

PHI MU ALPHA  AMONG MEN  
SINFONIA HARMONY

Probationary Member Education

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2008 – 2009 Academic Year  
Beta Iota Chapter – Albion College  
Guide for Probationary Members

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## WELCOME TO PROBATIONARY MEMBERSHIP

### From the Fraternity Education Officer

As a future brother in music, let me be the first to congratulate you on your first step toward joining the brotherhood of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. As the Fraternity Education Officer of Albion's Beta Iota chapter, it is my duty to guide you through our probationary process, providing you with resources and knowledge by which you may become a true Sinfonian. I am honored to take on this responsibility, and hope that we may work together so as to help you attain equal membership within our sacred brotherhood. Together with your probationary class, and your collegiate brothers you will create memories and bonds that will remain for a lifetime. With these new brothers you will both work and play, for as musicians our work is our play. Remember, building the bonds of brotherhood is the chief goal in becoming a Sinfonian.

While the process is meant to be an experience by which you may grow and learn, it is not, and I must stress this, a process meant to humiliate, humble, or cause a negative experience. The fraternity of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia does not condone hazing, and has strict policies guiding the actions of its members. Should you feel that at any time that an occurrence of hazing has occurred please inform me, the Fraternity Education Officer (Robert Wolfe), immediately. If you are uncomfortable discussing any incident with me, there are many other people that can be of service. Dr. Douglas Rose (our Faculty Advisor), Kyle Zill (Assistant Fraternity Education Officer) David Goodrich (President), William Andert (Vice President), and your Big Brother are all resources through which attention may be brought your concerns. The fraternity's hazing policy is explained in detail in both the appendix of this packet, the "Themes for Brotherhood" book and will be discussed in the first probationary meeting in detail.

During your probationary period, you will be expected to attend all required meetings, ceremonies, and activities. These dates will be provided in this packet and, if tentative, will be set with no less than one month's notice. Conflicts that arise will be handled on a case-by-case basis. In order to be admitted into the fraternity, it is required that, during your probationary period, you:

- Complete a class project that "furthers music in America"
- Complete the National Examination with 100% accuracy
- Perform a Probationary Concert that includes the following songs (and any others that you may select:
  - "Hail Sinfonia"
  - "A Sinfonian Anthem"
  - "A Serenade to a Girl"
  - "Sinfonia Parting Song"

On approximately biweekly basis, the chapter will hold a progress report on your probationary membership, on which your big brother and myself will speak on your behalf. This process is not meant to scare, it is meant as a tool by which the rest of the chapter may judge your progress. Only in the case where a retention vote is thought necessary will one be called. If, during the course of probationary period, there is reason for the chapter to reconsider your status as a probationary member in Phi Mu Alpha (such reasons include but are not limited to: failure to fulfill the obligations of probationary membership, conduct that is harmful to the best interests of the fraternity or refusal to meet financial obligations), the chapter may conduct a retention vote. This retention vote will be used to determine whether or not the probationary member in question will continue the probationary process.

Throughout the course of your probationary period, the FEO, AFEO, and your Big Brother will meet with you to discuss your thoughts and feeling about the probationary process. If you are having any problems, it is strongly encouraged that you talk to your Big Brother first. If you are not comfortable discussing the issue with your Big Brother, talk to the FEO, AFEO, or another chapter officer. However please remember your Big Brother is your first resource. If he is unable to answer your question, then you should feel free to approach the FEO. It is important that you go to your Big Brother first. Building trust is one of the most important processes by which fraternity is gained.

I again welcome you to your probationary membership of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. I hope to have a productive and fun year working with you to attain your status as a collegiate brother.

Robert Wolfe  
Fraternity Education Officer  
Beta Iota Chapter – Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

Congratulations on your pinning and welcome to the probationary process. This was a great experience for me and I'm sure you'll feel the same once you've been through it. There's a lot to look forward to in the next couple months. It'll go by fast, but I can assure you that you'll enjoy it. This process will be packed and there's plenty to do, but there are lots of people ready to help. You've got Bob and myself, and of course your big, along with all of the other brothers in the fraternity. If there's anything at all that you need don't hesitate to ask. I'm excited to work with you through this process and I can't wait for your initiation.

