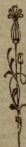


Constitution
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Theta Tau



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Chap. II, Art. X, Sec. 4.

CONSTITUTION

OF

THETA TAU

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GRAND REGENT

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CHAPTER I.

A chapter dealing with the purposes of, eligibility in, honorary membership of, alumni associations and expansion of the fraternity in general.

ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1. The name of this fraternity shall be THETA TAU.

SEC. 2. It shall have a Grand Seal bearing the device of the Coat of Arms of the fraternity and inscribed "Grand Seal—Theta Tau" and this shall be affixed to all instruments issued by or under the authority of the officers of the fraternity.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. Membership in this fraternity shall at all times be limited strictly to males of white birth.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The object of this fraternity shall be to unite its members in fraternal fellowship, to endeavor by thought and deed to bring about a high standard, both ethically and technically, among engineers; and especially as to its membership.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. Active membership in this fraternity shall be limited to regular students of either Civil, Mechanical, Electrical or Mining or Metallurgical Engineering; and honorary membership shall be limited to men actively following one of the above named professions, or teaching a technical subject in a recognized engineering college where there is an active chapter of this fraternity.

SEC. 2. No chapter of this fraternity shall be established at any college or university where mining or metallurgical engineering is not taught.

SEC. 3. Exceptions to this article can be made only by unanimous vote of the active chapters.

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. Honorary members shall be elected only by the active chapters.

SEC. 2. A chapter can initiate but one honorary member to twenty-five initiates (exclusive of honorary initiates) on its chapter roll.

SEC. 3. Upon election by unanimous vote of the active chapter, notice of this and a record of the candidate, shall be sent by the Scribe to each alumnus of the chapter.

SEC. 4. Notice shall at the same time be sent to the other active chapters and to the Alumni Associations, although these shall have no vote on the candidate, but should be consulted.

SEC. 5. Unfavorable vote of three alumni of a chapter presenting a candidate for honorary membership in Theta Tau, shall black-ball the candidate.

SEC. 6. Initiation cannot take place until all of the chapter's alumni have voted, OR a period of SIXTY days has elapsed from the time notice was sent. FAILURE TO VOTE on the candidate by any alumnus shall be recorded as a favorable vote.

SEC. 7. No chapter shall initiate as honorary member any former student or graduate of a college or university where there was a chapter of Theta Tau, without first obtaining permission to do so from said chapter.

ARTICLE VI.

SEC. 1. A student eligible to active membership in Theta Tau as provided for in this Constitution, can be elected only by unanimous vote of the active chapter.

SEC. 2. The name of a rejected candidate can be presented again by any active member of the active chapter at any time.

SEC. 3. Candidates for active membership must be over *eighteen* years of age.

ARTICLE VII.

SEC. 1. No member of this fraternity, active or honorary, shall be a member of any other national college engineering fraternity, society or club with fraternal bonds, without thereby forfeiting his membership in Theta Tau, and members of such organizations as classified above shall be ineligible to membership in this fraternity.

SEC. 2. No member of this fraternity shall be a member of any local college engineering fraternity, society, or club with fraternal bonds, without thereby forfeiting his membership in Theta Tau, and members of organizations as classified in this Section shall be ineligible in this fraternity.

SEC. 3. Members of local college engineering fraternities, societies or clubs with fraternal bonds, existing at colleges where there is no

chapter of Theta Tau, can be elected to membership in this fraternity, provided, however, that if a chapter of Theta Tau be later established at such college, such initiate or candidate pledge himself to resign from his former local fraternity and acknowledge allegiance to this fraternity alone.

SEC. 4. Members of Theta Tau shall not be members of local or national college CLASS engineering fraternities or fraternal organizations of limited scope of any kind, without first obtaining the unanimous consent of their chapter; provided, however, that such consent does not conflict with the stipulations of the previous sections of this article.

SEC. 5. The sections of this article do not apply to honorary fraternities of any kind.

SEC. 6. Whenever there is a doubt in the mind of a member that a fraternity to which he has been bid is competitive with Theta Tau as coming under the previous sections of this article, he should consult his chapter and if this cannot come to a unanimous decision, the Executive Council should be consulted, all the facts in the case being clearly stated.

SEC. 7. The decision of the Executive Council, when appealed to under the privileges of Section 6 of this article, shall be accepted as final.

SEC. 8. A candidate, active or honorary, must pledge himself, on his word of honor, to carry out the provisions of this article before he can be pledged, and the committee or member appointed to bid him must report on this at the next chapter meeting and the matter so recorded in the minutes of the chapter including the names of the committee or that of member.

