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### Election Of Supreme Council Officers.

As a result of official voting in December 1928; according to Article 7 of the Constitution of the Fraternity, the following Supreme Council Officers were elected to serve until December 1930;

Supreme Grand Master- Frank R. Horton, 606 W. Cork St.,  
Winchester, Virginia.

Deputy Grand Master- Everett W. Probst, 19 Hasbrouck Place,  
Rutherford, N. J.

Supreme Grand Scribe- William T. Wood, 119 E. Main St.,  
Pensgrove, N. J.

Supreme Grand Treasurer- Thane S. Cooley, 532 Woodbine Ave.,  
Oak Park, Ill.

### Installation Of Epsilon Chapter.

In September 1927 several students at the Northeast Missouri State Teacher's College at Kirksville, Missouri, discussed the matter of a College Scout Club. Since June 1926 a course in Boy Scout Leadership has been offered by the Teachers College at Kirksville with the Scout executive of the Kirksville Council instructing. A majority of the students of this course have been scouts or scout officials and it was this activity and the relations between the College and scout council which renewed the enthusiasm of these men for scouting.

In October the scout executive was requested to find out whether or not any National College Scout Club or Fraternity existed. Information was received concerning Alpha Phi Omega and a blank on which the group might petition for a chapter.

In October 17, 1927 the administration of the Teachers College officially endorsed the petition of the group for a chapter of Alpha Phi Omega to be installed in Kirksville.

In November the National Council of the Fraternity authorized the establishment of Epsilon Chapter and the installation of the chapter was held on December 13, 1927 with the scout executive, Richard S. Griffith, acting as installing officer. The officers of the Chapter at that time were Orval B. Craig, Grand Master; Russel W. Murfin, Deputy Grand Master; Clark Stutler, Scribe; and Otho L. Barnett, Treasurer; Since the first of this quarter (spring 1928) J. Caviness has held the office of Scribe due to the absence from school of Mr. Stutler.



The fifteen active members of Epsilon Chapter represent the following clubs, associations, social and honorary fraternities; and college activities: Historical Society, "K" Club, Forestry Club, (Ia. State Coll.) Dramatic Club, Y.M.C.A., B.P.O.E., DeMolay, Sigma Tau Gamma Frat., Phi Sigma Epsilon Frat., Mu Sigma Frat., Pi Omega Frat., Blue Key Frat., Delta Phi Delta Frat., Student Council, Yell Leader, Band, Band (Missouri Univ.), Foot-Ball, Basket-Ball, Index (College Paper), Two Editors of Year Book, Two Class Secretaries, Three Class Presidents (one for Four Successive Years), Asst. Scout-Master, Ten Year Veteran, Scout Executive.

#### Installation Of Zeta Chapter.

Zeta Chapter was installed at Stanford University, California, on May 9, 1928. The Supreme Council Representative, and Installation Official was Scout Executive Harrison E. White.

The following Officers were elected:

Grand Master- David Schmidt.

Deputy Grand Master- Edward Smith.

Grand Treasurer- Victor Siegfried.

Grand Scribe- Andrew Porter.

All of the members of Zeta are Eagle, in rank, and are high in their standing in college and in their accomplishments.

Zeta has been very successful and Progressive. Another article in this issue tells what Zeta is doing now.

Installation of Eta Chapter will appear in the November 1929 issue of the Lightbearer.

#### Scholarship Cup Award.

The Scholarship cup Award for the college year 1928-1929 has been awarded to Delta Chapter, at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama. The cup, engraved, will go to Delta Chapter soon, with a request that the President of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, who is a member of the chapter present the cup at a Chapter meeting. The Supreme Council congratulates Delta for its attainment in Scholarship, and for its Honor in receiving the cup.

#### Page In Bairds Manual

The Editor of Bairds Manual, Dr. Francis Shepardson, 5234 Dorchester Ave., Chicago, Ill., has acknowledged receipt of the information sent him by our Supreme Council and writes that our Fraternity will receive a page in the next edition of Bairds Manual to be published in the fall of 1929. Order Bairds Manual cost \$4.00 per. copy, from Alpha Phi Omega, Box 360, Winchester, Virginia.



