Arcus of Illinois and Sigma Upsilon of Michigan Nationalize
April 11, 1914 to Form the Architectural Fraternity,
Alpha Rho Chi

(REPRINT APRIL 1930 ARCHI)

TO GIVE YOU an accurate account of our Fraternity history in
the early days, it is appropriate that a few words be written of
the two local societies that joined in 1914 to form Alpha Rho
Chi. These two locals were Sigma Upsilon at the University of
Michigan, and Arcus at the University of Illinois.

SIGMA UPSILON

The Sigma Upsilon fraternity was started in the first semester
of 1910-1911, by eight men, consisting of one senior, three juniors,
two sophomores, and two freshmen. At this time another archi-
tectural fraternity asked for recognition, but it was absorbed by
Sigma Upsilon. This body was then granted recognition, and Sigma
Upsilon became an official campus organization.

The original intention of Sigma Upsilon was to be the Alpha
chapter of a national professional fraternity, and the constitution
and by-laws were drafted with that in view.

From the original minute book we have gleaned the following
facts: Titles of Sigma Upsilon officers in 1911 were Worthy Mas-
ter, Worthy Scribe, Worthy Chaplain, Worthy Sentinel, and Worthy
Usher. Their pledge pin was a pyramid on a circle. The white rose
was adopted as the official Sigma Upsilon flower in June 1912. In
the autumn of 1912 a house was maintained at 417 E. University,
Ann Arbor, Mich. The chapter was granted official recognition
by the Michigan Committee on Non-Athletic Affairs in October
1912. Correspondence was had with Harvard, Washington Uni-
versity, Georgia School of Technology, Cornell University, Uni-
versity of Pennsylvania, University of California, and the Univer-
sity of Michigan. The result was the beginning of correspondence
between Brother C. C. Cohagen, of Sigma Upsilon at Michigan, and
Brother Leo M. Bauer, of Arcus at Illinois.

Faculty members of Arcus were Dr. N. C. Ricker, L. H. Provine,
and A. H. Kimball.

In February 1914 correspondence
with L'Ogive and Gargoyle at
Cornell for a time showed considerable promise, and Cleveland,
Ohio, was selected originally as a meeting place for the first con-
ference, when it was expected that three local societies (Michigan,
Illinois, and Cornell) would form the nucleus for the first archi-
tectural fraternity. Gargoyle of Cornell reported in late March that
they would be unable to send a delegate to the conference, and the
meeting place was changed to Chicago.

APRIL ELEVENTH

The conference was called for April 10-14, 1914, at the Hotel
Sherman, Chicago. Mr. Chandler C. Cohagen, of Sigma Upsilon,

ARCHI SOCIETY

Arcus Society was formed in the autumn of 1911 by a group of
about fifteen men, and existed secretly until the fall of 1912, when
formal approval for the founding of the society was secured from
the Council of Administration. Early in 1913 the group was recog-
nized by the faculty. During the time of organization, meetings were
held in the Y.M.C.A. at the University. The society secured a house
the first semester of 1913-1914. Arcus Society limited its members-
ship to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Brother W. M. Wadsworth, of the Arcus Society, was delegated
to write to various universities throughout the country and inquire
about other architectural societies wishing to combine to form a
national fraternity. Letters were sent to Harvard, Washington Uni-
versity, Georgia School of Technology, Cornell University, Uni-
versity of Pennsylvania, University of California, and the Univer-
sity of Michigan. The result was the beginning of correspondence
between Brother C. C. Cohagen, of Sigma Upsilon at Michigan, and
Brother Leo M. Bauer, of Arcus at Illinois.

Faculty members of Arcus were Dr. N. C. Ricker, L. H. Provine,
and A. H. Kimball.

In February 1914 correspondence with L'Ogive and Gargoyle at
Cornell for a time showed considerable promise, and Cleveland,
Ohio, was selected originally as a meeting place for the first con-
ference, when it was expected that three local societies (Michigan,
Illinois, and Cornell) would form the nucleus for the first archi-
tectural fraternity. Gargoyle of Cornell reported in late March that
they would be unable to send a delegate to the conference, and the
meeting place was changed to Chicago.
and Mr. Leo M. Bauer, of Arcus Society, were the delegates to this meeting. A name for the new fraternity was first discussed. Names of secular nature were presented by the delegates, and only one of Greek origin was offered by the Illinois delegate, that being the name, “Alpha Rho Chi,” an admirable selection by Dr. Nathan Clifford Ricker, of the faculty of the University of Illinois.

