

INSTALLATION OF ALPHA RHO

Early in March Kappa Alpha Theta added an interesting chapter to her history—the establishment of Alpha Rho chapter in the University of South Dakota.

The Thetas in Vermilion for the installation were; Mrs. Eleanor Leith Sabin and Mrs. Jessamine Lee Fox of Psi; Julia Hainer, Laura Hainer, Katharine Cline, Mrs. Margaret Wheeler Casady, Louise Woodruff—alumnae of Rho—Louise Bedwell, Hazel Hamilton, Marion Swezey, Helen Wallace, and Elizabeth Weston—all active members of Rho; and Martha Cline Huffman, Grand treasurer, and L. Pearle Green, Grand secretary. That so many members of Rho—Alpha Rho's nearest neighbor—were present was a source of great gratification to the Council members in charge. The close interchapter friendships thus early established will mean much to both chapters and to the fraternity, too, for the personal interest of mature, gracious, well-organized Rho will help Alpha Rho to prompt comprehension of fraternity traditions.

The first of the visiting Thetas arrived Thursday noon. The afternoon was pleasantly passed getting acquainted and visiting at the dormitory. That evening, March 7, thirty-two members of T. B. D. were formally pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta. After the service there was a spread and a "sing", where *Oh I want to be a Theta* was a frequently re-sung favorite. Friday morning the rest of the Thetas arrived; and in the early afternoon the pledged Thetas witnessed their first pledge service—where two more T. B. D.'s (just returned) were pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta.

Late in the afternoon the twelve eligible alumnae, who had returned for installation, were initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta. After an informal supper together, these alumnae joined the Theta ranks to witness the initiation into Kappa Alpha Theta of the twenty-two active members of T. B. D. Mrs. Martha Cline Huffman presided at the initiation, being ably assisted by the Rho Thetas.

On Saturday, at one o'clock, the installation service was conducted by L. Pearle Green and Alpha Rho chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta became a reality March 9, 1912.

A delicious banquet luncheon followed the installation where Mrs. Huffman presided over the following toast programme,

"Let us pledge a toast to Theta,
and her colors black and gold."

TOAST LIST

TOASTMISTRESS, MARTHA CLINE HUFFMAN

- The Siege.....Helen Scroggs
"The Greeks knew not the many,
But the trusted, tried and true."
- The Capitulation.....Hazel McVicker
"There is no royal road to highest
fame,
The man has toiled who wears a
glorious name."
- Our History.....Julia Hainer
"Nature in her production slow,
aspires
By just degrees to reach perfections
height."
- Our Geography.....Katharine Cline
"May there be no North, no South,
no East, no West, but only one broad,
glorious fraternity."
- Kappa Alpha Theta.....Marie Lotze
"The Fraternity, God bless her;
"May earth yield her votaries:
May heaven receive her votaries:
And may she so impress our spirits
that when we meet in the pearly
streets, we may know one another
without the aid of badge or color."
- The Loving Cup.....L. Pearle Green
"You and I can ne'er grow old
While this fair cup is nigh;

Here's life and strength,
Here's health and wealth—
Pass not a Theta by."

"Then let the loving cup go round.
The cup with glorious memories crowned.
Tho' one by one old friends must part
Still Theta love shall rule each heart."

While but four college chapters were personally represented at this luncheon, the rest of the fraternity was there in spirit as attested by the avalanche of telegrams and notes welcoming Alpha Rho to our fraternity. Alpha Rho's ability to name college and home city of every Greek-letter-signed message would be the envy of every examination-facing freshman. She was posted on Kappa Alpha Theta current history!

On Sunday there were a number of conferences, many quiet talks, and at four P. M. the first chapter meeting of Alpha Rho of Kappa Alpha Theta was held at the home of Mrs. Jessamine Lee Fox, Psi, the resident Theta so long interested in this group. This chapter meeting saw Alpha Rho well started as a chapter. The splendid organization which she had developed as T. B. D. made the organization work very easy—as it was largely a matter of re-adjustment in nomenclature and details. A supper together, followed by intimate talks, an examination of Alpha Rho's new property, and a conference with the alumnae members from which will probably soon come an alumnae chapter, served to occupy a busy evening.

Monday the Council representatives visited the college officers, called on Alpha Xi Delta—the only other women's national at the university—and held conferences with the newly elected chapter officers; while the other visiting Thetas visited the college and its friends. That evening Alpha Rho was hostess at a charming reception and dance where the visiting Thetas had the pleasure of meeting faculty, townspeople, and student friends of the new chapter. This function in the University armory, was a brilliant success—the decorations were elaborate and

beautiful with the black and gold everywhere, the music was excellent, the hostesses most gracious and thoughtful, the guests most cordial in their sincere welcoming of Theta to the University of South Dakota and in their friendly rejoicing over the successful termination of T. B. D.'s long, persistent work for a Theta chapter.