## Article In Bantas Greek Exchange

In April 1929 issue of the quarterly magazine, Bantas Greek Exchange, will appear an article on our fraternity. All Chapters should get this copy. Price 50c. Bantas Greek Exchange is the official organ of the Interfraternity bodies. Each chapter should subscribe for it at \$2.00 per year. Order direct from George Banta Publishing Co., Menasha, Wisconsin or from Alpha Phi Omega, Box 366, Winchester, Va.

## National Expansions

Our policy has been conservative expansion. We have limited our increase to three new chapters a year. Several colleges are petitioning. Lambda Chapter is in process. What college will it be? You can help in this. What college would you like to see receive Lambda Chapter? Some it might be are: University of Michigan, University of California, or others.

## International Expansion.

Altho there has been correspondence with the English and Canadian Universities, only progress can be reported at this time. Something more definite will be reported soon it is expected.

## Suggested Changes in Ritual and Laws.

Any Chapter or individual who has constructive criticism or suggestion in regard to changing or shortening or making more nature and useful any phase of the fraternity material will please write at once to, Alpha Phi Omega, Box 366, Winchester, Va. All letters will be acknowledged and respectfully considered. Alpha Phi Omega, Box 366, Winchester, Va.

## Is the Honor System in College A Failure?

A recent issue of one of the college papers asked the question: "Is the Honor System in College A Failure?" It is said that some of the old pioneer colleges in the Honor System were either giving it up or considering the advisability of discontinuing it, in view of the disregard for it, sanctioned by indifferent college public opinion. What college would you like to see receive Lambda Chapter?

The Honor System in College is not a failure, provided existing conditions are used to help it. The solution is in student consciousness, or college public opinion. It is popular to do a thing it will be done. If it is unpopular it will not be done so much. If it is universally frowned upon, it will not be done to any great extent.

It is popular to be clean in athletics, to be a good sportsman. The same can be the attitude toward being Honorable. The solution is in motivating enough to think that way. With over 50 percent of the students in college former scouts whose first law is to be Trustworthy, and with an Honorary Professional Fraternity Motivating them, there is hope for the Honor System.



In fact, Honor would be effective without a system because public college opinion would want it and would frown upon the opposite. It is created in the hearts and minds of people that make things effective. Every Dean and President is Ex-Officio member of Alpha Phi Omega. Every Dean and President should seize this opportunity become active, and motivate the chapter, and use its services. The problems of college administration would be largely solved.

### What Should a Chapter Do?

There are several things every chapter should do:

1st. Have a good time. Enjoy your association together. You are making contacts, you are meeting friends. You may never see again. Enjoy them now. You are meeting students and professors you might not meet except for the fraternity. Make the most of your association. Much good can result from it.

2nd. Advance yourself and the fraternity. Succeed in your studies and activities and help others to succeed. You are writing a record on college records that others may refer to later. Make it a good record, a credit to your parents, to you, and to the fraternity.

3rd. Take in new members. This is absolutely necessary. New members keep a new life to a chapter. New members keep a chapter alive when older members graduate. Taking in new members once or twice a year gives you a good reason for meeting.

4th. Have a banquet or annual meeting. At this time let the highest ideals of the fraternity be presented by someone of distinction, also have inspirational addresses by the Dean and President. Let the analysis of the year be presented and plans for the future outlined. You may have candidates (pledge or neophytes) read comical papers at this banquet as after dinner speeches. Have a fraternity orchestra furnish music.

5th. Create an endowment. Manage your finance as that all bills are paid and an endowment created on interest in name of the chapter and under the Trustees.

6th. Be of Service. Help members of the chapter. Find out how they are getting along and help them where necessary. Help the student body. Encourage all progressive students projects. Have open meetings with speakers and refreshments. Be friendly. Help the college. Offer your services to the Dean and President. Help the community. Do this through the Local Scout Council. Help in Training Schools, Court of Honor, Troops, when you can. Help the state, nation, and world by finding out the highest qualities of useful manhood and good citizenship and then pass it on to others.