**DIVISION OF DUTIES**

The constitution, by-laws, emblems, and other insignia of both societies were totally disregarded, and only those retained that might be sufficiently suitable and pleasing for the new fraternity. The Arcus Society was allowed to draft the national constitution and by-laws, and the Sigma Upsilon Society the local chapter constitution and by-laws; the Arcus Society the official badge, and the Sigma Upsilon Society the coat-of-arms. It proved later, however, that the Arcus Society revised the Sigma Upsilon design for the coat-of-arms, which was adopted afterward by the first Grand Council in session at Ann Arbor, Mich., in mid-November 1914. The colors, maroon and navy blue, formerly of the Arcus Society, were retained by the new fraternity (Sigma Upsilon colors being blue and gold). The motto, “Fidelitas, Amor et Artes,” resulted from a combination of the mottos of the two societies. The Arcus Society was directed to draft the charter forms, and Sigma Upsilon the certificate of membership. The Sigma Upsilon flower, the white rose, was adopted as the fraternity flower.

**FIRST GRAND COUNCIL**

The delegates to the Chicago Conference empowered the societies which they represented to choose the officers of the Grand Council for the first ensuing year. Arcus Society was given the elective power of the Worthy Grand Architect, L. M. Bauer was W.G.A. selected, and Professor A. H. Kimball was chosen as first Grand Lecturer.

The Sigma Upsilon Society was given the elective power of Worthy Grand Scribe, C. C. Cohagen being selected, and of Worthy Grand Estimator, for which G. M. McConkey was named. The Sigma Upsilon Society is given credit for the drafting of the formal ritual, C. C. Cohagen, who was chairman of that committee, being the author. The chapter names were selected by the two organized chapters from a list of names of prominent master architects, the list having been prepared by faculty representatives at each institution. The Illinois chapter chose the name Anthemos, and the Michigan chapter Iktinos. It was the original intent to use the Greek spelling of all architects’ names selected for future chapters. Both Anthemos and Iktinos chapters were incorporated according to their respective state laws. The original National Articles of Association were lost in the mails, and new articles were issued. L. M. Bauer, C. C. Cohagen, A. H. Kimball, G. W. McConkey, A. E. Benson, and C. W. Ditchey were the signed incorporators on the latter document.

**INSTALLATION**

The Anthemos chapter was formally installed May 22, 1914, and the Iktinos chapter June 5, 1914. The original intent was to announce and install the two chapters simultaneously, but emergency conditions at Illinois made it necessary to make public announcement and incorporate a week before originally planned.

L. M. Bauer was president of Arcus, and H. J. Trum was president of Sigma Upsilon at the time of nationalization. Clair W. Ditchey, of Iktinos, followed Brother Trum, and Arthur E. Benson ruled Anthemos after Brother Bauer had completed his term of office.

To Brothers Bauer and Cohagen the fraternity awards the title of “Founders,” a small reward, we believe, to these two men who gave so freely of their time and energy in the early days of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity.

To Dr. Ricker and Professor A. H. Kimball of Illinois, we are indebted for many things concerning the organization and development of Alpha Rho Chi. To Professor Herbert R. Cross we are indebted for our official fraternity song. We are indebted to D. H. Williams, C. C. Cohagen, and G. M. McConkey for much of our ritual, and to Brother Bauer for the designs of the pin and arms.

Encour's Note: For the above information and other material in this issue, we are indebted to the following: original correspondence and sketches by courtesy of J. R. Routh, Anthemos chapter; original minute book of Sigma Upsilon by J. C. Crissey, Iktinos chapter; first convention reports and Volume I of Archi through courtesy of W. S. Gould, Demetrios chapter.

**Grand Council Officers**

At the Chicago meeting April, 1914, the Anthemos chapter was given the power to select the Worthy Grand Architect, and to the Iktinos chapter was given the selection of the Worthy Grand Scribe and the Worthy Grand Estimator. At the first convention the Grand Council officers selected by these two chapters were unanimously retained, the officers drawing for the length of term that each should serve. Bauer, W. G. A., drew 2 years; Cohagen, W. G. S., drew 1 year; and McConkey, W. G. E., drew 3 years.

