began to identify Phi Alpha Delta members listed in its directory by placing the Greek letter symbols of the fraternity after the name of each member. ΦΑΔ

Both the chapter and the Fraternity were enjoying more success than ever before, but World War II was rapidly approaching.

Chicago Alumni Justices of the Thirties:

1930	Thomas C. Hollywood (Fuller)
1931	William J. Nealon (Story)
1932	James H. Turner (Marshall)
1933	Eugene V. Clarke (Livingston)
1934	William M. O’Shea (Webster)
1935	Harry A. Carlson (Blackstone)
1936	Hon. J. William Brooks (Fuller) – <i>died in office and was succeeded by</i>
1936	Robert Raymond Stern (Magruder)
1937	Philip G. Brennan (Story)
1938	John P. McGoorty (Blackstone)
1939	James P. Harrold (Webster)

War and Recovery 1940-1949

The Chicago Alumni Chapter kicked off the new decade by organizing the annual Formal Dinner Dance at the Florentine Rooms of the Congress Hotel on February 24, 1940 and the initiation of seven new alumni members by Membership Chairman “Cap” Damrell. The chapter capped off the year with a well attended Judicial Reception at the Brevoort Hotel on November 19, 1940.



Chicago Alumni Judicial Reception – November 19, 1940

The chapter continued its celebration of the nation’s steady financial recovery, holding its annual Formal Dinner at the Congress Casino on February 15, 1941. The affair was described as one of the most sparkling affairs in Chicago Alumni history and was well attended by PAD members and local dignitaries, among them Chicago Alumni member and Governor of the State of Illinois, Brother Dwight H. Green.

Having survived the first World War and the Great Depression and flourishing in the later 1930's and early 1940's, the Fraternity would face its greatest challenge as the nation went to war in December, 1941.



Annual Dinner Dance, February 15, 1941

The 1938 convention would be the last held till after the war. The 1940 convention was cancelled with war looming on the horizon, and the Fraternity's Supreme Officers elected in 1938 would serve until 1946. Extreme money saving measures were put into place, and publication of *The Reporter* was reduced and a new, less expensive newsprint format was adopted. The war was devastating to the fraternity, and by its conclusion only six law school chapters remained active. Bolstered by the support of the Chicago Alumni Chapter, two of these chapters were located in Chicago.

The Chapter continued to conduct business with less elaborate, less frequent, and less well attended events, but never went inactive – continuing to elect new officers each year and continuing to promote the ideals of Phi Alpha Delta.

When the war ended, Chicago Alumni assisted in the reactivation of local chapters as the Fraternity began a nationwide program of reactivation. By the 1948 Convention, the Fraternity received delegates from fifty-six active student and alumni chapters. All the Chicago law school chapters were reactivated by this time with the exception of Marshall Chapter at the University of Chicago.

By 1949, the Chicago Alumni Chapter was back to daily luncheons and monthly meetings. The monthly meetings were very successful, frequently attended by 70-100 members of the Fraternity. A new chapter directory had also been published. The Chapter's last event of the decade was a holiday party on December 15, 1949, held at the Union

League Club. Former Chicago Alumni Justice Edgar A. Jonas, then serving in the United States Congress was honored at the meeting and each alumni member in attendance sponsored one student member's attendance.

The chapter had weathered the storm – surviving two World Wars and the Great Depression and was prepared to thrive in the second half of the Twentieth Century.

Chicago Alumni Justices of the Forties:

1940	Raymond R. Stern (Magruder)
1941	Peter D. Giachini (Clay)
1942	John L. Sunde (Webster)
1943	Donald McFayden (Marshall)
1944	Capell "Cap" H. Damrell (Story)
1945	Raymond C. Stoecker (Story)
1946	Henry Junge (Reese)
1947-1948	William J. Lunn (Story)
1948-1949	Paul Manning (Blackstone)
1949-1950	Rupert F. Bippus (Blackstone)

The Golden Years, 1950-1960

The Chicago Alumni Chapter kicked off the new decade with a grand celebration – a midwinter formal dance at the LaSalle Hotel on February 13, 1950. The Chapter was joined by the officers and members of three local student chapters Fuller (Northwestern), Story (DePaul), and Webster (Loyola). Over 100 student and alumni members attended the gala.



Reporter coverage of the Inter-chapter Dance, February 13, 1950

Regular luncheons and monthly gatherings continued throughout the year, as the chapter experienced a banner year. Highlights included a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon at which the chapter was addressed by the Irish Consul, the Hon. John M. Conway.

