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A. P. O. Has Important Conference In the Ozarks

By Ralph E. Graves, Lambda, Supreme Scribe.

On Friday afternoon, September 4th, 1931, an informal Conference was called together by the Supreme Grand Master, who explained the purpose of the Conference and what was to be accomplished.

Brother Bartle reported the progress of Alpha Phi Omega during the past year—the reorganization of several chapters and the installation of new chapters, and the petitions now on file for the consideration of the Supreme Council.

Following these opening remarks the Conference was thrown open for round-table discussion of problems presented by those present.

Attendance—There were twenty-six Chapter representatives and three members of the Supreme Council in attendance.

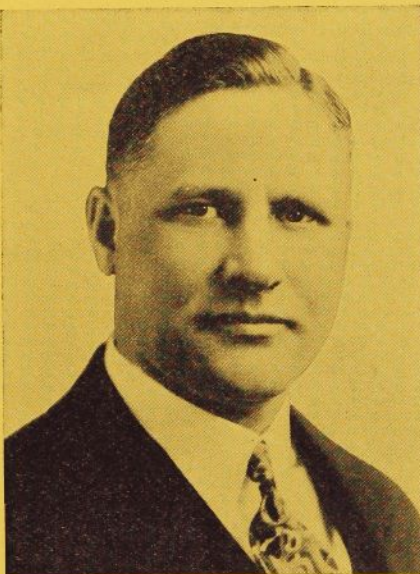
Chapter Expansion—From the discussion on this point, it was evident that several chapters are restricting the membership too closely. The conference agreed that restricting the membership to a small number or to a certain class of Scouts, defeated the purposes of the Fraternity. It was learned that three chapters had restricted their membership to Scouts holding the rank of Eagle. Two of these Chapters had definitely agreed that to restrict membership of the Chapter to only Eagle Scouts was unscoutlike and undemocratic. It was the unanimous opinion of all participating in the Conference that membership should be open to all former Scouts who meet their Chapter requirements. It was recommended that every chapter strive for an adequate membership of representative men on the campus. It was agreed that a Chapter should have at least forty men in order that the program might be effective.

Lightbearer—Approval of the new form of the Lightbearer was unanimously expressed by the Conference. Several Chapters expressed the opinion that the continued success of the Lightbearer will be dependent upon the cooperation of every Chapter. (Continued on page 8, Col. 1)

Ray O. Wyland

Brother Ray O. Wyland was born in Jewel County, Kansas, April 15, 1890. He moved to Ringwood, Oklahoma, in 1902. In 1908 and 1909 he attended the High School at Greenville, Texas, later graduating from the Danville, Illinois, High School in 1911. Four years later he graduated from the University of Illinois, with the degree of A.B. and honors in Psychology. He subsequently took post-graduate courses at the University of Chicago and at Columbia University and received the master of Arts degree in June, 1929.

Brother Wyland served as Manag-



ing Director of the United Americans, State of Illinois, 1919-1922. He conducted the Training School in Americanization work which resulted in the naturalization of 20,000 aliens. Brother Wyland became affiliated with the National Council, Boy Scouts of America on August 1, 1922. He has been connected with the Educational Service of the National Council since that time.

Brother Wyland has played a very important part in the affairs of Alpha Phi Omega. He was delegated by the Chief Scout Executive, Dr. James E. West, to represent the National Council at the installation of Alpha Chapter at Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, December 16,

Alpha Phi Omega Nationally Approved

By Brother Ralph E. Graves, Lambda, Grand Scribe.

The Executive Board of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, has placed its stamp of approval on Alpha Phi Omega, Honorary Scouting Society.

By action of the National Executive Board, Alpha Phi Omega is to receive an annual charter through the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The action of the National Council was based on the study of the record Alpha Phi Omega chapters have made and on the confidence the Council places in the present leadership in the potential values of our Fraternity.

Credit for the action of the National Council is due principally to our Supreme Master H. Roe Bartle, according to the official announcement of the National Council's action, as outlined by Dr. James E. West, Chief Scout Executive for the United States.

Brother Bartle submitted a memorandum on Alpha Phi Omega to the National Council and to Dr. James E. West. He also submitted a brief showing the activities of the various chapters and their value to Scouting. It is no secret that the Council, however, was not convinced of the value of approving Alpha Phi Omega until our Supreme Grand Master personally appeared on its behalf, at his own expense, and convinced the National Council that such action was desirable and would be of benefit to Scouting.

1925. He has always interested himself in college men who were former Scouts and has played an important role in guiding the Fraternity from its very inception.

At the St. Louis Convention of the Fraternity, provision was made to have the Director of the Educational Service of the National Council serve as a member of the Supreme Council of the Fraternity. As time passes, his interest in the work of Alpha Phi Omega increases. Much credit must be given Brother Ray O. Wyland for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Fraternity.

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Possible Activities for Alpha Phi Omega

By Brother Edward H. Leland, N. H. M.,
Upsilon.