## New Members.

It is essential to take in new members once or twice a year. This adds new life to the chapter. It also keeps the chapter alive when older members graduate. It is a real season for meeting. Make your ceremony impressive. You are introducing someone to the highest ideals of all generations, recognized and accepted by all nationalities, and by all religions, and practical in its service. It may mean much to your new members in his life. Write to Alpha Phi Omega, Box 360, Winchester, Virginia for registration blanks for new members. These will be sent to you promptly, free.

Welcome Theta Chapter.  
University of Virginia.

The Lightbearer, the Supreme Council and the entire fraternity welcomes our new chapter, Theta Chapter, at the University of Virginia. Details of the installation will appear in a later issue of the Lightbearer. Drop a card or letter of welcome to Theta Chapter through B. B. Comer Eile, Grand Master; Phi Delta Theta House, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, or W. L. Leap, G.S. Box 93, Charlottesville, Va.

Iota Chapter.  
Park College, Missouri.

Iota Chapter is in process of installation at Park College, Missouri.

Kappa Chapter.  
Carnegie Tech.

Kappa Chapter is in process of installation at Carnegie Tech, Pittsburgh, Penna.

## Chapter News

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Alpha Lafayette College, Easton, Penna.

George W. Liske writes that the officers are; Robert J. Green GS ; Roger Dennison, D.G.M. and George W. Liske, G.S;

Prof. C.W. McDougall writes: "The Easton Area Council presented to Alpha Phi Omega the building at Camp Mincie, formerly owned by the Bethlehm Council and the boys have fixed it up and spend quite a few week-ends there. Alpha Phi Omega is doing good work in the area here acting as asst. and Jr. asst. Scoutmasters as well as doing some of the work as merit badge examiners. A number of new men have been pledged to A.P.O. and plans made for campus activities especially during orientation week next September".



### Beta Chapter

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Penna.

The Officers are; William C. Darrah, GM; Gordon L. Renton, D.G.M. John C. Manning, D.S.M.; George C. Schein, D.G.M.; John C. Thompson, G.S.; Walter H. Sarrof, G.T.

Some new members are to be taken in soon; a letter frp, Walter H. Sarrof, states: Andy Benson, S.E. of Pittsburgh is helping the Chapter. Valdo A. Robb, S.E. of McKeesport is doing some fine active work.

### Gamma Chapter.

Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

David W. Sowers, G.S. writes that they have had some meetings for social purposes and for hikes. They want the chapter to flourish, and are working toward a progressive program.

### Delta Chapter

Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala.

A letter from Clayton Welden, G.M. states that a very fine initiation was held January 11th. when Dr. Knapp, President of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Prof A.L. Thomas, and five students were received into the chapter. The members of the chapter are helping Prof. Thomas in a Scout Leaders Training Course. The chapter is putting in the college year book the chapter. The Gloriated is the name of the annual. Chapter members are represented on the following organizations on the campus. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Phi Sigma, Theta Kappa Nu, Alpha Lambda, Tau. Other activities: 1. ASME (Military) 2. SAME (Mech. Eng) 3. AIEE (Elec. Eng) 4. ASCE (Civil Eng.) 5. Ag Club 6. Ala. Farmer Staff 7. Auburn Engineer Staff 8. Architectural Assn. 9. Literary Societies. 10. Auburn Band 11. Intra-Mural Football (Champs) 12. Scabbard and Blade 13. Eta Kappa Nu 14. Tau Beta Pi 15. Tennis Team 16. YMCA 17. Friendship Council. We have men taking Agr. Education; Civil English; Elec. Eng; Mech. Eng. and Architecture. Officers; Clayton Welden, GM; Gordon Wilcox, DGM; Paul Brake, GS; Frank Lull, GT; Delta is doing good work. Other than Eagles are now admitted.

Epsilon Chapter

Northeast Mo. State Teacher's College,  
Kirkville, Mo.

Leo. R. Vernon, honorary member of Epsilon, was instrumental in helping with the application of Iota Chapter at Park College, Mo. The founder of Epsilon, Richard S. Griffith is now at Sedalia, Mo., and has the good wishes of the fraternity. He is interested in establishing a chapter at the University of Missouri.

### Zeta Chapter

Stanford University, Cal.

One member served as Camp Director, one as Asst. Camp Director during the summer. One member has been of great assistance to his home council by taking motion pictures of scout activities, exhibiting pictures at camp, without the cost to the council.



