

Alumni

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The Alumni Association



Charles Bowman Strome, '23
Executive Secretary

The General Alumni Association was organized at Holy Cross in 1869 with the election of the following officers: Rev. John J. Power, '51, President; Rev. James A. Healy, '49, Vice-President; Dr. James A. McDonough, '63, Recording Secretary; Rev. John B. Purcell, '64; Corresponding Secretary; James L. Walsh, Judge of the Boston District Court, Dr. Mc-Rev. William J. Denvir, '58, and Michael S. J. Burke, '68, as members of the Executive Committee.

Of the notable group who served as the first governing board of the Association, Father Power was later to become Vicar-General of the Diocese of Springfield; Father Healy, Bishop of Portland, Maine; James J. Walsh, Judge of the Boston District Court, Dr. McDonough was for many years a prominent physician in Massachusetts. Father Purcell died in 1873, a few years after the Association was formed. Father Flatley, founder of the Flatley Gold Medal for Philosophy at Holy Cross, and Pastor at Malden, died there in 1896. Father Denvir was Pastor at Charlestown, where he died in 1885, and Michael S. J. Burke, who

was not ordained until 1871, two years after the Association was formed, died shortly after his ordination.

The first general reunion of the Association was held at the Parker House, Boston, December 19, 1868. In his opening address to the Alumni gathered, Father Healy, who was presiding, said:

Our past attempts at a reunion of old students have been thwarted so many times that some among us began to despair of attaining the desirable result which you see here tonight. The distance of the College from the great cities; the multiplied exercises of Commencement Day; the hurry of greeting and leave-taking have rendered abortive all our desires and efforts to establish an acquaintance and association among the former students of our College. Under these circumstances a few of us resolved to have an assembly in Boston, inviting, for the first time, not only such as are here present, but many others of the neighborhood of our city.

Our Alma Mater bears the proud distinction of sending forth none but children of the one untarnished faith; and our re-union here tonight as her children, is of itself a pledge of our fidelity to the principles of faith and morality then impressed upon us. It is a guarantee of the past—it is a pledge for the future. Not only, then, whatever touches or advances the interests of our Alma Mater is of importance to us, but whatever moves the great heart of the Catholic Church should move and does move the heart and stir the blood of every student of Holy Cross College. It is not for me to unroll their noble record in battles Catholic; but after all their contests and their victories—for such there have been—they have come here tonight, the priest, the soldier, the lawyer, the physician, the merchant, to lay their laurels, as a well deserved homage, at the feet of their Alma Mater.

As time rolled along, regional groups were formed in different parts of the country, the first being organized in Connecticut in 1896.

In 1925, under the aegis of Rev. Joseph N. Dinand, S.J., then President of Holy Cross, Frederick J. Dietzman, '94, was appointed the first resident Executive Secretary of the Association, and he remained in office until 1927, when he was succeeded by the present Executive Secretary, Charles Bowman Strome, '23, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Upon the succession of Mr. Strome to the office of Executive Secretary, the Association was completely reorganized. A group of twenty-eight regional clubs was organized

throughout the country, augmenting the work of the general board of control, composed of the officers and directors of the National Association. During this time, the *Alumnus*, official organ of the Association, was established and the Dining Hall Campaign launched.

The present officers of the National Association are:

<i>President</i>	James A. Crotty, '11
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	{ Most Rev. Joseph E. McCarthy, '99 George T. Hughes, '94
<i>Secretary</i>	Thomas A. Ginty, '09
<i>Executive Secretary</i>	Charles Bowman Strome, '23
<i>Treasurer</i>	Dr. John J. Dumphy, '17

Directors

Dr. Michael F. Fallon, '84	Rev. George S. L. Connor, '07
Dr. Peter J. Dulligan, '07	John A. Creamer, '13
William M. Hussie, '03	Dr. Thomas W. Wickham, '09
Rev. John W. Houlihan, '91	Edward J. Finn, '08
Frank D. Comerford, '14	Rev. Michael Earls, S.J., '96

The President and Secretaries of the Regional Clubs are:

<i>Club</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
Berkshire County	J. Holland Treanor, '23	James P. Reynolds, '30
Greater Boston	J. Robert Clair, '20	Daniel H. Coakley, Jr., '29
Bristol County	Edward T. Murphy, '10	Dr. Aubrey J. Pothier, '18
Fairfield County	Edward F. Larkin, '23	Charles J. McNamara, '18
Hartford	Rev. Thomas E. Hayes, '25	John F. Daly, '28
Holyoke	Gregory J. Scanlon, '10	Wilbur F. O'Donnell, '29
Maine	Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. C. McDonough, '81	Edward F. Kenney, Ex-'06
Merrimack Valley	Thomas A. Ginty, '09	Albert L. Bourgeois, '22
Michigan	Clune J. Walsh, '19	William K. Joyce, Ex-'17
Midwest	Michael C. Rogers, '14	Joseph F. McDonough, '20
Minnesota	Dr. Arnold L. Hamel, '10	Rev. Francis J. Gilligan, Ex-'21
Naugatuck Valley	James J. Doran, '20	Vincent A. Miller, '24
New Hampshire	George T. Hughes, '94	John D. Thornton, '26
New Haven	Thomas R. Fitzsimmons, '16	Edward J. Fitzgerald, Ex-'28
New Jersey	Paul J. Mulcahy, '21	James F. Fallon, '26
New York, Central	Donald S. Mooney, '13	Norman A. Maher, '29
New York, Eastern	Frank J. Maynes, '09	James B. Cuthbert, Ex-'29
New York, Greater	John J. M. O'Shea, '25	Francis X. O'Connor, Ex-'26
New York, Western	Dr. Edward J. Zimmerman, '18	Albert L. Hetzelt, '24
Ohio	Dr. Leonard A. Stack, '19	Thomas A. Burke, '20
Northwestern Pennsylvania	John P. Doherty, Ex-'05	Thomas A. Tierney, '15
Philadelphia	James H. Gurley, Ex-'13	Thomas A. Durkin, '28
Plymouth County	William A. Farley, '27	D. Francis Healy, '28
Rhode Island	Edward D. Brady, '25	Raymond J. Walsh, '28
South Atlantic	Harry J. Kane, '24	Patrick J. Byrne, '31
Springfield	John P. Sheehan, '10	William P. Collins, '19
Worcester County	Joseph F. Whalen, '17	Henry T. Ford, '19
Vermont	Harold I. O'Brien, '14	Joseph A. McNamara, '15