No. 1—Assistance in the Operation of Freshman Week. (Working with the faculty committee directly in charge).

By working in cooperation with the institution help the Freshmen to become oriented during his first day at school.

No. 2—Scout Activities Within the Chapter.

These, of course, will be dependent upon the amount of time which the members can give to such activities. Considerable good fellowship and worth-while experience will always be available through occasional hikes and week-end trips.

No. 3—Cooperation with the Local Council.

A Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega may be of great assistance to the local Council in many ways. This should be entirely voluntary and on an individual basis. The Council is always in need of leadership, but for those who can not give regular time to Scouting, assistance can be rendered in connection with occasional Courts of Honor, temporary weak Troop situations, Deputy Commissioner jobs, problem situations and institutions, Scoutercraft Examiners, and officials in cases of special events.

No. 4—Special Functions.

An occasional social event either in the nature of a banquet, dance or in some other form should be of consid-

erable value in promoting fellowship within the Chapter. This should not be overdone in such an organization as Alpha Phi Omega but certainly it should not be omitted altogether.

No. 5—Regular Meetings.

There is wide latitude within regular meetings for activities. Aside from initiation, installation, and matters of routine business, the regular meeting is an ideal place and time for carefully scheduled debates and discussions of topics of general interest. Through the medium of group study of questions of world importance the Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega will sooner or later attain real leadership in its institutions along intellectual lines. Either in the form of organized debate or impromptu discussion such a program should be not only interesting but of considerable value to the individual members. Should publicity be given these events in the school paper, debate topics announced, discussion topics announced, considerable additional respect for the organization will be built up among the student body in general.

No. 6—Scouting Technique.

It is, of course, obvious that students in college have not the time to devote to an intensive Scouting program. In fact, it would probably defeat the purpose of Alpha Phi Omega should it attempt to force its members into an intensive pursuit of Scouting activities. However, it would be desirable as well as interesting, for the local chapter to keep thoroughly informed on Scouting procedure. This could be done in the meeting itself, perhaps by assigning one member to contact Scout Headquarters regularly and inform the group at the meeting of new developments. In this way, the members would keep informed on new trends in Scouting and thus when they go out in teaching capacities and become actively connected with Scouting as Scoutmasters, etc., they would find themselves up to date rather than five or six years behind the times. The local Council Headquarters will gladly cooperate in this and in any other way it can.

No. 7—Alpha Phi Omega Should Secure as Much Publicity as Possible (This will give Scouting prestige among older fellows).

News items of any activity should be placed in the school paper, in the local city press, in the local Council Scout paper and reports sent to Alpha Phi Omega National Headquarters for use in the "Lightbearer", the national organ, and "The Tattler", the news bulletin.

No. 8—Alpha Phi Omega is a Comparatively New Fraternity.

The local chapter may do much, if it sees fit, in developing new types of activities and new objectives to make the organization worth-while. Experimentation along this line should be

The Growth of Alpha Phi Omega

By Brother Andrew R. Janson, Xi,
Chairman of Extension.

As we come to the close of the present school year, 1931-32, we take pride in looking back over the years and noting the steady growth of our Fraternity. This year marks the greatest year of extension, and every indication points to the building of a finer and greater Fraternity.

Since September 1st, 1931, chapters have been installed by the Supreme Council at the following institutions:

Phi—Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.

Chi—University of California, Los Angeles, California.

Psi—Santa Barbara State Teachers' College, Santa Barbara, California.

Omega—Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Alpha Alpha—University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois.

Alpha Beta—Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pennsylvania.

Alpha Gamma—Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

Alpha Delta—San Diego State Teachers' College, San Diego, California.

Alpha Epsilon—Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The slow but steady growth of the Fraternity is indicated by the following figures. In 1925, 1 chapter was installed; 1927, 4 chapters; 1928, 2 chapters; 1929, 6 chapters; 1930, 5 chapters; 1931, 6 chapters; and 1932 (to and including May) 5 chapters, making a total of 29 chapters.

The keen interest in Alpha Phi Omega is nation-wide, and at the present time, approximately twenty petitions are on file at the National Office for the consideration of the Supreme Council.

very fruitful. In all cases of success, a report of the same should be transmitted to the National Office.

No. 9—General.

In general it should be kept in mind that Alpha Phi Omega is an honorary fraternity. No effort should be made for its activities to engross all the time of its members. In fact, although the strictest standards of membership should be maintained, it should, on the other hand, be made possible for membership to be held in the organization without a large demand on the time of the individuals involved. Meetings should not be held too frequently. Care should be taken that the fraternity does not acquire too much social aspect inasmuch as it advertises itself as an honorary professional group.



Thirteen—a lucky number for Omicron Chapter, University of Iowa. This class of thirteen was initiated by Omicron's degree team, with the assistance of Supreme Grand Master Bartle.

Psi Chapter Installed at Santa Barbara

By Brother Leo R. Vernon, Epsilon.