Indeed the cordial welcome that Kappa Alpha Theta received from the entire community was most gratifying. This spirit of welcome and appreciation of the possibilities of national fraternity life, while pleasing the installing Thetas, placed upon them the strong obligation of insuring that Kappa Alpha Theta would always be the power for good its new friends considered it to be. But with a group of the earnestness, charm, and ability of our active Alpha Rho members and with a group of well-poised, gracious alumnae members cooperating with them, we feel sure of the future too.

The charter members are:

Mrs. Mabel Perry Anderson, L. B. '98, Ph. M. '00.	Berneice Swezey '12.
Theresa Swezey, S. B. '99.	Grace Sargent '12.
Mrs. Gertrude Swezey Fox, Ph. B. '00.	Florence Totten '12.
Mrs. Fern McGinnis Davis, B. A. '03.	Raeburn Gilchrist '12.
Mrs. Pansy Austin Whittemore, B. M. '03.	Vera Mabel Nicholson '12.
Mrs. Minnie Sargent Bryant, B. A. '05.	Hazel G. McVicker '12.
Rinnie Vaughn, B. M. '05.	Anna Gilchrist '12.
Hazel Lotze, B. A. '06. M. A. '11.	Ada Meadows '12.
Helen Scroggs, B. A. '08. M. A. '09.	Anna Beckmann '12.
Mrs. Elsie Sargent Julian, B. A. '08.	Lorena Dell Young '13.
Marie L. Lotze, M. A. '12. (B. A. Smith '09.)	Florence Gray '13.
Mildred I. Grange, B. A. '09.	Adele Lewis, B. M. '08.
Lenore B. Totten, B. A. '10.	Bonnie Beebe '13.
	Florence Chaney '13.
	Carleton Sherwood '14.
	Harriet Chubbuck '14.
	May Jolly '14.
	Mabel Maule '14.
	Laura Lotze '14.
	Katherine Cahalan '15.
	Ella Gray '15.

OUR NEWEST CHAPTER

They say that children should not be held up for their own admiration, but what am I going to do? Alpha Rho is a member of the family, now. There is no way to prevent her perusal of these lines and I feel that the rest of the fraternity is entitled to some knowledge of this new sister. However, I think we can trust Alpha Rho's level headed perception that it is because she reached the standard set by Kappa Alpha Theta, in college and group, that she now possesses a charter. Certainly the dominant note of their installation was an expression of the appreciation of the honor, and a realization of the trust, Kappa Alpha Theta has laid upon her.

Surely a chapter could not enter an institution under more favorable circumstances than we have just entered the University of South Dakota. The friendliness of the townspeople, students, and faculty could hardly be over-stated. The President and the Dean of Arts and sciences both took special pains to assure Miss Green and me of their active interest in the girls and their respect and admiration for Kappa Alpha Theta. The little Panhellenic world has been enthusiastic in its support of T. B. D. and is now just as hearty in its congratulations. The nonfraternity element evinces cordial goodwill. And the good people of Vermilion have the attitude of a parent whose favorite child has just performed some brilliant feat.

The future of the university is certain. Not that we need specially to look to the future for Theta material, for Alpha Rho is supplied with the best brand of that right now; but it is comfortable to realize that this new chapter is in a young and growing university, with unlimited prospects of development before it and that our chapter will have the necessity of keeping pace with its Alma Mater. This condition lessens our own responsibility to the chapter, perhaps, but we bear that, easily.

There are none of you who have a more assured place in your college community than has this latest addition to our roll.



ALPHA RHO

Her organization and spirit have won unrivalled prestige in the University of South Dakota. In fact, she is a type of the best in Theta achievement. When I visited T. B. D. two years ago I had to keep constantly reminding myself that these girls were not Thetas. Their ideals, their methods, and their manners were so like the chapters I had just come from visiting, that only by alertness did I keep "Thetaisms" from my lips. Alpha Rho is a true Theta chapter, in the spiritual as well as the literal sense. The inner meaning of T. B. D. is just as high as that of Kappa Alpha Theta. By placing our badge upon their breast we simply broadened ideals which they already possessed—ideals which they definitely expressed and practically applied. As Helen Scroggs toasted, "I drank to a wedded, not a dead, T. B. D."

I know there was not one of the group of twelve "installers" who was not made a better Theta by her experiences in Vermilion. And why? Because the womanly earnestness, the supreme faith of Alpha Rho chapter in Kappa Alpha Theta laid an obligation upon the fraternity which each one of us felt we must personally see discharged—an obligation not to betray her trust nor prove ourselves unworthy of her highest efforts.

That is the sort of a baby chapter we have. Or rather, that is the sort of a young woman we have adopted into the family. She is a full grown sister, ready and worthy to take her proper duties and responsibilities, a sister to be proud of, to be loved.

Martha Cline Huffman

AN APPRECIATION

That is the sort of a baby chapter we have. Or rather, that Kappa Alpha Theta. A very beautiful silver card-tray has come to me, expressing your appreciation of the work of the four years of my Grand Presidency. The appreciation is indeed reciprocal. I count the national fraternity work among the greatest privileges I have had and I thank you most lovingly