In 1951, the Chapter added a new campaign to their already full agenda. The Chapter wanted to host the next biennial convention in Chicago. By Fall, the Supreme Executive Board has narrowed down the choices for the 1952 convention to Chicago or Cleveland, and both alumni chapters sent representatives to the November 12, 1951, board meeting to plead their city's case. When the dust settled Chicago was chosen as the convention site. For the Fraternity's Fiftieth Anniversary, it would come home to Chicago the place of its birth.



PAD Founders at the Golden Anniversary Convention included (L-R): Asahel Gage (Blackstone), John A. Brown (Story), Richard B. Finn (Story), John M. Bryant (Fuller), Sidney B. Meyer (Fuller), and Paul C. Meier (Story)

Among the highlights of the convention was the presence of several of the Fraternity's Founding Fathers regaling the younger members with stories of the Fraternity's founding. Among them was Chicago Alumni Chapter Charter Member and President of the Chicago Alumni Association in 1908, Brother John A. Brown.

The Chicago Alumni host committee was led by Brother Anthony A. DiGrazia, then serving a dual role as Chicago Alumni Chapter Justice and District Justice. No detail was left unplanned – the host committee even arranged final banquet dates for delegates, contact local flight attendant and nursing organizations. Brother DiGrazia was elected to the Supreme Executive Board at the Golden Anniversary Convention, becoming the Fraternity's Supreme Marshal. He would continue to serve on the board for ten years.



Anthony A. DiGrazia, Story Chapter. Chicago Alumni Justice and District VI Justice, 1952.

Elected to the Supreme Executive Board at the Golden Anniversary Convention in 1952, Tony would go to serve as Supreme Justice of the Fraternity from 1956-1962, the last member of the Chicago Alumni Chapter to serve in that office.



Reporter coverage of the Golden Anniversary Convention hosted by the Chicago Alumni Chapter in August, 1952.

The Chicago Alumni Chapter committed to raising funds to underwrite the cost of the opening reception and agreed to arrange for entertainment at the Friday luncheon and final banquet. A special committee was even set up to arrange for entertainment for the wives of convention delegates. Spearheading the Chicago Alumni Convention Planning Committee were Co-Chairs Anthony A. DiGrazia and John Burita.

The Golden Anniversary Convention was held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel from August 28-30, 1952, and served as an incredible showcase for the Chicago Alumni Chapter, its members, and its leadership.

The Chapter continued to enjoy an active and successful decades. In addition to its traditionally well attended judicial receptions and monthly dinners, the 1950's saw a particularly ambitious Chicago Alumni Chapter go on the road to stage congratulatory receptions in Springfield, Illinois for newly admitted members of the bar – who at this time were only sworn in in Springfield. The chapter also made its presence known in other bar associations hosting receptions at meetings of both the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. The chapter even hosted Associate U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson (Jay Chapter) on a visit to Chicago and assisted Story Chapter in arranging for the honorary initiation of the Chicago Mayor Daley. This was truly a golden era for the Chicago Alumni.



Initiation of Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley (center). Also pictured (L-R) Supreme Justice John Griffith administering the oath and Brother Anthony A. DiGrazia. October, 1959.

Chicago Alumni Justices of the Fifties:

1951-1952	John Burita (Blackstone)
1952-1953	Anthony A. DiGrazia (Story)
1953-1954	Tom L. Yates (Ryan)
1954-1955	Stanley R. Pulaski (Story)
1955-1956	Robert F. Monaghan (Webster)
1956-1957	Robert G. Mackey (Webster)
1957-1958	Bernard A. Snyder (Webster)
1958-1959	Hilmond O. Vogel (Blackstone)
1959-1960	F. Patrick Conlon (Magruder)

The Nineteen Sixties, 1960-1969

At the Thirty-third Biennial Convention in August, 1960, Chicago Alumni member Anthony A. DiGrazia was elected Supreme Justice of the Fraternity. As he presided over the national

organization, he continued his involvement with the Chicago Alumni Chapter as it enjoyed another successful decade.



Reception for new PAD bar admittees, November 21, 1960.

During the 1960's, the Chapter continued its tradition of hosting receptions for new bar admittees, organizing judicial receptions, hosting St. Patrick's Day Luncheons, and hitting the countryside for summer outings. A new tradition begun at this time was an annual joint event with the Chicago Alumni Senate of Delta Theta Phi which started as an inter-fraternity dinner and evolved into a roast in which a jury of local judicial figures would choose a winner from between the two groups.