On the evening of November 24th, 1931, ten men were initiated into Psi Chapter at Santa Barbara State Teachers' College. The Dean of Men and President of the College are very much interested in Alpha Phi Omega, and the chapter at Santa Barbara is going forward splendidly with its program of activities. The following officers were elected:

James L. Kent, Grand Master; Daniel J. Britton, Deputy Grand Master; David Larsen, Scribe; Jesse Rathbun, Treasurer.

Phi Chapter—Syracuse

By Brother Ralph E. Graves, Lambda, Grand Scribe.

Phi Chapter at Syracuse University was installed on Sunday afternoon, October 18th, 1931, by Supreme Grand Master H. Roe Bartle. The installation and initiation took place at the Phi Kappa Tau House, followed by a delightful banquet at 6 p. m., at a downtown hotel. The chief faculty advisor for this splendid group of sixteen men, is Dr. Gurth Whipple, Director of Publicity for the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University.

The first Grand Master of this new chapter is Richard F. Grant and the Scribe is George R. Hemstreet.

This is an unusually strong group of men at Syracuse University, and they have the full cooperation of the faculty and student body as they develop their interesting program. Scout Executive George F. Morton is taking an active interest in the program of this chapter.

Crests

Brother Andrew R. Janson, a nationally known artist and illustrator of the Boy Scout Hand Book, makes very beautiful Alpha Phi Omega crests, suitable for framing. Illuminated crest and insignia are very effective and play an important part in the Ritual. These are also made available by this artist. Chapters interested in art work of any kind may communicate with Brother Janson, 3925½ Centre Street, San Diego, California.

Full Program for Omicron Chapter

By Brother La Rue A. Thurston, Omicron.

Omicron Chapter at the University of Iowa has been carrying on a very ambitious program. Alpha Phi Omega is not only respected on the campus of the University of Iowa, but in Scouting circles at Iowa City. A part of their program is here submitted:

1. Omicron furnishes the leadership for the week-end camp conducted for the Iowa City Council, Boy Scouts of America. The brethren of the Chapter contribute their time and talents to the campfire program, as well as having the full direction of the camp.

2. Omicron has charge of the Troop located in the University Orthopedic Hospital.

3. Omicron assisted in the program and welcomed 5,000 Scouts on Scout Day.

4. Omicron conducts radio programs every two weeks on Thursday night 8:20 to 9:00 o'clock over station WSUI. This program is called "Around the Fireside".

5. Omicron has sponsored and conducted an Archery Club for students at the University.

6. Omicron has complete charge of the weekly swim for Scouts in the Field House swimming pool.

7. Omicron has a well instructed and fully uniformed Degree Team for initiation of men coming into the Chapter at Iowa.

8. Omicron's slogan is "The 1932 Alpha Phi Omega National Convention at Iowa".



Omicron Chapter at the University of Iowa is particularly proud of its degree team. We present them here with Supreme Grand Master Bartle in the center of the front row, and Grand Master Keith Weeber in the center of the back row.

Our Supreme Grand Master is to be congratulated on bringing together in such an interesting locality, the representatives of the several chapters of Alpha Phi Omega for the purpose of discussing Fraternity problems. The conference was timely because it aroused intensive interest in Alpha Phi Omega just at the beginning of the school year when such interest is most needed. The Conference was highly inspirational for all who attended although nothing was said about inspiration. I am inclined to believe that more real good was derived from the Osceola Conference, where representatives from all parts of the United States lived together, ate together, and played together, and where all conventionalities were laid aside, than could have been experienced at any other type of representative meeting.

It has become very evident already during the first few days of this school year that the representatives at the Fall conference from Pi Chapter have received ideas of inestimable value in carrying out the purpose of the Fraternity.

By SIDNEY B. NOTH,
Pi Chapter.

After three days at Brother Bartle's Ranch in the beautiful Ozarks, I left our Conference of Alpha Phi Omega strengthened in the belief that our Fraternity has a real purpose. Every man attending this Conference left with a clearer conception of the program and the ideals of our Fraternity.

By DALE T. BARTLETT,
Iota Chapter.

In letting the kaleidoscopic memory of those three days at Brother Bartle's ranch pass before my mind's eye, I am amazed that any organization could pick out and bind together such a splendid group of men as I saw represented there. Men that I would not hesitate to take into my home, or introduce to my best friends.

We came from different colleges, different states and from different modes of living and yet we were as congenial as if we all belonged to the same chapter. We joked and kidded each other; we argued with each other and cussed each other; we ate and slept together; and no one felt out of place or felt that anyone else was out of place.

Before the Conference I knew in a remote impersonal way that some fine men belonged to Alpha Phi Omega in other chapters. Now I know that I have a group of friends in every college where there is a chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. I am glad that I belong to Alpha Phi Omega.

By GLENN MITCHELL,
Lambda Chapter.

W. Keith Weeber—Omicron

By Brother LaRue A. Thurston, Former Grand Master, Omicron.