SEC. 9. Should a candidate belong to any organization whatever which might be classified as coming under any section of this article, the matter must first be referred to the chapter for unanimous decision and investigation, and if that is impossible, to the Executive Council as provided for in Sec. 6 of this article and the candidate cannot be pledged unless the decision given is in his favor.

SEC. 10. Sec. 9 would apply only where candidate will not renounce allegiance to another engineering organization. If he renounces allegiance he shall be eligible and can be pledged. In the presence of at least three members of this fraternity he should swear on oath on the Bible to that effect and record of this made in the minutes of the chapter together with all the other necessary details of the matter.

ARTICLE VIII.

SEC. 1. The Executive Council of Theta Tau shall have the power to grant Alumni Association charters to any body of alumni of this fraternity who organize such an association, provided, however, that not less than seven alumni present the petition for such a charter.

SEC. 2. Such Alumni Associations shall have the power to send a delegate to any national convention of Theta Tau and such alumni delegate shall have an equal vote with one delegate from an active chapter. The expense of sending such a delegate shall be borne by the Alumni Association he represents.

SEC. 3. Such alumni delegate shall have the necessary credentials signed by the officers of the Association he represents, showing and stating that he is empowered to act for them at the convention.

SEC. 4. In presenting the petition for a charter the alumni petitioners shall state from what territory their members are to be drawn.

SEC. 5. No Alumni Association charter shall be granted to petitioners in any city or district of a section where an Alumni Association has previously been established by charter and exists without first obtaining the consent of such Alumni Association. In all cases the Executive Council shall use great care not to grant too many charters in one district or territory.

SEC. 6. An Alumni Association shall have the power to draw up By-Laws not inconsistent with the Constitution of Theta Tau, and the same shall be approved of by the Executive Council of this fraternity and a copy be kept on file by its Secretary.

SEC. 7. An Alumni Association cannot initiate or pledge any man to Theta Tau except as may be especially provided for in this Constitution.

SEC. 8. An Alumni Association, to hold its charter, must hold regular meetings, and a copy of the minutes of such meetings should be sent to each active chapter of the fraternity or published in a regular edition of the "Gear."

SEC. 9. An Alumni Association, having no power to initiate except as may be provided for in this Constitution, cannot have either active or honorary members but only associate members.

SEC. 10. Alumni Associations shall pay a nominal annual fee to the national treasury of the fraternity.

SEC. 11. The charter of any Alumni Association not holding a meeting for TWO consecutive years may be declared suspended by the

Executive Council of the fraternity three months after members of said Association have been warned by the Secretary of the Executive Council; if in the meantime no meeting of the Association has been held.

SEC. 12. Members of an Alumni Association, the charter of which has been suspended, shall not be entitled to any other rights and privileges than such a simple member of Theta Tau and cannot send a delegate to a convention or enjoy any other special privileges.

SEC. 13. The Executive Council shall also have the power of suspending the charter of any Alumni Association which has been guilty of breaking any of the Laws and Customs of the fraternity and complaint of which has been made by a member of the fraternity.

SEC. 14. If a charter of an Alumni Association is suspended as provided for in the previous section of this article, charges against individual members of said Association can be brought as provided for in other portions of this Constitution.

SEC. 15. An Alumni Association shall have the right of defending itself before the Executive Council or a Convention by personal representation or by proxy, but only by members of this fraternity.

SEC. 16. As delegate or in any other official manner, an Alumni Association cannot be represented by an honorary member of Theta Tau, but an honorary member can serve as witness and in all other ways have the privilege of his membership in this fraternity.

ARTICLE IX.

SEC. 1. Active chapters of the fraternity can be established at all first class engineering and mining schools of the United States and Canada except where not eligible as defined in Sec. 2, Art. IV, of this chapter.

SEC. 2. A petition for a charter from the fraternity may be presented by no less than eight students eligible to membership as provided for in Sec. 1, Art. IV, and other portions of this Constitution. This petition may be presented to any chapter of the fraternity.

SEC. 3. The petitioners must individually pledge themselves in their petitions as being free from affiliations with other engineering fraternities as defined in Art. VII of this chapter. If they are members of a local or national engineering fraternity they may as such, individually and collectively, petition membership in Theta Tau; and same being granted then renounce all allegiance to other fraternities competitive with this.

SEC. 4. A chapter, on receipt of a petition for a charter, should

notify the other chapters of this and also the Alumni Associations (the latter being consulted) and if after investigation they are favorably impressed, must pass the same by a three-fifths vote of all the active members of a chapter.

SEC. 5. Until active chapter roll reaches the number FIVE a unanimous vote of the chapters is required to grant a charter.

