



SIGMA PI CHARTERING TEST
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- **Write the Creed of Sigma Pi:**
 - I believe in Sigma Pi, a fellowship of kindred minds, united in brotherhood, to advance truth and justice, to promote scholarship, to encourage chivalry, to diffuse culture, and to develop character in the service of god and man; and I will strive to make real the fraternity's ideals in my own daily life.
- **It is generally recognized that the American college fraternity grew out of an organization known as the _____ which existed at the College of ____ & ____ from about ____ to ____ . Their meetings are said to have been held in the ____ Room of the ____ :**
 - Flat Hat Club; William & Mary; 1750-1772; Apollo; Raleigh Tavern
- **What is the first Greek letter society and when did it start?**
 - Phi Beta Kappa – 12/5/1776
- **What college is referred to as the “Mother of all Fraternities?”**
 - Union College
- **What three fraternities make up the triad at this college?**
 - KA Society, Sigma Phi, Delta Phi
- **Sigma Pi is a social fraternity. Name the other two types of fraternities.**
 - Professional, Honorary
- **Which Greek philosopher developed a brotherhood containing four degrees?**
 - Pythagoras
- **Name the four degrees of this philosopher's (Pythagoras) brotherhood.**
 - 1.) Perfection,
 - 2.) Purification
 - 3.) Preparation
 - 4.) Application of Divine Wisdom
- **Which philosopher is best known as “the lover of truth?”**
 - Socrates
- **Which Philosopher is the author of *The Republic*?**
 - Plato
- **Which philosopher is regarded as the “greatest thinker of the ancient world?”**
 - Aristotle
- **What is the full name of the NIC?**
 - North-American Interfraternity Council
- **What is the mission of the NIC?**
 - Promote common interest, provide a forum for discussion

- **Which Sigma Pi alumnus served as the president of the NIC?**
 - William Cutbirth
- **Which Sigma Pi alumnus was presented with the NIC Gold Metal?**
 - Harold Jacobsen
- **Write the Greek alphabet. (The letter with the name next to it)**
 - A–alpha Θ–theta O–omicron X–chi
 - B–beta I–iota Π–pi Ψ–psi
 - Γ–gamma K–kappa P–rho Ω–omega
 - Δ–delta Λ–lambda Σ–sigma
 - E–epsilon M–mu T–tau
 - Z–zeta N–nu Y–upsilon
 - H–eta Ξ–xi Φ–phi
- **How long does your membership in Sigma Pi last?**
 - Lifetime
- **What is the definition of a pledge?**
 - A man who has been elected to membership, but has not yet been initiated
- **When is a new member given the right to exert influence on chapter policy and organization?**
 - Full membership upon initiation
- **Name the 10 Obligations of a pledge and member.**
 - Give proper attention to the interests of Sigma Pi
 - Regard the fraternity in a spirit of sincerity and respect and give earnest considerations to its teachings and ideals
 - Meet financial obligations promptly and fully
 - Cheerfully perform tasks that may be assigned for the good of the fraternity
 - At all times be a gentleman, and use moderation in all things
 - Strive at all times to cooperate for the good of the fraternity
 - Work diligently to maintain good scholarship
 - Participate in worthy college activities
 - Profit by association with men in a spirit of fraternalism
 - Be an exemplary Sigma Pi and citizen

- **Name three ways a member can be involved with the fraternity once he leaves school.**
 - Alumni clubs
 - National HQ
 - Chapter advisor
- **Name five rules of etiquette to remember.**
 - Watch personal appearance
 - Eat slow allow time to talk