Omicron Chapter is doubly proud of its Grand Master. He not only excels in leadership, as far as Scouting is concerned, but he is a crack rifleman, and holds the national individual honors, with a 283 score, which establishes a national record. A native of Iowa City, Weeber grew up in a home which opposed the use of firearms, but despite his mother's objections, Keith began to practice on the Iowa City High School team at the age of 13. He has won a collection of medals which would attract the envy of some of the Nation's best riflemen.



After winning the State Championship in High School and helping the institution beat Washington, D. C., High School for permanent possession of the twenty year Astor Cup, offered by John Jacob Astor, financier and sportsman, for the High School winning it the greatest number of times during that period, he began his University career.

He captained the winning rifle team at the University of Iowa in 1929. This team won National honors for college men that year and Weeber was high man in the team. At Camp Perry, Ohio, competing in a field of 1700 candidates, he won the President's brassard, one of the most coveted emblems in that field of sport. He made the highest sitting score in 1930, 100 plus five 99's. He

Upsilon Chapter Milwaukee Is Installed

By Brother Edward H. Leland, N. H. M.

On Monday, May 18th, 1931 an enstastic group of students at the Milwaukee State Teachers' College at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, were duly initiated as members of the Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity. This group of men was designated as Upsilon Chapter. Several preparatory meetings had been held previously and due recognition had been received from the National Office of the Fraternity. The installation was in the hands of Brother Claude M. Finnell (Mu Chapter), assisted by Brother Edward H. Leland, N. H. M., member of the Extension Committee. The petitioning group greatly appreciated the cooperation and the presence of these representatives of the Supreme Council. The charter members of the Fraternity who were initiated on this occasion were as follows:

Elden Hunter, George Seiker, Harold Bruett, Kenneth Meyer, George Klenke, Sol Marshall, Monroe Hever, Gene Bosl, Wm. Seiker, Kenneth Stamp, Robert Rogers, Fred Christiansen, Charles Borgwardt, Charles Bezbecny, Harold Isleb.

It was felt by those who promoted the existence of the Chapter at this school that the Milwaukee State Teachers' College was a particularly strategic location for a Chapter, inasmuch as it is a school where there are very few honorary fraternities. The students are almost entirely prospective school teachers who have many opportunities to be of great usefulness in the game of Scouting. There was real need for such an organization in this institution and the new brethren of Upsilon Chapter are extremely enthusiastic and should, in the future, reflect considerable credit on the school as a whole. E. J. Morris, Scout Executive of the Milwaukee County Council, Boy Scouts of America, participated in the installation.

was highest at the Kemper Military School matches making 100 prone and 92 standing, high aggregate 381, winning gold medal and cup. He has the distinction of being the youngest marksman to wear the brassard of the President of the United States.

Omicron is one of the outstanding chapters of the Fraternity and has done much constructive work on the campus of the University of Iowa, under the leadership of Brother Weeber, who is now serving his second year as Grand Master. Alpha Phi Omega is respected on the campus of the University of Iowa by the faculty and student body alike. Omicron Chapter has played a very important part in the Boy Scout Council at Iowa City.

The Problem of Programs

By Sidney B. North, Pi Chapter, Chairman
Commission on Chapter Programs.

The need of a chapter program is most important and vital. We have recognition by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America and we have had a very satisfactory increase in membership. The Extension Committee has moved slowly and cautiously in developing new chapters. As these chapters are formed and chartered they are charged with the responsibility of having at least two major projects. Each chapter of the fraternity, if its program is to be successful, must have a great project of campus-wide importance which serves as a challenge. Of course, in addition thereto we must have a number of features included in our program which will be enlightening as well as entertaining. I refer to the scholarship plan and State wide Boy Scout day as is sponsored by Mu Chapter at Indiana University and the great Eagle Scout Convention which is sponsored by Sigma Chapter at Northwestern University. These major activities cause all students on the campus to respect Alpha Phi Omega.

A chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, in assembling men in the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law to develop friendship and promote service to the youth of America, should have in its membership representatives from as many student groups on the college campus as possible. Fraternities and non-fraternal groups should be represented in Alpha Phi Omega. This would necessitate a minimum chapter membership of from 40 to 75 men. A group smaller than this will be utterly helpless in transferring the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law to college students.

The program of Alpha Phi Omega may be said to be four-fold:

1. An important service is to the members of the fraternal group. Each chapter should hold semi-monthly or weekly meetings of such a type as to be useful and helpful to those attending.

2. Another service of the fraternity is to the student body on the campus. Alpha Phi Omega should make Scouting ideals felt on the campus. This may be done by service projects to the students and to prospective students.

3. Third, the local chapter and its individual members can render service to the local council and to the troops in the community. This is not the most important feature of Alpha Phi Omega.

4. The Alumni members of Alpha Phi Omega can render great service to the Boy Scouts of America by

keeping active in Scouting all through life.

A study has been started for the purpose of creating a workable program for Alpha Phi Omega—a program that will enable each chapter to perform major services to its members, the student body and to the Boy Scouts of America. A pamphlet is being compiled which will include a listing and description of all service projects that have proved successful in the several chapters of the fraternity. This pamphlet will be made available to all chapters in September, 1932. It will offer suggestions as to projects the different chapters can install.

