

Les Dames Establish Residence

Les Dames de Champagne, Los Angeles' prestige hospitality corps, has officially announced the establishment of its Hospitality Residence.

STATHAM House, in the heart of Holmby Hills, is the home of Louis D. Statham, prominent physicist - industrialist. The 30-room Tudor mansion will not only serve as headquarters for the organization, but special facilities of the estate will be utilized to entertain distinguished visitors to Southern California.

The house's six acres of formal gardens, terraces and fountains adjoin the 13th fairway of the Los Angeles Country Club. The formal announcement was made Sunday at a champagne preview of the house for members and special guests.

Mrs. Robert J. Sully, chairman of Les Dames, made the announcement by saying, "This is truly an occasion for making speeches, but this magnificent residence and the graciousness of our host, Louis Statham, eloquently speak for themselves."

GUESTS gathered in the courtyard to watch as the Statham House flag was raised for the first time. A flurry of trumpets and a color guard added to the occasion. Flying the family crest was a surprise for Statham.

Mrs. Sully pointed out how the non-profit international gourmet society exclusively for women is a first, and how its unique global hospitality is a premiere concept.

"We of Les Dames see the warmth and beauty of Statham House as a Geneva of hospitality, a status residence in our Los Angeles, which will stand for the finest in Southern California hospitality," she said.

"OUR MEMBERS believe that the most meaningful and lasting cultural exchange is warm and friendly hospitality. To this high purpose we dedicate Les Dames and Statham House."