ELEVENTH FRATERNITY CONVENTION
MEETS AT UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

January First and Second Are Dates For Annual National
Conclave of Chapter Delegates. Two Petitions and
W. G. A. Election Up For Consideration.

Arrangements are swiftly being completed by Kallikrates chapter for the
entertainment of the Eleventh National Convention of the Alpha Rho Chi Pro-
fessional Architectural Fraternity at the University of Virginia, January first and
second.

To the delegates who will be privileged to attend the convention the
University of Virginia, located adjacent to Charlottesville, Va., should prove of
great interest from the standpoint of American architectural history. The
campus of the University and many of its buildings were planned by Thomas
Jefferson, who served his country as President.

Kallikrates has secured the use of Dolly Madison Inn, a converted Colonia
to house the chapter delegates during the convention. Just what plans they have up their sleeves in the matter of entertainment have not been revealed, but it is reasonably certain that the tra
ditional stag banquet will close the convention, consequently delegates better
buy or borrow a “tux.”

Interim Reports Due

As matters stand now the convention will not have as much business on the
advance slate as is usual. When the sessions open more may of course develop.

The 11th Annual Convention will assemble at 8:30 A. M. January 1, 1926 at the
University of Virginia, as provided by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Fraternity. Each chapter shall be represented by
one active delegate who shall bear the proper credential and sealed with the
chapter seal. Each active chapter may also be represented by one alumni delegate who shall bear proper credential as above.

All delegates should reach Charlottesville the night previous so as not to delay the opening of the Convention. The Convention will close on the night of January 2 in time for delegates to take night trains out.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Fraternity this 5th day of December, 1925.

Dwight P. Ely,
W. G. A.
11th ANNUAL CONVENTION
The chief duties of the coming Convention will be action on minor clarifying changes in the Constitution, action on reports of committees, election of W. G. A. and the probable hearing of a petition for a new chapter.

This will be the first instance in which the Convention is not crowded with work and should give the delegates a fine opportunity to make suggestions for the good of the Fraternity and to iron out any difficulties their chapters may be experiencing in the conduct of their affairs.

It is to be hoped that each delegate will thoroughly acquaint himself with the operations of the Fraternity and the needs and experiences of his chapter before attending the sessions of the Convention.

D. P. Ely, A. S.

YOUR ARCHI
Your editor is recuperating from a siege with bronchial pneumonia, and as a consequence, with his former associate in the "wills" of Florida the December issue simply had to wait. We are sorry. In fact, proof for the November issue was read in the hospital; why, because we seek to carry on. In return, we only want your support.

In this issue of four pages we are making up for the twelve published in October because our income has not yet reached the stage where we can average over eight pages per issue. Keep the faith, let's clean up on this subscription matter.

Several active chapters have a number of men who are not life subscribers and in one chapter the W. A. does not subscribe! Every live wire a life subscriber.

Next month's issue will contain the second of the articles on ancient architects, after whom our chapters have been named. Iktinos comes next time. Also the next number will contain a complete report of the Eleventh Convention, as the Tenth Convention voted that your editor should attend again this year. We will strive to keep faith.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS
When the report of the W. G. E. is read at the forthcoming convention we wonder how many of the chapters will come before the convention with a clean slate with all obligations to the Grand Council satisfied. A chapter is not a going concern when all its bills are not paid. Strict economy and a high moral responsibility will clean up any account in short order.

From The Editor's Mail Box
Wherein We Recount Things and Thoughts Which Come To Our Attention.

A few days ago we received thru the mail a questionnaire which was of more than particular interest to us, especially as it dealt with the matter of informal or "rough house" initiations, concerning which your editor recently questioned the various chapter worthy Archites. The questionnaire was from the Committee on Informal Ritual of the SAE fraternity. With the questionnaire is a statement of fact, "Some kind of rough-house initiation has been used in almost all College Fraternities. We do not say that these initiations are wrong or undesirable—but a general survey of the subject will help us what the other fraternities are doing, and it will help us in making our recommendations."

Six questions are asked: 1. Does your Fraternity have any kind of rough-house initiations? 2. Does the national organization limit the informal initiation in any way? 3. Does the national organization prescribe where and how informal initiations shall be conducted? 4. Do you believe rough-house initiations are helpful or harmful to your Fraternity? 5. If the matter of informal initiation has been settled in your Fraternity, state when and how. 6. Have you or your organization any suggestions along the line of informal initiation?