The development of an effective program will take months and maybe years but it can be done through the cooperation of all chapters.

Formal at Eta

By Brother Marlin Culver, Scribe.

The outstanding social event of the year at Northern Illinois State Teachers College, was the formal given by Eta Chapter on April 1st. Supreme Grand Master H. Roe Bartle was the chief guest of honor at this beautiful and gala affair. The ball was largely attended by campus leaders, the faculty and Scout leaders. The "King of All Fools" was selected during the evening, and Brother R. J. Errickson, former Grand Master and National Trustee, was accorded this unusual honor.

Omicron Chapter at the University of Iowa registered all former Scouts during anniversary week, February 7th to 13th. All former Scouts in the University as they register are presented with a Scouter pin.

Brother Thornton F. Stone, Past Grand Master of Mu Chapter at Indiana University has been elected Chairman of the Boys' Work Committee of the University Y. M. C. A.

Sigma Chapter at Northwestern University conducted a very successful Eagle Scout Convention with more than sixty Eagles representing thirty-six different Councils.

Tau Chapter of the University of Florida recently conducted an election of officers and the following brethren have been delegated to give leadership to the Chapter for the coming year:

Grand MasterH. R. Rybolt
Deputy Grand Master.....R. W. Keyes
ScribeCorbin Ballentine
TreasurerW. M. Meyers
Corresponding Sec'y.....Emmett Talley

For years without end words have tried to express the deepest feelings of the human heart. I confess that mine can never express the appreciation I have for my opportunity to attend Alpha Phi Omega's Conference held at Brother Roe Bartle's ranch last September. I have attended many conferences, but never have I gained a deeper inspiration to carry on,—a fuller interest in, and a more thorough understanding of the problems of our great fraternity. Informality was present, but order reigned. The conference gave a review of the separate problems of the chapters represented, each of us giving something, each of us taking much back to our own chapter to spur on our work during the coming year. Come, let's go!

By RUSSELL GERRY,
Xi Chapter.

The conference, held in the seclusion of the Ozarks and with a spirit of good fellowship, made great strides in unifying the chapters of the Fraternity. Exchange of ideas and the program of the various chapters and a consideration of the problems confronting the fraternity as a whole help weld the links into a strong chain.

By FLOYD L. JAMES,
Supreme Treasurer.

Amid the beautiful surroundings of the Ozarks we met to discuss Alpha Phi Omega and her problems, past, present, and future. Our idea of the extent of the Fraternity Program was widened until it no longer seems strange to be speaking of a time when Alpha Phi Omega shall be known in every community where Scouting is known.

We "horsed around" on the available ponies with fellows of whom we had never heard previous to this time and returned to discuss Fraternity problems with fast friends, though also stiff.

As far as being able to outline certain definite things which were accomplished at this conference, it is sufficient to say only that it has made the Fraternity more nearly a brotherly organization of young men striving for a higher education and a better goal than has ever before been the case.

By W. DWIGHT PRATHER,
Mu Chapter.

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Alpha Alpha Installed at the University of Illinois

By Brother Stanley Benscoter, Alpha Alpha.

The baby chapter, as we have been termed in several letters received previous to the initiation, was placed in official existence on the evening of March 31, 1932. The Alpha Alpha Chapter was installed by the Supreme Grand Master at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois. The many letters of congratulations which were received were in themselves a marvelous and impressive indication that we have become part of an exceedingly active organization. The interest thus displayed by the active chapters in the installation of Alpha Alpha Chapter was sincerely appreciated.

The initiation ceremony was conducted by Brother H. Roe Bartle, with the assistance of Brother E. H. Leland of Upsilon, Brother A. N. Ekstrand of Eta, Brother A. Gordon Thompson of Sigma, Brother C. M. Finnell of Mu Chapter, and Brother Edwin L. Mason, N.H.M. The impressive initiation, followed by a celebration banquet, created new and unlimited enthusiasm in the hearts of the members of Alpha Alpha Chapter for extending and building up our Chapter. The charter membership of the Chapter consists of nineteen Eagle Scouts and three honorary members. Professor A. R. Knight of the Electrical Engineering Department and Professor W. L. Burlison, head of the Department of Agronomy, are serving as faculty advisors. Mr. Donald M. Higgins, Scout Executive of the Urbana Council, is our Scouting advisor. The membership of the Chapter in the future will not be limited to Eagle Scouts. We believe that there are many men in the University of Illinois who desire to share the benefits and duties of membership in Alpha Phi Omega, yet who did not have the opportunity or leadership required to reach the rank of Eagle when they were members of a Scout Troop. The charter membership of Alpha Alpha Chapter was limited to Eagle Scouts in order to provide a firm foundation upon which to build the Chapter; in other words, to be more specific, limiting the charter membership to Eagle Scouts was thought to be a satisfactory method of providing assurance that each man initiated as a charter member would be an interested and enthusiastic worker for the betterment of the Chapter.