SEC. 6. When the chapter roll has reached the number five a three-fifths favorable vote of the active units of the fraternity will grant a charter to any body of petitioners.

SEC. 7. Alumni Associations shall have a vote in the granting of charters to petitioners after the active chapter roll reaches five, but the vote of such Alumni Association shall have only one-half the weight of the vote of an active chapter.

SEC. 8. When a petition has been granted the petitioners shall be notified at once.

SEC. 9. If the petitioners are members of a local fraternity, society or club or of a chapter of a national organization, they shall have the privilege of initiating in Theta Tau such members of their chapter alumni as they desire and a list of these, with all necessary details, shall be sent at once to the Grand Scribe.

SEC. 10. The alumni of any organization as classified in Sec. 9 should be initiated by the members of the new active chapter, but MAY be initiated by any active chapter of the fraternity or in special cases by an Alumni Association. They should have proper proof of their identity through credentials, etc.

SEC. 11. Men eligible under Sec. 10 of this article shall be initiated with ritual for active membership and after initiation shall be classified as alumni members of the new chapter.

SEC. 12. Only the chapter concerned can give permission to another chapter or an Alumni Association to initiate an alumnus of an organization which has become an active chapter of Theta Tau and such initiate shall be recorded only on the rolls of the chapter of which initiate is an alumnus. Such record shall, however, be witnessed by the officers of the chapter or Association actually initiating him.

SEC. 13. The chapter interested in the initiation as explained in Sec. 12 shall send the blank record page from its rolls required for record of its alumnus giving his number on its roll. This shall be at once returned when initiation has taken place.

SEC. 14. Only an active or an alumni member of this fraternity

shall have the power to install a new chapter the charter for which has been granted in regular form as provided for in this Constitution.

SEC. 15. An honorary member of Theta Tau has not the privileges conferred in Sec. 14.

SEC. 16. The installing officers or members shall show the proper credentials given by the Executive Council of the fraternity giving them the power to represent same at initiation and shall present the new chapter with a charter signed by the officers of the Executive Council, bearing the Grand Seal of the fraternity and stating the powers thereby conferred on the new chapter. The expenses of a delegate installing a new chapter shall be paid by the national treasury.

SEC. 17. No member of this fraternity shall have the right to initiate any man or body of men unless by authority of the officers of the fraternity.

CHAPTER II.

A chapter dealing with the duties of the Executive Council, National and Chapter officers, Conventions, Dues, Transfers, Publications, Incorporation and detailed management of the fraternity.

ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1. The governing body of this fraternity shall be called the Executive Council of Theta Tau. Its authority shall come from the active units of the fraternity.

SEC. 2. It shall consist of five members to be chosen from the alumni of the fraternity and its officers shall be a Grand Regent, a Grand Vice-Regent, a Grand Scribe and a Grand Treasurer. The Grand Scribe shall keep a complete record of all business done by the Executive Council.

SEC. 3. The members of the Executive Council shall sign all charters and its officers all other official communications to chapters and Alumni Associations; they shall call biennial conventions of the fraternity and special conventions if necessary; they shall conduct the affairs of the fraternity between conventions and shall render a report of this to the conventions.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. Biennial conventions of the fraternity shall be held.

SEC. 2. Each of the active chapters shall be represented by two delegates, one of which must be an active member. Each of these delegates shall have an equal vote and the vote of each of these delegates shall have the same power as that of a delegate of an Alumni Association.

SEC. 3. At the conventions all the business of the fraternity shall be done.

SEC. 4. When a convention is not in session it shall be represented by the Executive Council as explained in Art. I of this chapter.

SEC. 5. All delegates must have proper credentials signed by the Regent and Scribe of their chapter to show that they are entitled to represent their chapter at the convention.

SEC. 6. The expenses of the convention and of the delegates (except the delegates from Alumni Associations) shall be borne by the national treasury of the fraternity.

SEC. 7. If the national funds are not sufficient for the purpose

mentioned in Sec. 6, the chapters shall be assessed before the convention is held.

SEC. 8. At each convention the place of holding the succeeding one shall be decided upon.

SEC. 9. A complete report of all the business done shall be sent to each chapter and Alumni Association by the Secretary of the Executive Council.

SEC. 10. The convention shall elect the national officers for a term of two years and the convention shall be presided over by the Grand Regent of the fraternity. The Grand Scribe shall keep its records and the Grand Treasurer be the custodian of its funds.

SEC. 11. No member of this fraternity can be elected to represent a chapter or an Alumni Association or act in any official capacity whatever on any occasion who is in arrears in his dues, or in any other manner not in good standing.