In March 1963, a group of Chicago Alumni members made the journey to Washington, D.C. to represent the Chapter at the honorary initiation of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg at the Mayflower Hotel. Five other Supreme Court Justice (present and former) were also in attendance for the event.



Chicago Alumni with Supreme Court Justice Goldberg. L-R: Philip Greenberg, Hon. Justice Arthur J. Goldberg, Hon. George L. Quilici, and Anthony A. DiGrazia



Chicago Alumni Members admitted to the US Supreme Court on May 18, 1964 pose with US Supreme Court Justice, Brother Tom Clark.

This was just one of the big field trips for the Chicago Alumni Chapter. In May, 1964, twenty members of the Chapter participated in PAD Day at the Supreme Court and were admitted to practice before the highest court in the land.

Charles V. "Chuck" Falkenberg, Jr. who had graduated from Fuller Chapter in 1956 became very active in the Chicago Alumni Chapter at this time, and served as its Justice 1964. Chuck would go on serve as District Justice and continue his involvement with the chapter for several decades. Few can forget the PAD Day at the Races parties hosted by Brother Falkenberg at his home near Arlington Race Track.



Chuck Falkenberg (Fuller)

Former Chicago Alumni Justice (1964-1967) and District Justice.

Brother Falkenberg was honored in 2007 for over forty years of service to the Chicago Alumni Chapter.

Chicago Alumni Justices of the Sixties:

1960-1961	Robert J. Gorman (Blackstone)
1961-1962	D. Arthur Connelly (Story)
1962-1963	Barrett O'Hara (Story)
1963-1964	Philip Greenburg (Magruder)
1964-1965	Charles V. Falkenberg, Jr. (Fuller)
1965-1966	Floyd B. Harmon (Blackstone)

1966-1967	Hon. George L. Quilici (Story)
1967-1968	Constantine G. Drugas (Fuller)
1968-1969	Richard J. Meyers (Story)
1969-1970	Richard B. Hansen (Marshall)

A Decade of Progress, 1970-1979

The Seventies would see major changes for Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity and the Chicago Alumni Chapter. The end of the sixties had seen the establishment of the first active chapter outside the United States transforming the Fraternity into an International Organization. Another major change would alter the Fraternity forever when in 1970, the Thirty-Eighth Convention amended the constitution to allow women law students and lawyers to become members of Phi Alpha Delta, culminating a long struggle within the Fraternity. With this significant action, Phi Alpha Delta became the first major law fraternity to admit women to membership.



Chicago's Tony DiGrazia, Supreme Historian Don Moore, and Honorary Initiate Edward V. Hanrahan, April 22, 1970

In Chicago, alumni kicked off the new decade with the honorary initiation of controversial Cook County States Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan who had made his name as a law-and-order prosecutor unafraid to pursue organized crime figures.

While continuing its tradition of professional events such as judges receptions and honorary initiations, the Chicago Alumni also continued more social outings such as the annual day at the races and the annual Student Night Dinners, which graduating law student members attended as guests of the alumni chapter.



Former Supreme Justice Tony DiGrazia speaks at the chapter's Student Night Dinner on April 22, 1974. Also pictured (L-R), Chapter Justice Thomas King, Gene Edlin, and Hon. Robert G. Mackey.

The Seventies would also see the arrival on the P.A.D. scene of Brother John Peter Curielli (Story). Graduating from DePaul in 1972, Brother Curielli quickly became involved with the Chicago Alumni Chapter joining its board in 1973. He took a break from active service as a Chapter officer from 1975-1979 to serve as District Justice before returning to the board to serve close out the decade as Chapter Justice.



Chicago's most active: John Peter Curielli and Chuck Falkenberg.



Chicago PAD Day at the Races, August 20, 1975. Some of the Attendees pose with the jockey of the winning horse (Curious Kitten)

One of the big highlights of the 1970's was the Fraternity's "Diamond Jubilee", a celebration of the Fraternity's 75th Anniversary hosted by the Chicago Alumni Chapter at the Palmer House on February 18, 1977. The event was attended by 200 members and guests and featured a key note address by the Hon. Daniel P. Ward, Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court. Brother Ward also served as Honorary Justice of the Chicago Alumni Chapter.