Pratically all members served as official examiners and assistant scoutmasters and sponsored two or three full-day programs of test passing for the local scouts. Many of our members served as asst. scoutmasters or acting scoutmasters, taking charge of troops in Palo Alto, San Jose and Burlingame. Many of the rest of our members are still registered as ASM in our home troops, acting in an honorary capacity. The secretary has, upon several occasions, been instructed to write to scouts or students who were laid up in the hospital. Many of our members visited the sick or injured in the hospitals. Our scout executive and adviser, Harrison E. White attended the national meeting of the fraternity at Cornell and reported on it at our last meeting.

The organization held an open meeting and picnic at Searville Lake, near the campus, on Oct. 21, shortly after the opening of school. The meeting was well asvertised by posters and articles in the Stanford Daily, which urged all Eagle Scouts to attend. There were a large number of non-Members present, including many freshmen. We went swimming, played games, cooked a picnic supper and had a short camp-fire session afterwards. This meeting was a great success in every way.

Andrew O. Porter has checked in his directory 64 Eagle Scouts (out of 3459 students) There are probably two or three times this many eagle scouts, whom we have not as yet heard of.

We plan to have several influential men as speakers at our next few meetings; if we can get the men we want, we will hold open metings inviting all interested. We have signed up for a page picture and description in the Quadrant, the Stanford Year Book. New officers were installed last month; new committees will be functioning soon and will have more to report then. David Schmidt and William R. Henry, Jr. are at the Stanford Medical School, San Francisco but are still on our active list. The officers; Sec. Andrew O. Porter; Treasurer; Lyndon Farwell; Pres. Edward W. Smith; vice-Pres. Victor Siegfried; The president is a former Jamboree scout; the Vice-Pres is very active in scouting in Palo Alto; the sedetary is asst. business manager of the Stanford Daily; the treasurer is manager of Sequoia Club.

Alpha Phi Omega means the use of a worthy standard of scout ideals, service, school spirit and a loyal part in college activities. We would like it to see it mean more fellowship, school activities and spirit, and in service. We would like to see the fraternity become one of the best known, one of the most helpful, most loyal and most respected fraternities in the country.

#### Eta Chapter DeKalb, Ill,

The Eta Chapter has just gotten under way as an organization with 9 members. The plan is to select only the best and hold membership in the Fraternity as something worth attaining. At first the chapter was not considered much but the first month has made the school sit up and take notice. We hope to keep pushing ahead.



W.E. Swarthout, G. M. Writes:

On January 23 the chapter is sponsoring a moving picture put on by the Cunard Steam Ship Co, Ltd. to show the places in Europe where the Jamboree Scouts will go. On the same night a public Court of Honor is also put on for the Scouting Class in the college.

On Feb. 13, the chapter is sponsoring a Scout Rally in cooperation with the Chief Shashona Area Council for all Scouts in DeKalb. This is put on also as a part of the training program of the Scout Class. The chapter is giving ribbon awards for the various events.

The officers are; Walter E. Swarthout, GS; Leslie Hedberg, DGM; Kenneth Culver, S; Ivan Nicholas, E;

The members have sent flowers to the sick and gave canned goods to the charities for Christmas baskets.

It means a point of view of Scouting from the man side.

It encourages former Scouts to hold to their early training instead of trying to throw it off when coming into college life.

#### Fraternity Directory. Supreme Council.

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Oak Park, Ill.

#### Advisors.

1. National-National Officials BSA
2. Regional-Regional BSA
3. Local-Local Officials BSA
4. College Presidents, Deans, Professors.



Fraternity Directory(Cont'd)  
Chapters.

Alpha-Lafayette College, Easton, Penna.  
Beta-Un. of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Penna.  
Gamma-Bornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.  
Delta-Ala. Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala.  
Epsilon-Northeast Missouri State Teacher's College, Kirksville, Mo.  
Zeta-Stanford University, Cal.  
Eta-Northern Ill. State Teacher's College, DeKalb, Ill.  
Theta-Ua. of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.  
Iota-Park College, Mo. (in process of Installation)  
Kappa-Carnegie Tech, Pittsburgh, Penna. (In process of Installation)  
Lambda- In process.

Several Colleges are petitioning.