The Alpha Alpha Chapter wishes to take this opportunity to pledge its loyal support to the National organization. We hope that our Chapter will become a credit to the Fraternity, and will strive to the utmost of our ability to make Alpha Phi Omega an outstanding Fraternity on the Illinois campus.

Extension Committee Appointed

By Brother Ralph E. Graves, Lambda, Supreme Scribe.

The Supreme Grand Master has appointed the following Brethren as members of the Extension Committee:

Andrew R. Janson, Chairman, Xi, San Diego, California.

A. Gordon Thompson, Sigma, Chicago, Illinois.

Theodore R. Pfalsgraf, Chi, Los Angeles, California.

E. H. Leland, Upsilon, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Leo M. Sandefur, N. H. M., New York City, New York.

William G. Perry, Tau, Gainesville, Florida.

C. M. Finnell, Mu, Chicago, Illinois.

These Brethren, who represent every part of the country, are charged with the responsibility of the growth of the Fraternity, and the progress that Alpha Phi Omega has made is an indication of the unusual and splendid work that these men are doing.

An attractive booklet, containing the Constitution and By-Laws, and names of National officers, Supreme Council and Extension Committee, is just off the press. These convenient little pamphlets were made possible through the Supreme Council, and any member desiring a copy may obtain one without cost by directing a request to the National Headquarters.

By action of the
Supreme Council
the

NATIONAL CONVENTION

of

ALPHA PHI OMEGA

will be held

December 28-29, 1932.

Place of meeting will be announced the latter part of May.

New York City
Nov. 24, 1931

Mr. Ralph E. Graves, Supreme Scribe,
Alpha Phi Omega,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Brother Graves:

I appreciate very much your letter of the 17th and the certificate making me an Honorary Member of ALPHA PHI OMEGA. I am very happy to be identified with this Honor Scout Society.

I would appreciate it if you would convey to all concerned my thanks for the honor accorded me.

Sincerely and cordially yours,
(Signed) JAMES E. WEST,
Chief Scout Executive.

The meeting of the Conference at the ranch of our Supreme Grand Master early in September was indeed a success. There was recreation to suit one's taste; a cuisine to match one's appetite; peace and quiet to rest one's soul; and friendship to satisfy one's greatest desire. The men attending represented widely different schools of learning, yet all had a central aim: "Our Fraternity was for SELF, for our COLLEGE, for SCOUTING." They were real men, high in purpose and ideals; truly representative of our Fraternity.

Our church service led by our Chief, Brother Bartle, at the village of Osceola, showed our religious tolerance—the Methodist, Congregational, Lutheran, Catholic, and Camelite churches were represented among our members. All were united for a common purpose. Surely our Fraternity Toast is being realized.

Suggestions for chapters were:

1. Increase your membership and increase your service.
2. Keep accurate records of your chapter's business.
3. Have a constructive program for the year and each meeting.
4. Fulfill your purpose as a Fraternity.

By EDWIN C. JOHNSON,
Omicron Chapter.



Omega Chapter and the degree teams from Xi at Iowa State College and Omicron at the University of Iowa. Supreme Grand Master Bartle officiated at the installation of Omega Chapter at Drake University.

Tau Chapter Entertains Scout Executives

By Brother William G. Perry, Tau.

On the occasion of the Scout Leader's Seminar held at the University of Florida, October 29, 30, and 31, Tau Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega gave an outing for the Executives. The outing was held at a resort north of Gainesville, the seat of the University. The Executives were well fed before they were asked to gather 'round a council fire, where several speeches were made by various members of the Chapter and by some of the Executives. Deputy Grand Master Rybolt gave a short talk on the history and purpose of Alpha Phi Omega while two of our Honorary Members, Dr. R. C. Beaty, Assistant Dean of Students, and Dr. F. H. Heath, of the Faculty of the Chemistry Department, gave talks on what our Chapter had done for the University of Florida. Scout Executive W. M. Marr, another Honorary Member, gave a talk of the service that our Chapter had rendered to Scouting. The men of our Chapter feel that they were greatly benefitted because of their association with this fine group of Scout Executives.

It may be of interest to know that the articles of food which were not used, were donated to a charitable home in Gainesville.

Real Activity at Drake University

By Brother E. E. Augustine, Scribe Omega Chapter.

The Greek letter "Omega" may mean "the end", but with achievements already credited to this group, it places the chapter at Drake University very much in the foreground. Omega Chapter, not quite six months old, is stepping right into the limelight. On February 13th the Chapter sponsored a Treasure Hunt for the Scouts of Des Moines, and more than 350 Scouts joined in the fun. The merchants of the city participated in the event by furnishing the prizes. Following the Treasure Hunt, the Scouts were treated to a bean feed at the University Church. This event climaxed a series of programs conducted during Anniversary Week.

Plans are now under way for the organization of a Troop for crippled boys at the Smouse School in Des Moines. Omega Chapter realizes that this undertaking is a real challenge.