1978 Chapter Board Members included L-R: Hon Robert G. Mackey, Anthony Zumner, Hon. Charles P. Horan, James J. Conlon, Hon. Harry G. Comerford, John Peter Curielli, Al Chiappe, Richard Meyers, Joan Wassem, and Gene Edlin.

The 1970's also saw the Chicago Alumni assisting with the reactivation and chartering of local law chapters. The Chicago Alumni assisted in the reactivation of Fuller Chapter at Northwestern University in 1977, and the ceremony took place in the chambers of Chicago Alumni Justice, the Honorable Harry G. Comerford. The chapter also assisted in the chartering of the James Dooley Chapter at Lewis College of Law in Glen Ellyn

(now Northern Illinois University School of Law) in 1978, the Fraternity's 154th Law School Chapter.



Benjamin Paul Hyink of Story Chapter.

Chicago Alumni Justice and long time Executive Secretary, District Justice, International Proctor.

Longtime Supporter of the Chicago Alumni Chapter

Another key figure in Chicago Alumni Chapter history arrived on the scene in the 1970's, as Story Chapter Justice Benjamin P. Hyink was appointed to the post of District Justice while still a student at DePaul. Brother Hyink would serve as District Justice for several years and be elected to the International Executive Board before claiming a much deserved spot on the Chicago Alumni Chapter board in the 1980's.

Chicago Alumni Justices of the Seventies:

1970-1971	Donald J. Ververka (Story)
1971-1972	Anthony S. Zummer (Jay)
1972-1973	Gene K. Edlin (Webster)
1973-1974	Joseph H. Bamberger (Lincoln)
1974-1975	Thomas G. King (Story)
1975-1976	Hon. John J. Hogan (Story)
1976-1977	Leo J. Aubel (Tilden)
1977-1978	Hon. Harry G. Comerford (Story)
1978-1979	Jerome Gardberg (Blackstone)
1979-1980	John P. Curielli (Story)

The Nineteen Eighties, 1980-1989



Tony DiGrazia, Hon. Harry G. Comerford, and John Peter Curielli – Chicago Alumni Honor Comerford - May 29, 1980

The nineteen-eighties would be another decade of success and service for the Chicago Alumni Chapter. On May 29, 1980, the Chapter gathered to honor former Chapter Justice Harry G. Comerford (Story). Brother Comerford served as Chief Judge of the Cook County Circuit Court from 1978-1994. The Chapter presented him with a brass plaque engraved with the Fraternity seal.

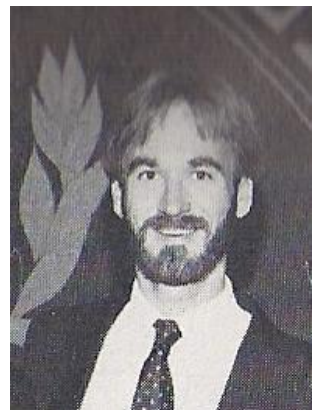


Carol Lutz, First Woman to Serve as Chicago Alumni Justice, 1982

In 1982, another great milestone in the chapter's history occurred with the installation its first woman as Chapter Justice. Carol Lutz of Blackstone Chapter would be the first of many, very capable P.A.D. women to serve in that role.

The same year, the chapter's first suburban sister chapter was chartered as the Northern Illinois Alumni Chapter was created to serve PAD members in Lake and McHenry County. Its Charter Justice was former Chicago Alumni Chapter Justice John Peter Curielli (Story).

In 1987, another extremely active and pivotal figure in Chicago Alumni Chapter history became Chapter Justice. Brother John K. Norris has served as Blackstone Chapter Justice 1982-1983. He remained active as an alumnus member representing the Chicago Alumni at the 1984 Convention and serving as Chair of the Fraternity's Pre-Law Advisory Council from 1984-1986. In 1987, he took over leadership of the Chicago Alumni Chapter and has remained



continuously active with the chapter since the early eighties. Among his many contributions is the chairmanship of the annual chapter judges' night. Brother Norris was appointed District Justice in 2009.



Chapter presents scholarships to student members. L-R: Hon. Robert G. Mackey, James Quinlan, Jr., students Susan Davidson and Matthew Sons, and John K. Norris.