**WORTHY GRAND ARCHITECTS**

1914 to 1915—Leo M. Bauer, Anthemos
1915 to 1917—Leo M. Bauer, Anthemos
*1917 to 1922—Clair Ditchey, Iktinos
**1922 to 1923—Arthur E. Benson, Anthemos
1923 to 1938—Dwight P. Ely, Demetrios

**WORTHY GRAND SCRIBES**

1914 to 1915—Chandler C. Cohagen, Iktinos
1915 to 1918—Chandler C. Cohagen, Iktinos
***1918 to 1920—
20 to 1928—Harold R. Petterson, Muscogies
1928 to 1937—Verle L. Annis, Theron

**WORTHY GRAND ESTIMATORS**

1914 to 1918—George M. McConkey, Iktinos
1918 to 1921—Lorenzt Schmidt, Anthemos
1921 to 1927—Truman J. Strong, Anthemos
1927 to 1936—Harold L. Parr, Anthemos
* During the year 1918, George M. McConkey took care of all three Grand Council offices.
** Elected to fill unexpired term of Brother Ditchey.
*** Samuel P. Albee, Muscogies, was elected W.G.S. at the fourth annual convention to complete Cohagen’s term during war, 1918. Albee died May, 1918. Our records do not show whether he had taken over the W.G.S. duties previously.

**DIRECTORY ISSUE**

October 1936
Send Your Correct Address to Managing Editor
Co-Founder

Leo M. Bauer, Anthemios

Arcus delegate to Nationalization Conference, Past Grand Council Member, Designer of Fraternity Pin and Arms, A.I.A., Practicing Architect in Detroit.

W.G.A.

Dwight P. Ely
Demetrios '17

Worthy Grand Architect from Jan. 1, 1923-1938


Past W.G.A.

Clair W. Ditchey, Iktinos '15


Co-Founder

Chandler C. Cohagen, Iktinos

Sigma Upsilon Delegate to Nationalization Conference, Past Grand Council Member, Member of Committee on Fraternity Formal Ritual, A.I.A., Practicing Architect in Billings, Mont.

Past W.G.A.

Arthur E. Benson
Anthemios '15

Charter member of Arcus and Anthemios Chapter; Worthy Grand Architect, 1917-1918, American Institute of Architects, practicing architect in Detroit.
Reproduction of original preliminary study sketches of fraternity pin. The center, second from top, was the design agreed upon by the two chapters, and Leo M. Bauer was authorized to prepare final sketch for jewelry company to model official pin. The final study is not included in above group. Original sketches by courtesy of Anthemios Chapter.
Official Fraternity Song

Reproduction of original letter (8½" x 11") submitted to the Grand Council in November, 1914, at Ann Arbor by the Song Committee. The Grand Council officially adopted this song, which was written by Prof. Herbert R. Cross, of the Department of Fine Arts, University of Michigan.—Courtesy Grand Council Files.

Archi Issues to Date

The selection of a name for the fraternity publication was decided after a discussion and vote by the delegates. The name "Archi" was chosen from the following suggestions: Lintel, Keystone, and Archi.—First Convention Report, February 3, 1915.

ARCHI EDITORS


R. B. Morrow, Editor, Vol. 3, No. 1, April, 1922. Published by Demetrios Alumni.
All published by Grand Council.
Early and Final Sketches of Adopted Coat of Arms

The cut on the left shows the sketch submitted for original coat of arms by the Iktinos chapter in 1914, that chapter being designated to supply the design. The cut on the right shows sketch submitted by Anthemios chapter. The center shows the final coat of arms accepted by the Grand Council in November, 1914, and used from then to 1931; Leo M. Bauer, designer and delineator.

Annual Conventions

The following list gives the date, place, and entertaining chapter of all the conventions to date:

