

was distributed. This was in the form of a book, size 5" x 7", and contained 148 pages dealing with such matters as chapter organization, affiliation, the newly adopted finance system, Rattle regulations and other matters that the Grand Chapter desired these bulletins thereby acquainting one another with the activities of their respective chapters.

A periodical called the "Confidential Bulletin" was begun by the Grand Chapter in 1925. This is sent to each active and alumni chapter a dozen or more times a year and contains information of a nature deemed too confidential for open publication in *The Rattle*.

THE BADGE, CREST, PLEDGE BUTTON, FLOWER AND FLAG

While the development of the badge and crest of the Fraternity hardly constitutes the type of material suitable for a history of this kind there are, however, a few points worthy of note at this time. By way of design the badge displays a gold rattlesnake, with a ruby-set eye. The rattlesnake is fashioned to form a Theta; with the s words crossed diagonally over the Theta to form a Chi. The original size of the badge, like those of most fraternities, was extremely large and bulky. Again following the precedent established by fraternities in general the badge, of later years, has been materially reduced in size. At the convention held in 1909 a resolution was passed permitting the badge to be reduced sufficiently to be mounted on a diamond background. This gave rise to the present so-called diamond shaped badge which at the option of the members may be worn instead of the official badge. For a few years this style of badge met with a great deal of favor, indeed to such an extent that it looked as though it would be made the official design for the badge of the fraternity. The enthusiasm soon ceased, however, and in 1926 orders for badges ran largely to the official badge.

The first crest of the Fraternity, a forerunner of the one now in use, was adopted in 1861, and continued in use until about 1864. Since then three distinct changes have been instituted. Each change, however, constituting a supplement rather than the adoption of an

Theta Chi Fraternity.



THETA CHI HALL, OCTOBER 26, 1901.

Wm. Gen. J. C. O. Hanson,

COMMANDER, 12TH ARMY CORPS.

At a meeting of the THETA CHI FRATERNITY, held on Friday Evening, Nov. 15, 1901, the following Resolutions and Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in the Providence of Almighty God our mystic circle has again been invaded and one of our most illustrious members removed, and while it is in the midst of these successful dispensations it behoves us as a Society to bow in submission to the Supreme Ruler of events, we desire to express our sorrow for the dead, and our sympathy with the living. *Resolved*, That,

Resolved, That, in the death of our Brother J. E. O. HANSON, the Fraternity has lost one of its brightest ornaments, and most worthy members, and that we earnestly extend our sympathy to his family, and the cause of Humanity, a valiant Champion.

Resolved, That we recognize in the character of the deceased those sterling qualities of mind and heart, which rendered him alike distinguished in civil and military life, and that we ever cherish with respect the memory of him whose integrity and uniform urbanity endeared him to so many an honored and true friend in the private as well as in the public walks of life.

Resolved, That while as a Fraternity, the deepest grief agitates us, we yet remember the immortal unity of the deceased, upon whom this hopelessness of mortal fall with double certainty having already sacrificed to their country a Husband and Father, and that we tender to them our heartfelt sympathies in this our mutual affliction.

Resolved, That in token of esteem for our departed Brother, the usual badge of mourning be worn during the period of thirty days.

Resolved, That these Resolutions be entered on the books of the Society, and that copies be furnished to the friends of the deceased, and members of the Fraternity, as a tribute of respect for a beloved Friend and Brother.

OSCAR H. CHERRY, SECRETARY
E. J. BOETTCHER, CLERK
WM. W. HOWARD, RESOLVER

THETA CHI HALL,
NORTH HAVEN, CT., NOV. 15, 1901.

Showing the First Theta Chi Crest

entirely new crest. The style of crest now in use was adopted in 1912 and a slight change was affected on it in 1926. The pledge button is a red oval, surrounded by and crossed diagonally with narrow white stripes, constituting somewhat a resemblance to the Fraternity badge. No changes in the pledge button has taken place since its inception. The fraternity colors are military red and white, the flower is a red carnation, and the flag is a rectangular field of white charged in the center with the Greek letters Theta Chi in red, none of these ever having undergone a change since their adoption by the Fraternity.

FOUNDERS' DAY

Founders' Day, April 10th, is celebrated annually throughout the Fraternity. For a number of years, ending in 1925, the national conventions were held in April on dates closely approximating Founders' Day. This constituted part of the national celebration of the occasion.

MOTHERS' CLUBS

An idea of recent years that is becoming wide spread among the chapters is the establishment of Mothers' Clubs. These clubs are composed, ordinarily of Theta Chi mothers only, but in some cases sisters and wives of Theta Chi's are also admitted. Where in operation these clubs often become a most helpful factor in chapter house life. Notable among them is the Theta Chi Mother's Club of Mu Chapter, University of California, the pioneer one of the Fraternity. In a limited number of cases these clubs have resulted in the establishment of Dad's Clubs, but the latter, as yet, have not proved a success.

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND THE TRAVELING SECRETARY

From the organization of the Grand Chapter in 1908 until 1923 the chapter roll increased from three to thirty- four chapters. The work of