- Enhance the pleasure of others
- Form gentlemanly habits
- Be friendly but reserved in the classroom.
- **Who was the professor that inspired the Founders on the subject of college Fraternities?**
 - Charlotte Mallotte
- **What was the original name of the fraternity?**
 - Tau Phi Delta
- **When was this organization founded?**
 - February 26, 1897
- **Name the Four Founding Fathers of the Fraternity.**
 - Rolin Rosco James
 - James Thompson Kingsbury
 - George Martin Patterson
 - William Raper Kennedy
- **Name the first two initiates of the Fraternity**
 - Samuel Bayard
 - Maurice Bayard
- **Who was the inspiration behind the selection of the fraternity motto?**
 - Ms. Bayard
- **Name five well-known alumni members of Sigma Pi.**
 - Tony Romo
 - Tracy Lawrence
 - Walter Shirra
 - Willard Kiplinger
 - John Meyers
 - Dr. Judson Ward
 - Judge Curtis G. Shake
- **Write the motto, including the title and the book that it came from.**
 - “A Death in the Desert”—Brownings Book of Poems. Progress, man’s distinctive mark alone, Not God’s, and not the beasts’; God is, they are. Man partly is and wholly hopes to be.
- **Who is credited with saving the fraternity from an untimely death?**
 - Rolin Rosco James
- **Who was Robert George Patterson?**
 - Student at Ohio State who is responsible for the name change to Sigma Pi
- **Briefly explain the Patterson Episode.**
 - Lied about being a member of Sigma Pi, convinced Tau Phi Delta to change names
- **The name Sigma Pi was taken by the Fraternity on what date?**
 - February 11, 1907
- **When and where was the first national “congress” held?**
 - 1908 -Vincennes, Indiana
- **The _____ Club at the University of _____ was founded by Byron R. Lewis and became Phi Chapter, our second chapter.**

- Sphinx; Illinois
- **Gamma Chapter was established at ____ University.**
 - Ohio State
- **The initiatory ritual used to install Phi and Gamma Chapters was known as “_____.”**
 - The Cryptic Art
- **Name the second ritual ceremony used by Sigma Pi Fraternity.**
 - The English Chivalric Ritual
- **The current initiatory ritual, “_____,” was written based on the ritual of Sigma Delta local fraternity, which became _____ Chapter of Sigma Pi.**
 - The Golden Quest; Kappa
- **Who is credited as being the first national president of the Fraternity?**
 - Francis L. Lisman
- **Where and in what year did the Fraternity hold its first Biennial Convocation?**
 - May 1909 – Columbus, Ohio
- **When did the first issue of *the Emerald* appear?**
 - 1911
- **In what year did Sigma Pi become a member of the NIC?**
 - 1910
- **Which national fraternity merged with Sigma Pi 1964?**
 - Delta Kappa
- **In what year did Sigma Pi become an international organization?**
 - 1984
- **Briefly describe the Fraternity’s current coat of arms.**
 - Home-plate shaped. Pyramid of stars on top. Bend through the middle left to right. Badge in the center. Greek scroll across the bottom
- **Briefly describe the original badge of Tau Phi Delta.**
 - It was cut out of a dime in the shape of a Greek cross dated 1897 with the letters ΤφΔ inscribed on it
- **Draw the present day badge of Sigma Pi.**



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· **What is the jewel of the fraternity and what does it suggest to a Fraternity member?**

- Emerald – courage, hope, faith

· **Why is the bend reversed on a pledge pin?**

- To show that he is not an initiated member

· **Draw the flag of Sigma Pi**



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· **What are the colors of the Fraternity?**

- Lavender and White with Gold as an auxiliary

· **What is the flower of the Fraternity?**

- Lavender Orchid

· **Briefly describe the great seal of the Fraternity.**

- The coat of arms surrounded by a circle with “Sigma Pi Fraternity International”

· **What are the two main reasons why a man should attend college?**

- Prepare to earn an adequate living
- Equip him to lead an abundant life

· **What are the five ideals of Sigma Pi?**

- To establish a brotherhood
- To establish and maintain an aristocracy of learning
- Raise the standards of morality and develop character
- Diffuse Culture and Encourage Chivalry
- Promote the spirit of civic righteousness and quicken the national conscience

· **What are the three phases of a man’s life and how do they apply to the Fraternity?**

- Contacts - life
- Concepts – God deals
- Controls – diffuse culture and encourage chivalry

· **What is the supreme governing body of Sigma Pi and what does it consist of?**

- Grand Chapter
- Grand Council
- Undergraduate Chapters
- Alumni clubs
- PGC officers

· **Regular meetings of the Grand Chapter are called convocation which is held how often?**