First convention, Detroit, Mich., Feb. 3-5, 1915.
Second convention, Champaign, Ill., Jan. 3-4, 1916; Anthemios.
Third convention, Chicago, Ill., Hotel Sherman, Jan. 2-4, 1917.
Fourth convention, Columbus, Ohio, Chittenden Hotel, Jan. 1-2, 1918; Demetrios.
Fifth convention Minneapolis, Minn., Andrews Hotel, Jan. 1-2, 1920; Mnesicles.
Sixth convention, Ann Arbor, Mich., Michigan Union Club, Jan. 3-4, 1921; Iktinos.
Seventh convention, Champaign, Ill., Jan. 2-3, 1922; Anthemios.
Eighth convention, Columbus, Ohio, Chittenden Hotel, Jan. 29-30, 1922; Demetrios.
Ninth convention, Minneapolis, Minn., Curtis Hotel, Jan. 2-3, 1924; Mnesicles.
Eleventh convention, University, Va., Dolly Madison Inn, Jan. 1-2, 1926; Kallikrates.
Twelfth convention, Manhattan, Kan., Gillette Hotel, Jan. 7-8, 1927; Paeonius.
Thirteenth convention, Austin, Tex., The Stephen F. Austin Hotel, Dec. 30-31, 1927; Dinocrates.
Fourteenth convention, Los Angeles, Calif., Student Union, Dec. 29-31, 1928; Andronicus.
Fifteenth convention, Champaign, Ill., Chapter House, Dec. 30-31, 1929; Anthemios.
Sixteenth convention, Minneapolis, Minn., Chapter House, Dec. 29-31, 1930; Mnesicles. Convention banquet held at Hotel Maryland in same room in which the Mnesicles chapter honored Cass Gilbert, Past Master Architect, upon his initiation May 22, 1924.
Seventeenth convention, Columbus, Ohio, Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Dec. 29, 1931, to Jan. 1, 1932; Demetrios.
Eighteenth convention, Champaign, Ill., Chapter House, Dec. 30-31, 1934; Anthemios.

Master Architects

Master Architect is the highest membership Alpha Rho Chi has to offer. The only two men who have served the Fraternity under this classification were high ranking in the architectural world. Master Architects are elected only by Convention assembled, and although they may be proposed and initiated by a local chapter, they are not members of that local chapter. The fraternity has never had more than one living Master Architect at one time. The following men have served the fraternity as Master Architects:
The late Nathan Clifford Ricker, 1914-1924. Proposed by Anthemios chapter.
The late Cass Gilbert, 1924-1934. Proposed by the Mnesicles chapter.

Archi Men Who Have Won the Prix De Rome

George Fraser, Mnesicles, '19, Rome Prize, 1925, in architecture.
C. Dale Badgeley, Demetrios, '23, Rome Prize, 1926, in architecture.
Homer F. Pfeiffer, Anthemios, '25, Rome Prize, 1927, in architecture.
Charles R. Sutton, Anthemios, '21, '26, Rome Prize, 1929, in landscape architecture.
Editor's Note

Many requests have reached our office, especially by members of the active chapters, to republish the history issue originally printed in 1930. As the reserve copies of that issue are exhausted, this issue is the result of these many requests.

Many members have asked for a directory issue, which we plan to publish in October, 1936. Such an issue will be more useful if all alumni members will advise this office between now and September 1 of either their revised address or verify the one we are now using.

Charter Members

**Anthemos**

**University of Illinois**

Anthemos was granted its charter May 22, 1914, and the following men were admitted as charter members:

Adolph Otto Budina
Harrison George Overend
Joseph Julian Patterson
Eugene Franklin Adams
Robert Mills Balin
John Solomon Bartley
Leo Michael Bauer
Arthur Edward Benson
Samuel Boonstra
Clinton Harriman Cowgill

Francis Ellsworth Dunlap
Mathew Elbridge Dunlap
Clarence Patrick Griffith
Halbert Nicholas Mottern
Charles Laurence Ritts
Fred Grafton Rounds
John Riley Tanner
Glen Herbert Thomas
Truman Jefferson Strong
Winthrop Mattison Wadsworth

**Grand Council Officers**

Leo M. Bauer, W.G.A.
Arthur E. Benson, W.G.A.

Lorentz Schmidt, W.G.E.
Harold L. Parr, W.G.E.

**Iktinos**

**University of Michigan**

The following is a list of charter members of the Iktinos chapter of Alpha Rho Chi as taken from the original charter dated June 5, 1914:

Arnold Brado Berg
Clarence Benjamin Brewe
Chandler Carroll Cohagen
Abram Byron Coryell
Don M. Cottrell
Charles Augustus Crowe
Chair William Ditchey
George Peter Everson
Robert Camden Hall
Chester Gail Henninger
Samuel Loder Holmes, Jr.
Russell Cochrane Hutchins
Lester Josef Newman Keliber
Dixon Brace Kellogg

George McDonald McConkey
Walter Wilkinson Pearl
Raymond Chester Perkins
George Luther Richardson
Warren Lester Ringle
Malcolm Gregory Simons
Arthur Lucius Soman
Franklin Cox Stanton
Herman John Trum, Jr.
Vernon Leopold Venman
David Hampton Williams, Jr.
George Henion Williams
George Fredrick Young

**Grand Council Officers**

Clair W. Ditchey, W.G.A.
Chandler C. Cohagen, W.G.S.