SEC. 12. The debate, business, discussions and balloting of the convention can be done only by the delegates and only in the presence of members of this fraternity. Members, not delegates, may be consulted.

SEC. 13. The officers of the fraternity shall have no vote except as they represent some chapter or Alumni Association, unless it be on matters relating to the conduct of the convention, its entertainment, their previous actions, etc.

SEC. 14. The Grand Regent shall appoint the committees necessary to investigate and report on special matters such as new chapters, amendments to constitution, changes in ritual, etc., and these must be appointed from among the delegates present.

SEC. 15. No chapter can be represented twice or by two members on any single committee.

SEC. 16. The convention shall meet for at least six hours on each day while in session unless all important business has been disposed of.

SEC. 17. No intoxicating liquors shall be served to delegates or officers during business meetings of the convention.

SEC. 18. The national officers of the fraternity, elected by the delegates of the convention, shall be the officers of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The Grand Treasurer shall render an annual financial statement to the chapters and Alumni Associations.

SEC. 2. Only the Grand Treasurer shall have the power to O. K. orders for the official badges from the jewelers selected for that purpose.

SEC. 3. Whenever a new member has been initiated the Regent and Scribe of his chapter shall send his full name, chapter name and class, together with his initiation fees (national) and price of pin to the Grand Treasurer who shall order the badge at once and acknowledge receipt of letter from chapter by return mail. All such communications should be on official stationery.

SEC. 4. It shall require a three-fifths vote of the Executive Council to carry any motion except where this conflicts with some definite section of this Constitution in which case the special section shall govern.

SEC. 5. In case the Grand Regent is unable to longer continue in office, his successor shall be chosen by the members of council.

SEC. 6. The Grand Regent shall call all meetings of the Executive Council at any time found necessary.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The presiding officer of a chapter shall be called the Regent.

SEC. 2. There shall also be elected a Scribe, a Vice Regent, and a Treasurer.

SEC. 3. All officers of a chapter shall be elected by a majority vote of the active members.

SEC. 4. All active members of a chapter must vote in such elections or on any other business before the chapter affecting the policy of the chapter or the fraternity in general, the election of officers and delegates, the granting of charters, imposing of dues and fines, etc.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Regent not only to preside at all meetings of the chapter but also to initiate all pledgemen, to appoint all committees and such additional officers as may be hereafter named or be necessary for conducting the affairs of the chapter, to witness the record of all initiates, to fulfill all other obligations of the office of presiding officer and such as may be imposed on him by the chapter over which he presides.

SEC. 6. The Scribe shall keep the records of his chapter, shall witness the recording of initiates, shall keep up the necessary correspondence with the Grand Scribe, shall order all badges, shall keep the books of the chapter and be responsible for them. Shall perform any other duty the Regent may require of him.

SEC. 7. In case of sickness or unavoidable absence, the Vice-Regent shall take the place of the Regent.

SEC. 8. The Treasurer shall keep the funds of the chapter and be responsible for same. He shall be accountable for them to the chapter and shall keep in correspondence with the Grand Treasurer and shall transmit his reports to the chapter.

SEC. 9. The Regent shall also appoint a Corresponding Secretary who shall diligently keep up the correspondence with the other chapters and the Alumni Associations and shall write the chapter letters for the "Gear."

SEC. 10. The Regent of a chapter may invite a visiting brother who is a Regent, ex-Regent or member of the Executive Council of the fraternity to conduct a part of the initiation ceremonies.

SEC. 11. The Regent shall appoint such additional officers as are required to conduct the initiation.

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. A member can be an active member as long as he is a regular student at the college where the chapter is located.

SEC. 2. A member leaving one chapter, who is in good standing, and desires transfer to another chapter shall request the Regent of his chapter to give him a letter of transfer to the chapter he wishes to join. This letter should be written on official stationery and be signed by both Regent and Scribe of the chapter.

SEC. 3. A chapter with which an initiate of another chapter desires to become affiliated may have the privilege of refusing such affiliation.

SEC. 4. If a chapter elects an initiate from another chapter by unanimous vote he shall be required to sign the records only as an affiliated member and shall not be counted as an original member of the new chapter he has joined.

SEC. 5. An honorary member, not being an active member, cannot become affiliated with any chapter as active unless he becomes eligible as an active member; nor can he become an honorary member of any other chapter of Theta Tau.

ARTICLE VI.

SEC. 1. The Theta Tau fraternity shall be nationally incorporated.

SEC. 2. Individual chapters may incorporate as such under the laws of the state in which they are located.

ARTICLE VII.

SEC. 1. For each active initiate a chapter shall pay a fee of five dollars to the Grand Treasurer and for each honorary initiate a fee of ten dollars.