- Every two years

- **How many votes does a chapter in good standing have within the governing body?**
 - Two
- **When the supreme governing body is not in session, the full authority of government is vested in the _____ consisting of _____ members.**
 - Grand Council, Seven
- **List the names and titles of each Grand Council officer.**
 - Grand Sage (President) – George N. Hakim
 - Grand Second Counselor (Vice-President) - Christopher R. Brown
 - Grand Third Counselor (Treasurer) - Edward R. Levesque
 - Grand Fourth Counselor (Secretary) – John A. Michelich
 - Grand First Counselor (Sergeant-at-Arms) – E. Andrew Morris
 - Grand Herald (Historian) – Craig E. Donnelly
 - Past Grand Sage (International Past President) – Larry P. Rovira
- **Name the standing committees which the Constitution and Bylaws provide for.**
 - Expansion
 - Scholarship
- **What are the three types of subordinate bodies within the Fraternity?**
 - Colonies
 - Chapters
 - Alumni clubs
- **Who is your Province Archon?**
 - Keith O'Neill
- **What are the Province Archon's duties?**
 - Submit candidates for the position of Chapter Director for all chapters and colonies in his assigned area.
 - Assist the Executive Office in the formation, organization and support of Alumni Clubs.
 - Meet with the IFC and university officials for expansion and securing permission to develop a Chapter and to assist with expansion within the Province.
 - Improve relations between the Fraternity and host institutions.
 - Carry out other specific duties as may be assigned by the Grand Sage, Grand Second Counselor or Chief Operating Officer.
 - Semester/Yearly Province Educational Workshops.
- **Who is your Chapter Director**
 - § Patrick Pepper
- **What are your Chapter Director's duties?**
 - Communicate directly with the Chief Operating Officer or one of the designated assistants, on all problems involving his assigned chapter.
 - Whenever, possible, to attend and to participate in all leadership conferences that may be established by the Chief Operating Officer and to encourage similar attendance and participation on the part of the leaders of his assigned Chapter.

- Enforce the provisions of By-Law 4, of the Grand Chapter with regard to the discipline of Chapter brothers with financial delinquencies.
- Encourage compliance by his assigned Chapter of all the rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter and host institution.
- Promote programs within his assigned Chapter which assist in making Sigma Pi the best Fraternity on campus.
- Ensure each newly installed officer of his assigned Chapter receives adequate training with to the duties of his office.
- Review Chapter programs on membership education and to participate whenever possible with such programs.
- Promote the proper use of the Ritual by his assigned Chapter.
- Determine that all new Pledges and Initiates are properly reported to the Executive Office and that all Pledge and Initiate Fees are paid promptly and transmitted to the Executive Office.
- Attend as many meetings and other functions of his assigned Chapter as possible on a regular basis.
- **Who was the first Executive Secretary of the Fraternity?**
 - Harold Jacobsen
- **Where was the first headquarters of the Fraternity?**
 - Roselle, New Jersey (Moved to Elizabeth in 1929)
- **Who is the current Executive Director?**
 - Mark S. Briscoe
- **Where is the present day headquarters and in what year did we begin operation there?**
 - Brentwood, Tennessee - 2003
- **Name the three major functions of the headquarters.**
 - Day to day business
 - Archives
 - Resources
- **Describe the role of the traveling secretary (now Educational Leadership Consultant).**
 - Work with chapters on internal operation, strengths, weaknesses, and general fraternity life.
- **Where was Sigma Pi Fraternity's National Headquarters located at prior to its present location and what was it called?**
 - Vincennes, Indiana - Shadow wood Memorial HQ
- **Who is the man responsible for acquiring the prior headquarters of the Fraternity?**
 - Judge Curtis G. Shake
- **Name and describe the most prestigious individual award the Fraternity presents.**
 - Founders Award – most prestigious award given to an alumni
- **Name and describe five other Grand Chapter awards.**
 - *Grand Sage's Award (Large Fraternity)* - This award is often viewed as the most prestigious award given at Convocation. Three of these awards are given to the fraternities which maintain the best all-around operations. They

go to the best small, medium, and large fraternities. Performance is evaluated in the following areas: scholarship, membership size and ranking, membership recruitment, finances, efficiency, chapter programming, service to the community, alumni relations, leadership on campus, image, and overall ranking on campus.