George M. McConkey, W.G.E.

**Mnesicles**

**University of Minnesota**

Chapter founded October 20, 1916. Charter members are:

Willek Emil Ellingsen
Samuel Perce Albee
Myron Russell Dassett
Philip Henry Didriksen
Howard Bertram Gilman

Ralph Warner Hammett
Harry John Korshund
Walter Frederick MacGregor
Walter Ritter Mixer
Harold Robert Peterson

Revised Coat of Arms adopted by Fraternity in Convention 1931

Marion Amber Carter
Paul Markey
Charles Franklin Dunham
William Flynn Mullay
Donald Brown Ewing
George William Outland
Donald Wilson Gass
Ross Edward Shumaker
Charles Ames Mathias
Fredrick Leopold Smith

Grand Council Officer

Dwight Palmer Ely, W.G.A.
Some of the boys who helped build the strong chapter of Sigma Upsilon that became one of the co-mother chapters a year later.

Standing, left to right: A. B. Berg, G. F. Young, R. C. Hall, V. L. Verman, M. G. Simons, R. L. Waring, R. C. Perkins.

Seated: L. F. Anderson.

Photo taken and loaned to Archi by George L. Richardson, Iktinos '16.

Grand Council Officer
Harold Robert Peterson, W.G.S.

Kallikrates
University of Virginia

According to Archi records (not Grand Council records), the following charter members were initiated Feb. 23, 1922:

- Ogden W. Brown
- W. Merle Brown
- Washington I. Dixon
- Fendall L. Gregory

- James H. Law
- *Henry J. Lawrence
- Stanislaw J. Makielski
- Chester M. Smith

* Initiated at seventh annual convention at Champaign, Ill.

Andronicus
University of Southern California

According to Archi records (not Grand Council records), the following charter members were initiated March 11, 1922:

- George C. Anderson
- Alfred D. Baker
- Clayton M. Baldwin
- Lionel C. Bank
- Rowland H. Crawford
- Stanley M. Cundiff

- Mark A. Mullen, Jr.
- Paul E. Murphy
- Paul E. T. Silvius
- Paul E. Willhide
- Kenneth S. Wing

Paronios
Kansas State Agricultural College

Charter granted February 9, 1923. Charter members are:

- Marl L. Padgett
- Henry E. Wiegert
- Volney A. Chase
- Theodore Stueber
- Dean A. Elliot
- James F. Johnson
- Fred G. Billings
- Myron H. Soupene

Dinocrates
University of Texas

Chapter founded April 2, 1924. Charter members are:

- Benj. Perkins Bailey, Jr.
- Gerald Gould Decker
- Cameron Douglas Fairchild
- Herbert Smith Gannaway
- George Herbert Harker
- Albert Howel' Howze
- William C. Kleine
- Willard G. Marble
- Steve Eugene Terrell
- Warren Fristam Whiteside, Jr.
- Chester Cullington Wright

Polyklitos
Carnegie Institute of Technology

Chapter founded May 24, 1924. Charter members are:

- Marion A. Brace
- Julian P. Crowe
- Glenwood A. Deacon
- Duncan C. Doig
- John S. Douglass
- William S. Forsyth
- David S. Garber
- Arthur K. Goehring

Theron
Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College

According to Archi records (not Grand Council records), the following charter members were initiated May 22, 1926:

- Verle L. Amnis
- Everett F. Bossard
- Oscar Brattebo
- Hugh W. Brown, Jr.
- Cecil J. Doty
- Harold F. Flood
- Earl F. Holyfield

* Initiated at seventh annual convention at Champaign, Ill.

- Allison B. Lowstruter
- Clarence A. Lundyquist
- Edward M. MacMillin
- Howard A. Page
- Paul H. Slade
- Jared E. Tillotson
- Louis R. Turco	
- John S. Wood

Grand Council Officer
Verle L. Amnis, W.G.S.