SEC. 2. Each chapter shall annually pay to the national treasury the sum of one dollar for each active member on its roll during all or part of the year, but for initiates the five dollar fee shall include the dues for the first year.

SEC. 3. The annual dues must be paid on or before the first day of May of each year.

SEC. 4. Alumni Associations shall pay to the national treasury the annual due of five dollars and also a charter fee of five dollars when this is granted.

SEC. 5. New chapters shall pay an installation fee of five dollars for each initiate and this shall be the annual dues for the first year.

SEC. 6. Alumni of a local afterwards accepting membership in Theta Tau shall pay the same initiation fees as an active member.

SEC. 7. Each active member of Theta Tau shall subscribe to the "Gear."

ARTICLE VIII.

SEC. 1. For the breaking of any of the Laws and Customs of this fraternity, wilfully disobeying the orders of the chapter to which he belongs, or of the Executive Council, intentionally disclosing the secrets of the fraternity, aiding, or helping its enemies or in any other way acting in an unfraternal manner in violation of the oath of membership; a member may be expelled from the fraternity and deprived of all the rights and privileges of membership, and his record in his chapter's roll destroyed.

SEC. 2. After charges have been brought a member shall first be tried by his chapter and a unanimous vote is required to expell him. Sentence shall then be pronounced by the Regent.

SEC. 3. Trial shall be conducted in regular form and the accused shall be entitled to all the witnesses he may desire. He shall have the right to appeal to the Executive Council and the decision of this shall be final. Its decision must be unanimous.

SEC. 4. Only unanimous vote of the Executive Council preceded by that of chapter can restore a man to membership.

SEC. 5. A chapter may have its charter suspended provided that

charges against the chapter made by the Executive Council after investigation shall be approved of after a three-fifths vote of the convention. After such charter has been suspended, charges may be brought against individual members of that chapter by the Executive Council.

ARTICLE IX.

SEC. 1. The official publication of this fraternity shall be called the "Gear of Theta Tau."

SEC. 2. It shall be edited under the active auspices of some chapter of the fraternity or by a committee appointed by the Convention. Each chapter shall have an associate editor on the board of editors.

SEC. 3. Subscription price shall be fixed by the board of editors and shall cover the cost of publication.

SEC. 4. The Convention shall allow the Editor in Chief a salary for his work if that is necessary.

SEC. 5. An annual edition of the "Gear" shall have the pictures of all active chapters. Each edition must have chapter letters from each active chapter and at least once during the year, one from each Alumni Association.

SEC. 6. Non secret numbers may be sent as exchanges to other fraternity publications.

ARTICLE X.

SEC. 1. It shall require a three-fifths vote of a Convention to pass an amendment to this Constitution except where otherwise specified.

SEC. 2. Amendments to this Constitution shall not be retroactive.

SEC. 3. The ritual of this fraternity is a part of this Constitution and as such, each member is to observe and obey same.

SEC. 4. The Constitution is for members only but in a general way it can be explained to petitioners or other candidates for membership.

SEC. 5. Exceptions to Sec. 4. are such sections as must be read in full to candidates for membership before they can be pledged and as explained in ritual of Theta Tau.

SEC. 6. Each chapter may have By-Laws not inconsistent with this Constitution.

SEC. 7. Each chapter shall have a copy of this constitution, a copy of the ritual, a record book of prescribed form, a Bible, the coat of arms,

a ledger for accounts and a minute book, and such other materials as may be necessary for the conducting of its business.

SEC. 8. No chapter of this fraternity has the right to change or revise any of the laws, procedure of initiation, or any of the other recognized forms and symbols of Theta Tau; nor make any additions to same without consent of the whole fraternity given through the Conventions. Changes in the ritual, however trifling, can be made only by unanimous consent of the chapters and Alumni Associations.

ARTICLE XI.

SEC. 1. The official badge of this fraternity shall be a gold gear wheel with crossed Hammer and Tongs and the letters Theta Tau. The center of the wheel shall be a garnet. The badge may be plain or jeweled.

SEC. 2. The official pledge button of this fraternity shall be a gold triangular shield with a dark red gear wheel in its field.

SEC. 3. The whistle of this fraternity shall be the solo from Paganini's Witches dance.

SEC. 4. The flower of this fraternity shall be the Jacqueminot rose.

SEC. 5. The colors of Theta Tau shall be dark red and gold.

SEC. 6. The stone shall be the dark red garnet.

SEC. 7. The coat of arms shall be explained by the following heraldic description:

Or, a bridge with three arches, proper, on the chief, gules; three gear wheels proper. Crest: a hand grasping hammer and tongs, all proper.