Chicago Alumni Justices of Eighties:

1980-1981	James J. Conlon (Story)
1981-1982	Robert E. Parsons (Story)
1982-1983	Carol Richards Lutz (Blackstone)
1083-1984	E. Garnet Fay (Blackstone)
1984-1985	Edward Miller (Story)
1985-1986	Benjamin Paul Hyink (Story)
1987-1988	John Kelly Norris (Blackstone)
1988-1989	Hon. James S. Quinlan, Jr. (Fuller)
1989-1990	Rene D. Cavanaugh (Lincoln)

Fundamental Principles, 1990-1999



Board Members installed January 11, 1990

The Chicago Alumni Chapter entered the last decade of the Twentieth Century on firm footing with a regular schedule of events. The chapter board

had a regularly scheduled board meetings on the second Wednesday of each month, the chapter had monthly social gatherings, and the old timers (with the occasional youngster joining in) met daily for lunch at the Fraternity table at the Chicago Bar Association lunchroom. Among the signature annual events was the January officer installation, the March St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, and Judges Night. At the St. Patrick's Day Luncheons the chapter recognized effective local judges through presentation of its judicial performance awards, and at judges night all the local judiciary was recognized and applauded.

As the local student chapters experienced a resurgence in activity due largely to an extremely energetic new District Justice, Alan S. Zelkowitz (Champ Clark), the Chicago Alumni board members also became frequent guests of Blackstone, Lincoln, Story, and Webster Chapter events. In turn, several of these student members from the early nineties would join the Chicago Alumni Chapter upon graduation and serve on its board for many years to come.



Hon. Robert G. Mackey (Webster) accepts the chapter's Judicial Performance Award from Chapter Justice Harry Q. Rohde (Blackstone) at the Chapter's St. Pat's Lunch on March 15, 1990.

While engaging in their regular activities, the Chapter got back basics. The nineties saw the drafting and adoption of the Chapter By-Laws and after much debate these by-laws laid out a new statement of the chapter's fundamental purpose:

“to promote the ideas, principles, and purposes of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International, as defined in Article II of the Constitution of the Fraternity and to provide a forum to develop a closer relationship between the members of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International residing in the Chicago area; to promote the interchange of matters of legal import

among its members and aid student members of the Fraternity in becoming established within the legal profession, and to further the advancement of the Fraternity in all aspects”



Honorary Initiation of Justice Gino Divito and Justice Diane Wood by Webster Chapter at the Chicago Alumni Chapter Judicial Reception on October 21, 1998. L-R: Webster Justice Tom Bentz, Hon. Gino DiVito, Hon. Diane Wood, and International Executive Board Member Alan S. Zelkowitz.

It was this statement of fundamental principles together with the Fraternity’s motto of “Service to the Student, the School, the Profession, and the Community” which would set the chapter on course for an incredible increase in service and professional activities in the late nineties and the first decade of the 21st Century.



Recipients of the Daniel P. Ward Scholarships award on November 14, 1997 (L-R) Jeff Hesser (Story), Sean M. Byrne (Lincoln), and David S. Kerpel (Story) post with Hon. John Ward (son of scholarship namesake Hon. Daniel P. Ward).

The first stage of this evolution can be seen in the development of the Daniel Ward Scholarship Program in the nineties. The chapter had given scholarships in the past as funds were available, but after a donation by Sharon Hunt (Blackstone), the Chapter committed to making annual scholarship presentations. In May, 1995, the Chapter voted to name the annual scholarship in honor of Brother

Daniel P. Ward, Co-Honorary Justice of the Chapter who had recently passed away. Julie-April Montgomery (Blackstone) became chair of the Scholarship Committee and has served in that capacity since.

Chicago Alumni Justices of Nineties:

1990-1991	Robert J. Ross (Story)
1991-1992	Harry Quinn Rohde (Blackstone)
1992-1993	Sharon L. Hunt (Blackstone)
1993-1994	Nicola S. Tancredi (Story)
1994-1995	Stephen G. Baime (Magruder)
1995-1996	Matthew W. Sons (Blackstone)
1996-1997	Berton J. “B.J.” Maley (Webster)
1997-1998	Julie-April Montgomery (Rapallo)
1998-1999	Kenneth E. Baime (Holmes)
1999-2000	Richard S. Spencer (Story)

Service and Professionalism, 2000-2010



Hon. Mary Ann G. McMorrow (far left) and Hon. James F. Holderman (far right) present Daniel P. Ward Scholarships on November 20, 2008. Also pictured (L-R): Jennifer Frick (Story), Ryan Schemmerhorn (Story), Jennifer Anderson (Lincoln), Ryan Carey (Story), Sharon Hunt - annual scholarship program founder (Blackstone), and Chicago Alumni Justice Charlie McCarthy.