These are but two small projects of the Omega program. Many activities have taken place and we are absolutely united in the thought and purpose of having Alpha Phi Omega respected on the campus of Drake University and in all Scouting circles in Des Moines.

Pfalsgraf Installs Chi Chapter

A fine group of Scouts and Scouters at the University of California, Los Angeles Branch, were brought into Alpha Phi Omega on the night of Nov. 13th. These men now make up Chi Chapter of the Fraternity. The installation of this Chapter was in charge of Brother Theodore R. Pfalsgraf, N. H. M., member of the Extension Committee. A banquet was served in Kerckhoff Hall, and at the request of the petitioning group, Brother Pfalsgraf served as Master of Ceremonies. The charter was presented on behalf of the Supreme Council by Brother Pfalsgraf and accepted by Brother Lamott, first Grand Master of Chi Chapter. Dr. E. C. Moore, Prevoist of the University, presented the membership certificates. Mr. E. B. DeGroot, veteran Scout Executive of the Los Angeles Council, presented the pins to the brethren. Dr. Moore challenged the newly chartered chapter. He compared the task of the Fraternity to that of the messenger in carrying his "Message to Garcia". Dr. Moore stated that if he had any "Message to Garcia" he would call on Alpha Phi Omega to deliver such message. Following Dr. Moore's address, an inspirational talk was given by Mr. DeGroot.

The officers of Chi Chapter are:
 Grand MasterRobert Lamott
 Deputy Grand Master.....Edward Saxton
 ScribeEdmund Carmody
 TreasurerJoseph Maquire
 Sargeant-at-Arms.....Robert Ohley
 Pledge Captain.....Philip Lukei

In addition to these men, the following are charter members:

Henry T. Hare, Malcolm O. Donohoo, John H. Luebsen, Leonard A. Stone, Lloyd C. Pack, Jack A. Requarth, Palen W. Keith, Richard R. Killen.

Zeta at Stanford Has Program of Intent

By Brother Charles A. McGee, Zeta.

Zeta, the Stanford Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, has 42 active members. This Chapter is registered as an Honorary Scout Troop under the local Council, thus enabling the members to keep a continuous registration with the Boy Scouts of America.

The program of the past year included along with the regular bi-weekly meetings a number of dinner and outdoor meetings. The dinner meetings were featured by the appearance of members of the faculty and talks by them which ranged in subject from the cruise of the non-magnetic ship "Carnegie" to stories and traditions of the negroes of the old South. These meetings were open to all former Scouts and they derived much interest and inspiration from them as did the members of Zeta.

The outdoor meetings took the form of trips to the ocean beach, some 35 miles away, or to a week-end Scout camp, which was placed at our disposal and which was located on the campus about 4 miles from the quadrangles-quad in the vernacular.

At the annual spring student body elections Brother R. M. Brown was elected President of the Associated Students. Brother Brown is registered from San Francisco and has been prominent on Stanford's famous track teams, as have several other of the brothers Zeta. "Bob" returned to Stanford for graduate work in law this year. As an Eagle he has nearly every merit badge there was until the last addition to the list.

Zeta was also proud in having another of its members, Frank A. Whiteley, as Editor of the Stanford Daily, the campus newspaper, during the winter and spring quarters of this year.



Chi Chapter, University of California, Los Angeles Branch. Front row, left to right, Robert Lamott, Grand Master; Dr. E. C. Moore, Prevoist, U. C. L. A.; E. B. DeGroot, Scout Executive, Los Angeles Council, and Theodore R. Pfalsgraf, Member of the Extension Committee and representative of the Supreme Council at the installation.

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Each Chapter should be sure to send in all news items of interest to the Fraternity at large, especially in connection with the program and activities, as carried on by the Chapter and recognition on the campus which has been accorded to any member. One method suggested for doing this is for the Chapter Scribe to clip every article in the campus newspaper or other campus publication, which mentions the local Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, being sure that every clipping bears the news and date of the publication. It was also suggested that each Chapter submit once during the year a report of some outstanding project successfully carried through, these reports to be in such form that they may be used in the Lightbearer. The Lightbearer will also carry each time some material which will be of value in planning Chapter programs. Any contributions from Chapters in regard to programs already carried through, will be appreciated by the Editor.

Per Capita Tax—The per capita tax assessed by the National Convention at St. Louis was explained. This tax is \$1.00 per active member per year, and is due at the National Office by December 1st. Each Chapter is requested to take care of this matter early in the year so there will be no delay in payments at the National Office. It was resolved by the Conference assembled that a recommendation be sent to the Supreme Council that the per capita tax be used for the maintenance of the National Office and the Lightbearer.

Extension—In the course of the discussion concerning the chartering of new Chapters, it was shown that in at least one case ballots on the petition for a new Chapter have been filled in and returned to the National Office by one member of the Chapter without the knowledge or action of the Chapter. It should be clearly understood by every Chapter that such ballots are to be signed only after action by the assembled Chapter. A discussion of the possibilities for new Chapters revealed that every Chapter represented at the Conference knew of at least one school close at hand where there was a live possibility of forming a new Chapter.