AMENDMENTS.

NOTE—All amendments must be written in legible handwriting and must give date when adopted by the fraternity as a whole. No chapter can write or accept any amendment whatsoever until adopted by entire fraternity.

Chapt. I—Art. IV—Sec. 3. Adopted May 1911.

A Chapter shall have the privilege of limiting its membership to one or more of the courses in Engineering, as specified in Sec. 1 of this Article, and may adopt a by-law to that effect.

AMENDMENT NO. II.

Chapter I, Art. VIII, Sec. 10. Adopted Apr. 26, 1912.

Section stricken out.

AMENDMENT NO. III.

Chap. II, Art. VII, Sec. 4. Adopted Apr. 26, 1912.

Section stricken out.

AMENDMENT NO. IV.

Chap. II, Art. II, Sec. 2. Adopted June 1, 1912.

To read: A chapter shall be represented by ONE delegate and the vote of such delegate shall have twice the weight of the vote of a delegate from an Alumni Association.

AMENDMENT NO. V.

Chap. II, Art. II, Sec. 7. Adopted June 1, 1912.

To add: "except the entertaining chapter or chapters."

AMENDMENT NO. VI.

Chap. II, Art. II, Sec. 19. Adopted June 1, 1912.

The Executive Council shall have the power to grant mileage to such national officers of the Fraternity, who may desire to attend the conventions.

AMENDMENT NO. VII.

Chap. I, Art V, Sec. 7, 2nd line.

Add words "or is" after "where there was," etc.

AMENDMENT NO. VIII.

Chap. I, Art. VII, Sec. 2, last line.

Add "to membership."

AMENDMENT NO. IX.

Chap. I, Art. IX, Sec. 9, 3rd line.

Add and substitute: "such members of alumni of petitioning organization," etc.

AMENDMENT X.

Chap. I, Art. VIII, Sec. 17. New.

An alumni association to have the power to legislate must have a charter, seven members, hold meetings at least once a year at which three-fifths or more of the members must be represented in person or by proxy and a like percentage of the members will be required for the conduction of business between meetings.

INTERPRETATIONS, JAN. 2, 3, 4, 1913.

I. The age limit of initiates shall be eighteen years as provided for in the Constitution but pledges may be less than eighteen years of age.

II. A chapter cannot suspend an active member, who may be otherwise eligible to active membership as per Art. V, Chap. II of the Constitution, for non-payment of dues, failure to attend meetings, etc., but may discipline him in other ways if thought proper.

III. The use of the pledge button by all chapters is obligatory.

IV. The formal pledge obligation must be used by all chapters in pledging men.

V. Each chapter should have Theta Tau stationery and official correspondence should be on same.

INTERPRETATIONS, APRIL 18, 1912.

I. No chapter or Alumni Association shall have a vote on petition received previous to its installation as a chapter of Theta Tau or Alumni Association.

II. No member of Theta Tau, who is also a member of a local club petitioning Theta Tau, shall be initiated as a charter member, if a petition be granted the local, nor shall he be named in the charter of the new chapter. The only way he may become affiliated is by transfer of membership as provided for by the Constitution, Section 2, Art. V, Chap. II.

III. If an honorary member is also a charter member, he shall pay the same national fee as the other charter members,

this fee being now \$5.00. At all other initiations an honorary member shall pay the regular fee of \$10.00. This is allowed because an honorary member may be instrumental in organizing a new chapter and should pay only the same fee as the others.

INTERPRETATIONS, APRIL 18, 1912.

CHAP. 1, ART. IV, SEC. 3.

IV. By the power conferred in this section, the Fraternity can admit to membership, either as a charter member or any other class of membership, any man who is not or has not been a student of one of the courses mentioned in Sec. 1 of this article. For instance, one of a body of petitioners not taking one of the courses mentioned, and, on whom a unanimous vote would be required, so that a desirable chapter may be established.

V. To add a distinctively different course to those enumerated in Sec. 1, Art. IV, an amendment must be passed under Sec. 3, Art. IV, by unanimous vote, which specifically names said course (such as, for instance Chemistry). But since the classification at many colleges is decidedly different, any chapter has the right to have the Executive Council and a Convention investigate a doubtful course to make students of it eligible. The classifications of Sec. 1, Art. IV, are meant to be broad enough to cover all allied branches of the courses mentioned.

VI. Under Sec. 3, the Fraternity has the power to make certain courses, not mentioned in Sec. 1, eligible at one chapter and not nationally.

