ANCIENT ARCHITECT'S
PAST IS REVEALED

Anthemios Planned Famous Old
St. Sophia Church.

By J. J. Patterson, G. L.

Anthemios, after whom our chapter at the University of Illinois was named, appears to have been quite a wag. This is probably why he was chosen as the titular dycty by the chapter at Illinois. I seem to remember something from the dim and distant past about one or two practical jokes—but I digress.

Anthemios was a distinguished Greek architect and mathematician whose most noted work was the famous church of St. Sophia at Constantinople. This structure was begun under the patronage of Justinian about 552 A. D. This alone, would be sufficient to give a man all the fame necessary, but Anthemios also turned his hand to writing and produced several learned treatises on mathematics and physics. How different were the ancient architects from the modern!

Artificial Earthquakes

It is related of him that he quarreled with his next door neighbor Zeno and proceeded to annoy him in two ways.

First, he made a number of flexible leather tubes and contrived to fasten them among the joists under the flooring of a fine upper room in which Zeno was accustomed to entertain his guests. By passing steam through these tubes he caused a miniature earthquake much to the discomfort of Zeno and his guests.

He also imitated thunder and lightning, the latter by means of an intolerable light which he flashed into Zeno's eyes by means of a concave mirror.

Notwithstanding this disposition to play practical jokes we can but admire the genius who could conceive and execute such a majestic structure as St. Sophia, and Anthemios chapter should be proud to bear his name.

CONVENTION CALL

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 seated 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 E. Ely.

W. G. A.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, BROTHER
Editorials and Notes

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 when 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, G. A.

YOUR ARCHI

Your editor is recuperating from a siege with bronchial pneumonia, and as a consequence, with his former association 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

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 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 Architects.

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 questionaire. Not only are Fraternities considering the matter from within but the leading Deans of Men are also concerned. Fraternities are a component part of modern university life, but the occasional sporadic outburst of some irresponsible bodies now and then gives all Fraternities a black eye.

Anthemios brothers recently consulted
with your editor on the attitude of other chapters on the matter of "rough house." We rather feel that they are 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 "divilment."

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 "croggy" 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 urges 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 "rough stuff" in the house but they have never done anything outside the house. Perhaps our Kansas brothers will change their plans next year?

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 Polyklotos, 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.

At the present time 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 S A E 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 a 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 pledgehip, formal initiation, etc., and 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 lend 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 kinds 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

ANTHEMIOS-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 dullness of Thanksgiving on the campus made a contrasting background for the marriage of Gale Bergman, '25, to Dorothy Elizabeth Hull, '25, A. O. I., the ceremony took place at the Urbana-Lincoln 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. Murphey, 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. C. Griffith was toastmaster, and he sure had the low down on all the boys. Where he gets his information nobody knows. H. E. Peterson, W. A., spoke for the chapter, Verne Gibbs for the Seniors, "Bill" Ralston for the initiatives, S. L. Holmes for the Alumni, and Prof. Ernest Wilby for the faculty.

DEMETERS-OHIO STATE

Homecoming came with a bang. Illini fellows came down, the old grads poured in, as usual we work the night before on the homecoming decorations, the homecoming itself, and then the dance afterwards. Some of the folks came down and the Stewart is still expressing his
appreciation for the pickles, fruits, and so forth at each meal.

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We marked our clean slate in Inter-Mural Basketball last Saturday by losing our game, 15 to 11.

**POLYKLITOS—CARNEGIE**

Polyklitos chapter has a big year planned in order to help 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.