

INSTALLATION OF  
DELTA PI  
DECEMBER 5, 1986

IT IS A PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO VISIT NEUMANN COLLEGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING A CHAPTER OF DELTA EPSILON SIGMA.

THOUGH EACH OF US HAS BEEN BORN WITH DIFFERENT ABILITIES, AND AS UNIQUE AS WE ARE, WE HAVE ALL BEEN CALLED TO GO OUTSIDE OF OURSELVES AND USE THOSE TALENTS GIVEN US. OUR RESPONSES TO THE CALL WILL BE DIFFERENT -- WE MUST GIVE ACCORDING TO WHAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN.

THIS EVENING WE HAVE COME TOGETHER TO RECOGNIZE AN INSTITUTION, NEUMANN COLLEGE, AND CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITH GREATER COMMITMENTS. THE MEMBERS OF THIS NEW CHAPTER, DELTA PI, HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT THEY ARE CAPABLE OF GREAT ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENT AND THUS, ALSO OF HARD WORK. TO THEM MORE HAS BEEN GIVEN: OF THEM, MUCH MORE IS EXPECTED. THE EXCELLENT PERSON IS DISTINGUISHED BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF GREATER PERSONAL DEMANDS. THESE INDIVIDUALS RECOGNIZE THE GREAT CHALLENGE

WHICH IS THEIRS: THE WORLD OF SERVICE TO OTHERS IS NOW IN THEIR HANDS.

THESE CANDIDATES PRESENTED FOR ADMISSION TO DELTA EPSILON SIGMA HAVE FULFILLED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP. THE CHOICE HAS BEEN GUIDED BY THE PURPOSES OF THE SOCIETY AND A SINCERE DESIRE TO OBTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE MEMBERSHIP OF PERSONS DEVOTED TO SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AND TO THE CORRESPONDING RESPONSIBILITY OF SERVICE TO OTHERS.

IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY WHEREIN PERSONS OF LIKE PURSUITS, ABILITIES, INTERESTS, OR CONVICTIONS FREELY BAND THEMSELVES TOGETHER FOR MUTUAL SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT, IT IS FITTING THAT THERE BE A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTED OF SELECTED INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH A RECORD OF OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACCOMPLISHMENT, AND A COMMITMENT TO THE INTELLECTUAL LIFE. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHAPTER OF DELTA EPSILON SIGMA AND MEMBERSHIP IN IT WILL BE AT ONCE A DISTINCTION EARNED BY PAST ACHIEVEMENTS AND A STIMULUS TO FUTURE INTELLECTUAL WORK. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF DELTA EPSILON SIGMA, AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION AND DELIBERATION, IS PLEASED TO WELCOME NEUMANN COLLEGE TO MEMBERSHIP. THIS CHARTER DULY RECOGNIZES AND ESTABLISHES THE DELTA PI CHAPTER. IT BEARS THE DATE OF JUNE 2, 1986, THE DATE OF APPROVAL OF THE CHAPTER. I AM VERY HAPPY TO PRESENT IT TO PRESIDENT, SISTER M. MARGARELLA O'NEILL, O.S.F. AS I DO THIS I BRING TO ALL OF YOU THE WARM WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS FROM SISTER MARY REHFUSS, THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT, AND MY COLLEAGUES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

IN FULFILLING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THIS NATIONAL GROUP OF MEN AND WOMEN WHOSE MOTTO, SIGNIFIED BY THE LETTERS DELTA EPSILON SIGMA, MAY BE TAKEN TO MEAN: "IT IS THE MISSION OF A WISE PERSON TO PUT THINGS IN ORDER."

WISDOM IS THE PERFECTION OF KNOWLEDGE. A WISE PERSON IS ONE WHO HAS PUT ORDER INTO KNOWLEDGE, WHO DISCRIMINATES BETWEEN THE TRUE AND THE FALSE, WHO APPRAISES THINGS AT THEIR PROPER WORTH, AND WHO THEN CAN USE THIS KNOWLEDGE, ALONG WITH THE HUMILITY BORN

OF IT, TO GO FORWARD TO ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS WHICH SUCH ABILITY IMPOSES.

WE NOW ASK ALL OF THE INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES TO AFFIRM THE PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH DELTA EPSILON SIGMA STANDS. PLEASE RESPOND "WE DO" AFTER EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

ONE WHO LOVES WISDOM KNOWS THAT IT CAN BE GAINED ONLY THROUGH LONG AND PERSEVERING LABOR DO YOU SEEK WISDOM THROUGH SUCH LABOR?

WE DO.

ONE WHO TRULY LOVES WISDOM DESIRES THAT ALL PEOPLE SHARE IN THE GIFTS THAT WISDOM BRINGS. DO YOU SEEK TO USE WISDOM FOR THE SERVICE OF HUMANITY?

WE DO.

WE NOW WELCOME YOU INTO THIS SOCIETY OF DISTINGUISHED STUDENTS, GRADUATES, AND FACULTY WHO HAVE ENJOYED THE PRIVILEGES AND ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGES OFFERED TO THEM. WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT YOU TOO, BY YOUR INFLUENCE, SERVICE, AND EXAMPLE WILL HELP TO EFFECT A SYNTHESIS OF RELIGION, MORALITY, AND KNOWLEDGE. WITH THESE CERTIFICATES WE SIGNIFY THAT YOU ARE DULY ENROLLED AS MEMBERS OF THE DELTA PI CHAPTER OF DELTA EPSILON SIGMA.

THE SEAL OF THIS SOCIETY BEARS THE GREEK LETTERS, CHI RHO, THE FIRST TWO LETTERS OF THE WORD CHRIST, AND A LAMP WHICH REMINDS US OF THE LIGHT WHICH SHINES IN THE DARKNESS OF AN UNBELIEVING WORLD.

THE CANDIDATES WILL NOW COME FORWARD AS THEIR NAMES ARE CALLED TO RECEIVE THEIR CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP.

SR. M. MARGARELLA O'NEILL, O. S. F.

SR. MARGARET PATRICE GURLEY, O. S. F.

SR. MARGARET PATRICE WILL READ THE REST OF THE NAMES.

(MOTHER EVERELDA, FOUNDING PRESIDENT, HANDED A ROSE TO EACH NEW MEMBER AS A SYMBOL OF SERVICE AND EXCELLENCE.)

(OFFER GENERAL CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COLLEGE AND INDIVIDUALS. WISH THE CHAPTER MUCH SUCCESS AND CONTINUED ENTHUSIASM.)