VII. Under Sec. 3 any action taken is not necessarily a precedent for the future, either for the Fraternity as a whole or for a chapter. By admitting members of a petitioning body, who are not strictly eligible under Sec. 1, Art. IV, the Fraternity would not be making students, in similar courses, nationally eligible.

VIII. If, as in the petition of the Delta Club of The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, members of the petitioning Club are admitted to membership as charter members, who are not classified under Chap. 1, Art. IV, Sec. 1, they shall be counted as eligible if otherwise the petition would conflict with Sec. 2, Art. IX, Chap. I.

This last article refers in particular to a case like M. I. T. Without the architect petitioners there were less than EIGHT. When we voted to make the architects eligible AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION, this made them regular charter members so that there would not be any conflict with Sec. 2, Art. IX, Chap. I, where eight is the least number of petitioners specified.

Resolutions relative to Laws and Customs passed by Executive Council of Theta Tau since adoption of our present constitution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13 OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

MOVED, by Bro. Erich J. Schrader, XXX!, and seconded by Bro. Benj. B. Walling, XV!, that this Executive Council hereby confirm the agreement made by them in behalf of it, with Bro. J. E. Haynes, XX!, Alpha '08, in regard to editing the "Gear" as per attached detailed explanation.

RESOLUTION NO. 14 OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

MOVED, by Bro. Erich J. Schrader, XXX!, that Article V, Chap. I of the general Constitution of Theta Tau shall not be held to cover initiation of charter members of a new chapter except where there is conflict with Sec. 7, of said article, in which case the conflict must be removed as provided for in said section.

RESOLUTION NO. 15, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

SUBJECT: Cleveland Alumni Petition.

MOVED, by Bro. Erich J. Schrader, XXX!, that the petition of the nine alumni members of Delta Chapter, residing in Cleveland, O., for a charter to establish an alumni association, be hereby granted and the charter issued in the name of "The Cleveland Alumni Association of Theta Tau."

RESOLUTION NO. 16, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Interpretations of Laws and Customs.

SUBJECT: Mourning. (See Ritual pp. 84.)

In future the members of the Fraternity shall adopt a regular method of draping the badge, in case of the death of a member, as illustrated herewith, and described as follows:

"by tying a very narrow strip of black ribbon across the intersection of the Hammer and Tongs."

(This was suggested by Bro. Ernest Klepetko, XXI!, Beta '11.)

First—In the case of the death of an active member or an alumnus, the chapter of which the brother was a member shall wear mourning for thirty days. For an honorary member the period of mourning shall be sixty days.

Second—On the death of a member of the Executive Council or of a former member of the Ex-C., the chapter of which the brother was member shall wear mourning for sixty days and members of all other chapters, for a period of thirty days.

Third—The chapter concerned shall send out an "IN MEMORIAM NOTICE" to all of its alumni, to each active chapter and Alumni Association, to the Gear, and to each member of the Executive Council, and to the relatives of the deceased brother.

Fifth—The draping of the badge shall be observed on MEMORIAL DAY.

Fourth—The copy sent to the Gear shall be published in the issue next following the receipt of notice by the Editor.

RESOLUTION NO. 17, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

SUBJECT: Customs.

No chapter of this Fraternity should pledge or initiate any man who has been a student at a college where there is a chapter of Theta Tau without consulting said chapter as to the candidate's reputation and general eligibility to the Fraternity. Initiation without the consent of the chapter located at the candidate's former Alma Mater is bad policy and should be discouraged.

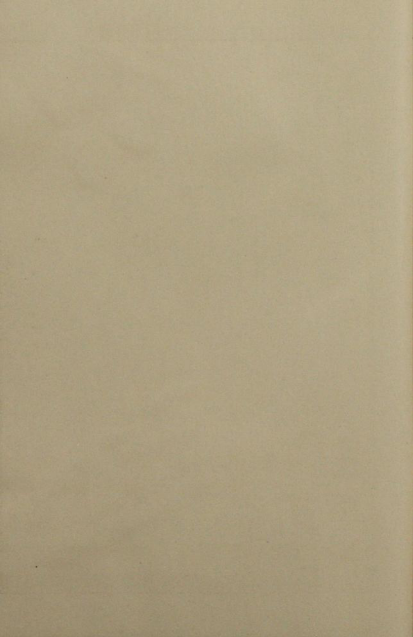
To obtain the desired information the chapter seeking the information shall proceed as follows:

Write a letter (registered) to the chapter it wishes to consult.

Follow this up with another letter after fifteen days if no answer has been obtained to the first.

If no answer is obtained within thirty days of the time of mailing the first letter, the chapter shall feel at liberty to take any action desired by it.

