

New Chapter

Installation of chapter at L.S.U. marked by impressive ceremonies. First charter grant since 1937.

By Charles Roberts

THETA KAPPA BETA, local fraternity at Louisiana State University, was officially installed as Epsilon Zeta of Alpha Tau Omega on Saturday, Feb. 10.

The installation ceremonies were conducted with Roy M. Watson, Chief of Province X, and Major Christianity Pickett of the L.S.U. faculty acting as installing officers, assisted by the initiation team from the Tulane chapter.

Official representatives of the National Fraternity were Judge Willard M. Benton, Worthy Grand Chief; O. O. Touchstone, Worthy High Chancellor; William P. Moss, High Council; Dr. J. R. Thompson, Chief of Province VIII; and Stewart D. Daniels, Executive Secretary. Other representatives included Nolan Kammer, president of the Louisiana alumni association, and delegates from the chapters of Province X.

The Reverend Philip Werlein, Tulane alumnus and Rector of St. James Episcopal Church, Baton Rouge, very generously turned over his church for the installation ceremonies.

The installing team from Tulane arrived in Baton Rouge Friday night and proceeded at once to make ready for the services to be held the following day.

Everything was in readiness by nine o'clock Saturday, and the installation got under way. Initiation of the active members of Theta Kappa Beta occupied the entire morning and part of the afternoon. Then followed the initiation of the alumni members of the local organization. All told, 18 undergraduates and 18 alumni were initiated.

Following the initiation, an organization meeting was held, with Province Chief Watson acting as Worthy Master pro tem. At that time the following officers were elected and installed: Elmer G. West, W. M.; Herman Farmer, W. C.; E. K. Crosby, W. K. E.; A. L. Gremillion, W. K. A.; Gordon Broussard, W. Sc.; Harry Goldman, W. U.; Robert Hunter, W. Sent.; and Charles Roberts, PALM Reporter.

On Saturday evening a formal dance was held in the field house for visiting Alpha Taus and members of the new chapter. The beautiful decorations in the Fraternity colors centered on a huge, brilliantly illuminated A T O badge which had been constructed by members of Epsilon Zeta.

On Sunday the entire chapter, together with visitors from the National Fraternity and other chapters attended the St. James

Church in a body, where a special sermon was preached by Dr. Werlein. His masterly presentation of a most appropriate topic, "Friendship," touched the heart of every Alpha Tau.

To conclude the formal installation, a banquet was held on the roof of the Hotel Heidelberg Sunday afternoon with a local orchestra furnishing music for the occasion. Following the luncheon, Dr. Paul M. Hebert, acting president of Louisiana State University, delivered an address of welcome to Alpha Tau Omega. Talks were also made by Judge Benton, Dr. Thompson, Stewart D. Daniels, O. O. Touchstone, and Nolan Kammer, who presented an A T O flag to the chapter.

At the banquet, T. S. Waterman, 50-year member of the Tulane chapter, awarded the Golden Circle certificate to John Lombard, Tulane '90, a resident of Baton Rouge.

High light of the whole occasion, of course, came when Province Chief Watson officially presented the charter to Elmer G. West, Worthy Master of Epsilon Zeta.

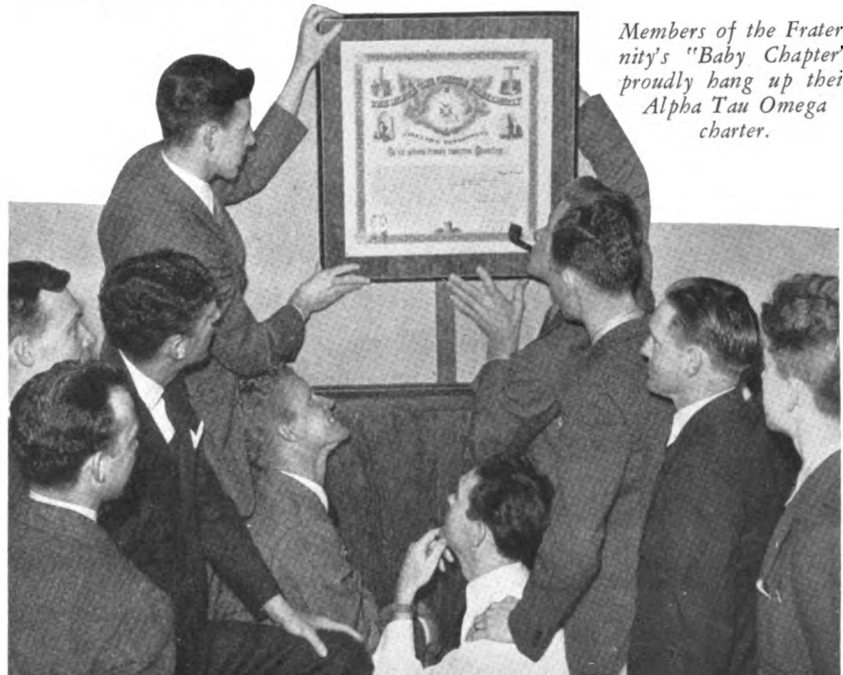
Through the effort of Major Pickett the special sound movie equipment of the university was set up in the banquet hall and the film of the Diamond Jubilee Congress in Richmond was shown.

During the course of the day, the chapter was flooded with telegrams from all

over the country bringing congratulations to the new chapter and wishing it every success. Special gifts to the "Baby Chapter" included chapter room paraphernalia from the chapters at Alabama and Mississippi State and an A T O doorplate from Tulane.

The roll of the new chapter, in order of initiation, follows: Elmer G. West, '41; Herman M. Farmer, '40; Gordon Broussard, '41; E. K. Crosby, Jr., '40; A. L. Gremillion, Jr., '40; Robert R. Hunter, '40; Harry T. Goldman, Jr., '40; Charles N. Roberts, '41; Harry M. Campbell, '42; Jack E. Chappuis, '41; Guido O. Grady, '40; Edward J. Grady, '42; Glenn B. Gremillion, '42; Welton E. Laiche, '40; Charles O. Rountree, '41; William Sonnier, Jr., '43; Ralph L. Todd, '42; and John S. Willis, Jr., '40.

Alumni who were initiated as charter members are: Floyd H. Long, Jr., '36; Halton Vincent, '40; G. K. Bienvenu, '39; Lee F. Jannin, '35; Russell L. Dunham, '24; Dewitt L. Sauls, '28; Robert A. Piehl, Jr., '38; James T. Morris, '24; John C. Stovall, '37; Harry B. Rountree, Jr., '34; Martin G. Burns, '34; G. A. Linton, '32; Charles W. Burns, '36; Herbert W. Taylor, '23; Dan J. Grady, Jr., '35; George G. Mitchell, '35; J. Vernon Sims, '30; and Marvin N. Lipp, '29.



Members of the Fraternity's "Baby Chapter" proudly hang up their Alpha Tau Omega charter.