Program—In the discussion of program, as carried on by the various Chapters, a number of worth-while suggestions were brought forth. Some of the projects carried out by the Chapters, are as follows:

Radio programs twice a month including talks by faculty members.

Eagle Scouts and members of the Fraternity and entertainment features.

Scout Troop in Children's Hospital at the University.

Complete charge of Scout swim every Saturday.

Registration of all Scouts in the University during anniversary week.

Scoutmasters' Training School conducted by members of Alpha Phi Omega.

Help for Freshmen through cooperation with the College Y. M. C. A.

Sponsored Scout Troop and provided leadership in college town.

Scholarship awarded to Scouts from the State.

It was pointed out that in conducting the program every Chapter has three responsibilities; First: to the Freshmen on the campus; Second: to benefit the members of the Chapter, and Third: to help the local Council and Scouting in general.

Designation—After discussion at some length in regard to the official designation of the Fraternity, it was moved that the consensus of opinion of the Conference be in favor of the following designation: "Alpha Phi Omega, National Honorary Scouting Fraternity".

Initiation of New Members—In discussing the use of the Ritual in the initiation of new members, several recommendations were made by the Conference. First, the parts in the Ritual should be memorized, not read. Second, that the initiation team wear tuxedos. Third, that the initiation of new members be so arranged that the ceremony shall be put on several times during the year thus strengthening both the ceremony and the Chapter as a whole. Fourth, that all pledges should serve a definite period of pledgeship, and that he be required to perform certain duties as recommended in the new Ritual adopted by the St. Louis Convention. Fifth, that a pledge ribbon be used in the place of a pledge pin, so as to

avoid any misunderstanding with the social fraternities.

Entertainment—Last, but by no means least, a statement should be made relative to the entertainment. The Ranch of the Supreme Grand Master, Brother H. Roe Bartle, located in the beautiful Ozarks, was a most ideal location for a Fraternity Conference. Everything from an excellent croquet grounds to a string of fine saddle horses, were placed at the disposal of the Supreme Grand Master's guests. "Bud" and "Nora", colored servants of the Chief, certainly knew how to prepare three square meals each day, with plenty of refreshment between the stated meals. Every man attending the Conference wished for the opportunity of returning again to enjoy good fellowship, to learn more about the work of Alpha Phi Omega and to enjoy a delightful recreational program at such an ideal location.

New York City Nov. 14, 1931
Mr. Ralph E. Graves,

Supreme Scribe, Alpha Phi Omega,

I appreciate very much your letter of November 9, together with the new Certificate which is an evidence of the fact that I am an Honorary National Member of ALPHA PHI OMEGA.

I prize this very much indeed and appreciate my association with those Scouters who are joined together in this happy association and trust that ALPHA PHI OMEGA will always be characterized as a fraternity which lives to serve and which perpetuates and extends the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law in the society.

GEORGE J. FISHER, M. D.,
Deputy Chief Scout Executive.

ROSTER OF CHAPTERS

Alpha Phi Omega

Alpha—Lafayette College.....	Easton, Pa.
Beta—University of Pittsburgh.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Gamma—Cornell University.....	Ithaca, N. Y.
Delta—Alabama Polytechnic Institute.....	Auburn, Ala.
Epsilon—Northeast Missouri State Teachers College.....	Kirkville, Mo.
Zeta—Stanford University.....	Stanford, Calif.
Eta—Northern Illinois State Teachers College.....	DeKalb, Ill.
Theta—University of Virginia.....	Charlottesville, Va.
Iota—Park College.....	Parkville, Mo.
Kappa—Carnegie Tech.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Lambda—University of Kansas.....	Lawrence, Kas.
Mu—University of Indiana.....	Bloomington, Ind.
Nu—Upsala College.....	East Orange, N. J.
Xi—Iowa State College.....	Ames, Ia.
Omicron—University of Iowa.....	Iowa City, Ia.
Pi—Kansas State College.....	Manhattan, Kas.
Rho—University of North Carolina.....	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Sigma—Northwestern University.....	Evanston, Ill.
Tau—University of Florida.....	Gainesville, Fla.
Upsilon—Milwaukee State Teachers College.....	Milwaukee, Wis.
Phi—Syracuse University.....	Syracuse, N. Y.
Chi—University of California.....	Los Angeles, Calif.
Psi—Santa Barbara State Teachers College.....	Santa Barbara, Calif.
Omega—Drake University.....	Des Moines, Ia.
Alpha Alpha—University of Illinois.....	Urbana, Ill.
Alpha Beta—Pennsylvania State College.....	State College, Pa.
Alpha Gamma—Purdue University.....	Lafayette, Ind.
Alpha Delta—San Diego State Teachers College.....	San Diego, Calif.
Alpha Epsilon—Louisiana State University.....	Baton Rouge, La.