The best policy for a chapter to pursue is not to vote on a



man until the other chapter has been consulted, but if this is done, any active member should have the right to reopen the ballot by petition to the Regent.

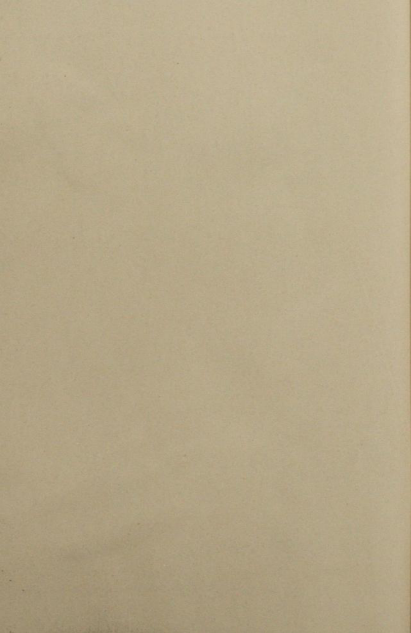
It may happen in the future that a candidate was a student at a college where a chapter of Theta Tau existed at that time but has since died. In such a case the chapter should write to all alumni of said chapter who were active at the time the candidate was a student at their college and consult them about the candidate.

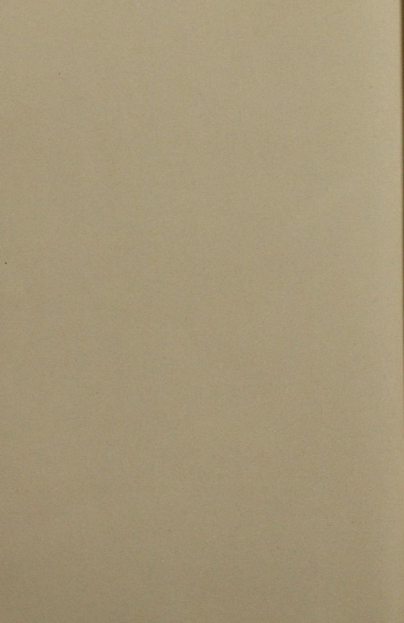
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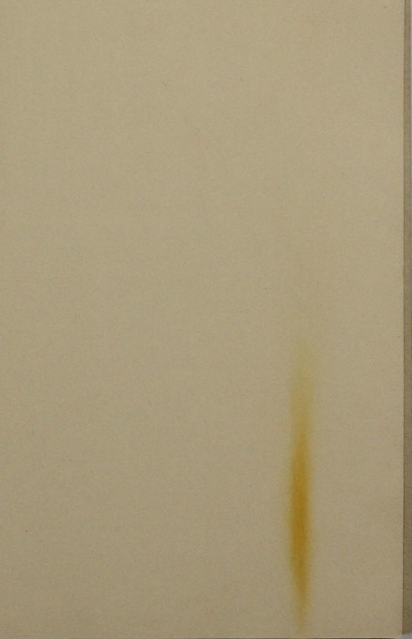
SUBJECT: Formal Pledge Obligation.

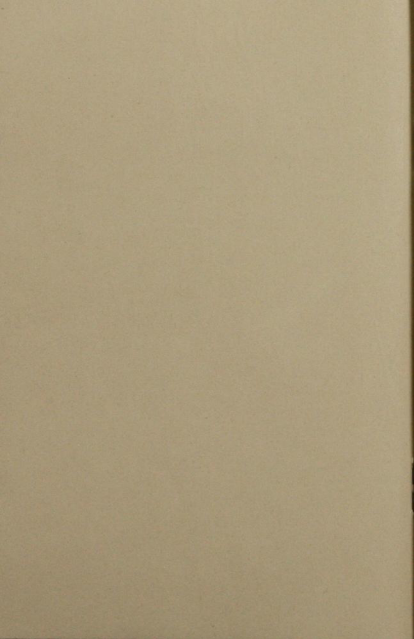
Moved, by Bro. Geo. D. Louderback, VXXX!, that the question of the desirability of using a formal obligation in pledging candidates, as per motion adopted at Houghton convention, be submitted to the chapters and Alumni Associations for final action.

ARGUMENT: While it is greatly to be desired that the chapters conform strictly to the requirements of Art. VII, Chapter 1, of the Constitution, and adopt some regular systematic methods in pledging candidates, and recording the results and necessary information in the minutes of the chapter, it is not believed that so formal a pledge is needed. It is too much of a preliminary initiation and thereby the actual initiation would lose force and dignity. The same result might be accomplished by having the pledging committee report formally to the chapter in regard to the fulfilling of the necessary conditions by the candidates and having this recorded in the minutes.









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