The first decade of the 21st Century saw an evolution of the chapter. The chapter shifted from the routine monthly social event and began to focus much more on service and professional events. Its signature events, the St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon and the Judicial Reception remained and evolved, but chapter’s focus was no longer on the monthly social events.

The Daniel Ward Scholarship program expanded so that by the end of the decade five to six scholarships were presented annually to local P.A.D. law students in amounts that ranged from \$500.00 to

\$1,500.00. In 2008, the awards were presented twice, once at the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon in March and once at a special scholarship dinner in November. That year nine law students received awards, and as a particular honor the November awardees were received the awards from co-presenters the Hon. Mary Ann G. McMorrow (Webster) who had been the first woman to serve on the Illinois Supreme Court and the Hon. James F. Holderman (Chicago Alumni), Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.



Team PAD at Chicago March of Dimes Walk on April 29, 2007

The chapter expanded its service program to include sponsoring teams in the annual March of Dimes Walk and in Race Judicata to raise money for Chicago Volunteer Legal Services. From funds received in its CLE program, the chapter supported the work of the Lawyers Assistance Program. The chapter also participated in fund raising activities for Lawyers United to Help Rebuild Haiti after the devastating earthquake that nation experienced.



Chicago Alumni Board Members Royal F. Berg (Lincoln), Robert K. Downs (Brewer), and Charlie McCarthy (Story) present chapter donation to Lawyers Assistance Program.



Event Chair Royal F. Berg (Lincoln) and Vice Justice Michele Jochner (Chicago Alumni), Hon. Thomas R. Fitzgerald, Hon. Michael Hyman, Hon. James F. Holderman at the Vincent Vitullo Ethics and Professionalism Seminar January 1, 2008.

When in 2006, the chapter second suburban sister chapter was chartered as the West Suburban Alumni Chapter to serve P.A.D. members in Western Cook, DuPage, and Kane Counties, Chicago Alumni Chapter officers assisted in its chartering and installation. Its Charter Justice was former Chicago Alumni Chapter Justice B.J. Maley (Webster). This provided an additional avenue of service activity for the Chicago Alumni Chapter as it fielded a team in its sister chapter's Annual Charity Bowling Tournament to raise money to fight homelessness.



District Justice John K. Norris, honorary initiate Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, and Chapter Justice Michel Jochner .

Notwithstanding the phenomenal growth of its service programs, the Chicago Alumni Chapter also dramatically expanded its professional programming with the adoption of such programs as the Vincent Vitullo Ethics and Professionalism Seminar and the Distinguished Speakers Series. The Ethics programs featured such distinguished speakers as the Hon. Thomas R. Fitzgerald of the Illinois Supreme Court, the Hon. James F.

Holderman of the U.S. District Court, and James J. Grogan – Chief Counsel for the A.R.D.C.. The Distinguished Speaker Series featured legal giants like Robert A. Clifford “2009 Chicago Personal Injury Litigator of the Year” and the Hon. George N. Leighton who accepted honorary initiation into the Fraternity as a member of the Chicago Alumni Chapter.



Chapter Board Members Pierre Priestley, Hon. James F. Holderman, Michele Jochner, and John K. Norris pose with Hon. George N. Leighton at his honorary initiation into Phi Alpha Delta.

The Chapter’s outstanding programming was recognized by the International Fraternity at its 2010 Biennial Convention in Tampa, Florida when the Chapter was awarded the “Most Outstanding Alumni Chapter” Award for the second year running. Chapter Justice Michele Jochner and Vice Justice Pierre Priestley were also recognized as the Outstanding Alumni Justice and Vice Justice in the Fraternity.

As the Fraternity’s Most Outstanding Alumni Chapter prepares to enter its second century of service, there is truly no limit to what it can accomplish.

Chicago Alumni Justices of 2000-2010:

2000-2001	Rosemary G. Milew (Webster)
2001-2002	James A. Erwin (Story)
2002-2004	Benjamin Paul Hyink (Blackstone)
2004-2006	Royal F. Berg (Lincoln)
2006- 2008	Charles G. McCarthy, Jr. (Story)
2008-2009	Robert K. Downs (Brewer)
2009-2011	Michele Jochner (Chicago Alumni)