A National Problem
Thus, SAE is seriously considering the matter of rough-house or informal initiations. The whole National Fraternity movement will be concerned and interested in the results of the questionnaire. Not only are Fraternities considering the matter from within but the leading Deans of Men are also concerned. Fraternity men are a component part of modern university life, but the occasional sporadic outbursts of some irresponsible bodies now and then gives all Fraternities a black eye. Anthemiou brothers recently consulted
with your editor on the attitude of other chapters on the matter of "rough house." We rather feel that they were in accord with a letter previously sent out by the Illinois Dean of Men, Dr. Clark, which is indicative of the modern attitude on former "divinity."

In part the letter to house presidents reads, "At a meeting of the council of administration yesterday, I was instructed to notify all fraternities and sororities that no requirement may be made of candidates for initiation which will interfere with regular study hours or University duties, or which will take them during the period prior to the formal initiation outside of the house and grounds of the chapter. The continuation of former rough practices, especially those involving cruelty to students, will be considered cause for disciplinary action."

Anthemios Is Conservative

Hell week at Anthemios is mostly confined to the house with an occasional outside errand, but they have never done a great deal of this, as it interferes too much with school work and leaves a pledge "groggy" for several days. Some innocent fun is indulged in at the table, but nothing serious. Bro. H. S. Garns, W. A., feels that some rough stuff should be kept as, every pledge expects it, but he voices the conservative spirit of his chapter, moderation and consideration.

Iktinos emphatically avoids keeping rough stuff in the house and points out that while no regular "informal" initiation is held they extend the usual "testing" of a man thru hell week. However, Bro. H. E. Peterson, W. A., calls our attention to the fact that the physical condition of a candidate is determined and well understood before he is subjected to any of the "pleasantries" of hell week.

At Ohio, Demetrios, finds that "rough stuff" interferes with school work, and is therefore limited to two hours house work per week and constructive criticism. Discipline is administered when necessary for the good of the chapter, but not for the amusement of the actives. All is restricted to the house as the University prohibits campus hazing. Demetrios has the usual "probation week" conducted in the same conservative spirit as Anthemios and Iktinos.

No Public Demonstration

Practically the same conditions govern at Mnesicles of Minnesota. Humility is taught in the usual way with house duties and shoe shining, but no public show is ever made of a candidate. Hell night ending the probation week is in the house and the stunts are proportionate to a man's physical condition. Same as the informal initiation, it is becoming less popular with less and less interest shown by actives as a whole. It seems indicative of a new day.

Word from Kalikrates is missing, but out in California a hazing committee confided their "hot stuff" strictly to the house, although Bro. Noble McIlvan, W. A., does not feel that all "rough stuff" should be done away with. His object is to "seize the spirit of hell week as a testing time for candidates, their good will, spirit and self-control, but like other Worthy Architects advocates consideration for the prospective brother. Viciousness practiced by some fraternities seems to be overcome in the general spirit of conservatism among A P X chapters which puts them in accord with the spirit of Dean of Men Clark of Illinois and other faculty leaders.

Paeonios is perhaps the only chapter that does not restrict their informal proceedings to the house. Kansas State has no restrictions as long as class work is not interfered with. Paeonios, however, places a limit on their "rough house." Perhaps our Kansas brothers will change their plans next time?

Texas Plan Is Good

J. C. Buchanan Jr., Dinocrates W. A., perhaps strikes the key note of the whole matter. Do you favor keeping "rough stuff" in the house? His answer: We do not favor anything being done in the house that would not be done outside. They do nothing outside the house but the wearing of smocks and tams for one day, sketching or painting on the campus during that day, and a general cleanup around the house. Such is the spirit of the Texas brothers, and there is no school restriction either.

And, as nothing was heard from Polyklitos, thus ends the exemplification of the spirit of the various chapters on the matter of informal initiation or "rough stuff." In general the tendency seems to be to omit such rough house, as is now practiced by some on the final night of hell week, partly because it actually interferes with school work and partly because it is distasteful to those who have to conduct the proceedings.