- **Grand Council Award** - This award is presented every two years to the top ten Sigma Pi chapters in the world. The top ten chapters are determined using the same standards as those used for the Grand Sage's Award.
- **Chapter Scholarship Award** - This award is presented every two years to the chapters maintaining the best GPAs within Sigma Pi. It is one of many ways that Sigma Pi encourages its members to strive for academic excellence.
- **Efficiency Award** - This award is presented annually and recognizes chapters for the timely submission of reports and fees to the Executive Office. The top ten chapters are recognized.
- **Membership Recruitment Award** - This award recognizes the chapters who recruited, pledged, and initiated the most men. Again, the top ten chapters of Sigma Pi are recognized.
- **Membership Award** - This award is presented to the top ten chapters registering the most members in a fiscal year.
- **Who was the first editor of the Emerald?**
 - Louis L. Moore
- **What is the name of the Fraternity's esoteric publication?**
 - The Keryx
- **What is considered the most important document of any Fraternity?**
 - The Ritual
- **What is the name of the book which contains all of the various ceremonies of the Fraternity?**
 - Manual of Ceremonies
- **What information can an undergraduate obtain in The Officers Handbook?**
 - Knowledge on position
 - Constitution and Bylaws
 - Filing reports
- **What song was adopted by the 1968 Convocation as the officially recognized song of the Fraternity?**
 - The Fireside Song
- **Briefly describe the duties of the Executive Council.**
 - Administrative and executive functions
- **List the titles, names, and duties of each of the officers in your chapter.**
 - Sage (President) – Ryan Napier
 - Second Counselor (Vice President) – Jacob Dummermuth
 - Third Counselor (Treasurer) – Matthew Schoeneman
 - Fourth Counselor (Secretary) – Eric Iafigliola
 - First Counselor (Sergeant-at-Arms) – Zachary Mackray
 - Herald (Historian) – Ben Meurell
- **What is the basic concept the committee structure is developed around?**

- There is more to do than can be done by one person each has something to contribute
- **What committees do the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Chapter provide for within a chapter?**
 - Rush
 - New Member Education
 - Finance
 - Scholarship
 - Social
 - Intermurals
- **When was your chapter established?**
 - May 7, 1910.
- **Briefly describe how your chapter came about**
 - Originally Sigma Theta Gamma founded in 1909. “Epsilon, A Once Great Chapter of Sigma Pi,” documents the loss of the chapter which set rules in the NIC against “pirating.” Inactive from 1943-1970 and since 1982. Re-colonized February 1, 2009
- **How many “yes” votes are required to end a debate?**
 - 2/3 Majority
- **How many “yes” votes are required to pass a motion?**
 - Majority
- **Briefly outline the ten points listed under the Alcohol and Drug section of the Grand Chapter policies.**
 - Must comply with state and school laws
 - Can’t purchase alcohol through chapter funds
 - Can’t sell or give to minors
 - No possession or sale of illegal drugs
 - Can’t co-sponsor an event with bar or alcohol distributor
 - Can’t co-sponsor an event where alcohol is purchased by the host chapter or organization
 - Dry rush
 - No open parties
 - No drinking games
 - No alcohol present at pledge activities
- **Provide a brief definition of hazing.**
 - Physical or mental stress
- **What does it mean to table a motion?**
 - Keep a motion on the table until the next meeting
- **What is the Grand Sage’s Award?**
 - Given the top Chapter in each of the three tiers
- **What is the Grand Council Award?**
 - Given to the top ten Chapters in all of Sigma Pi
- **What is the purpose of the Sigma Pi Educational Foundation as stated in its constitution?**
 - To further the educational objectives of Sigma Pi

- **Whose contributions were most directly responsible for the establishment of the Educational Foundation?**
 - Byron R. Lewis
- **What is the name of the farmstead directly across from the prior headquarters?**
 - Rose Hill
- **Whose birthplace and life-long home is this?**
 - George Martin Patterson