Thus as the chapters begin to feel this way we feel the standards of a fraternity begins to climb and becomes less of a "hazing club." This we feel will be the consensus of opinion that A P X will find thru their questionnaire. Eliminate the old-time hazing, keep the fun which causes mental embarrassment only and genuine amusement for the spectators and restrict the paddle to discipline, eliminating it as an attempt at amusement and you have the feelings expressed by the leaders in A P X today.

Wanted a Conference

At the same time your editor wrote the several chapter Worthy Architects relative to "hell week" he also asked questions about rushing, scholarship requirements, length of pledging, formal initiation, etc. Some of course cannot be discussed in The Archi, for obvious reasons, but your editor feels that conditions at the various institutions are varied enough to have emphasis to the suggestion of some of the delegates at the Michigan convention last year that this coming convention have a Methods Conference on such matters apart from the formal business of the convention.

Little did the Anthemios brothers, who first talked about "rough house" with your editor, realize that others were thinking about the same matter. When we asked the W. A.'s about this problem we asked about kindred matters with the result that we find there are great differences among the chapters. Therefore, if delegates to the coming convention take time to discuss some of these matters to their mutual advantage, then these Illinois brothers will have done a service to the fraternity.

The Chapters

ANTHEMIOIS—ILLINOIS

Our football trip (or rather the football trip of a few of us who found the flesh backing up the spirit) to Ohio was made pleasant by Demetrios who entertained us royally with a house dance.

We have established an Alpha Rho Chi prize in Landscape Architecture open to seniors.

The dulness of Thanksgiving on the campus made a contrasting background for the marriage of Gale Bergman, 25, to Dorothy Elizabeth Hall, 25, A O II, the ceremony took place at the Urbanna hotel, with Bill Fraser as best man. They departed in a shower of rice, etc., for Canada, but will be at home in St. Louis later.

IKTINOS—MICHIGAN

Bro. Tom B. Murphy, of the S. S. Kresge Co. architectural staff, has left Chicago and is now located at headquarters in Detroit.

Our banquet following initiation was held December 5th. It was a real banquet with all the trimmings. Bro. O. K. Griffith was toastmaster, and he sure had the low down on all the boys. Where he gets his information nobody knows. H. F. Peterson, W. A., spoke for the chapter, Verne Gibbs for the Seniors, "Bill" Ralston for the initiates, S. L. Holmes for the Alumni, and Prof. Ernest Wilby for the faculty.

DEMETRIOS—OHIO STATE

Homecoming came with a bang. Illinois fellows came down, the old grads poured in, as usual we work the night before on the homecoming decorations, the big game, and then the dance afterwards. Some of the folks came down and the steward is still expressing his
The Archi

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Farrar, Wm. C., Ex '27, 252 Wadsworth Ave., New York City.

Anthemis Chapter
Murphy, Paul E., '24, 2920 Severance St., Los Angeles.

New Addresses

Anthemis Chapter

Demetrios Chapter
Mathias, Clifford A., '21, North St., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

NEW PLEDGES

Not until the W. G. E. receives the pink pledge card for the fraternity directory from the active chapter does a man's name appear in this, the official list of the Grand Council.

Anthemis Chapter
Richardson, Louis A., Jr., '27, Marine, Ill.

Demetrios Chapter
Coady, John C., '29, 359 N. Garfield Ave., Chicago.

KalliKrates—Virginia
Formal initiation for the ten new men took place the evenings of Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Activities culminated in a banquet on the latter evening, beginning at 11:30 and ending at 2:00 in the morning.

Paeonios—K. S. A. C.
Our Homecoming Party held Nov. 13 was a success, and since we had a good sized crowd out we feel that it was quite worth our while. Those coming to help make it a success were: Volney Chase from Cincinnati; Lient. R. C. Lane from Ft. Snelling, Minn.; Allan Ingle, Kansas City, Mo.; Merl Padgett, Hutchinson; Ira Patterson, Atchison; Al. Hiesterman, Greenleaf, and Clyde Cless Rossville.

Polylitos—Carnegie
Polylitos chapter has a big year planned in order to keep the architectural department here at Carnegie Tech alive and on its toes. It has become somewhat of a tradition with us to be never caught asleep when it comes to keeping up interest in the work and enjoying the keen competitions which are always prevalent. We have during the past few years, offered prizes to underclassmen and we are still carrying on this practice this year.

New Pledge Card for the Fraternity Directory from the Active Chapter does a Man's Name Appear in This, the Official List of the Grand Council.