-Kyle Zill  
AFEO

## EXPECTATIONS OF PROBATIONARY MEMBERS

### General Expectations

1. During the pinning ceremony, each probationary member was provided with a probationary pin. This pin is the symbol of probationary membership in this fraternity. Therefore, probationary members should wear that pin whenever possible. When being worn, the pin shall be placed above the left-breast pocket of a dress shirt and in a comparable place while wearing a sweater. The probationary pin shall never be worn as a lapel pin on a suit jacket or any other jacket or while dressed casually (i.e. pajamas, sweats, t-shirts). If the probationary pin is lost, it is vital that the FEO or AFEO are informed so they can order a replacement. Replacement pins cost \$5.00. No collegiate brother will ask to see a probationary member's pin during the school day.
2. Just as collegiate members bring notebooks and date-books to meetings, it is important that probationary members do the same. During probationary meetings, important information about the history, structure, and themes of the fraternity will be discussed. Furthermore, there will be quizzes over material discussed at meetings. It is also important to bring this packet to all meetings as it contains important information such as contact information for collegiate brothers, explanations of readings, a schedule of the probationary process, and numerous other important things. While it is strongly encouraged that a notebook and this packet are brought to meetings, a collegiate member will never ask to see a probationary member's packet or notebook.
3. Probationary members are expected to act professionally and in a manner that reflects positively on themselves, their fellow probationary members, the Beta Iota Chapter, the Fraternity as a whole, Albion College, and men of music. Probationary members that are found to be in violation of the Albion College alcohol, drug, sexual assault, harassment, or academic honesty policies will be subject to a retention vote. Probationary members that are found to be in violation of the governing documents of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, the Beta Iota Chapter, or the expectations set forth in (but not limited to) this packet will also be subject to a retention vote.
4. There are numerous ceremonies and other events that will require probationary members to dress "smartly". It is strongly encouraged that all probationary members own a dark suit for such events. Dress slacks and a blazer are acceptable as well. Khaki pants and a collared shirt are not acceptable alternatives. A tuxedo, while sometimes appropriate, is not Beta Iota's concert or ritual attire.

### Financial Obligations

1. At the beginning of the probationary period, each probationary member is required to pay a pinning fee of \$15.00 to cover the cost of the probationary pin, their own copy of Themes for Brotherhood, and administrative costs associated with copies and production of materials throughout the process.
2. **By November 6<sup>th</sup> at midnight, probationary members must pay \$120.00 for the initiation fee in addition to \$30 for chapter dues.** Included in the basic initiation package are: membership pin, membership card, membership shingle, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Songbook, and the governing documents of the fraternity (National Constitution and General Regulations for Chapter Chapters).
3. If a probationary member is unable to make these payments on time, he may be allowed to pay in installments throughout the course of the process. However, a member will not be initiated if he does not pay his dues three weeks prior to the date of initiation.
4. **After initiation, this probationary class will not have to pay dues again until the Fall 2008 semester.** The cost of collegiate dues is \$120. How this fee is distributed between the chapter, the province, and the national fraternity will explained more in depth during the probationary process. Additional fees may be collected to fund certain "extras" or special events.

## Attendance Expectations

1. All probationary members are required to attend all probationary class meetings. These meetings serve as the primary source of instruction in the themes and history of the fraternity. It is impossible to fully grasp and understand the necessary material without attending meetings.
2. All probationary members are required to attend all probationary class events. This includes: Color Night ceremonies, the probationary concert, and the probationary class service project.
3. All probationary members are *encouraged* to attend collegiate meetings. By attending these meetings, probationary members can gain valuable insight into the workings of the collegiate chapters. Please understand that, at certain times, probationary members may be asked to leave the room so that the chapter may conduct rituals or discuss sensitive subjects.

## Activity Related Expectations

1. To become collegiate members, all probationary members are required to have completed the following:
  - a. probationary concert
  - b. probationary class service project
  - c. all color night ceremoniesFailure to complete any of these activities to the total satisfaction of the chapter and within the guidelines set by the National Fraternity may result in a retention vote. In order to be considered a collegiate member, all members must take part in the initiation ritual.
2. All probationary members must complete the National Exam with 100% accuracy. The National Exam will cover the entirety of the Themes for Brotherhood. Each probationary member must complete the Exam on his own (without assistance). The class as a whole will not be forced to retake the exam if one person does not pass. As soon as a probationary member achieves 100% accuracy, he has passed the National Exam. The Exam may be retaken as many times as necessary to achieve 100% accuracy.
3. In the spring semester, it is strongly encouraged that all new members participate in Delta Gamma's Anchorsplash. This activity helps to facilitate brotherhood, teamwork, and is a whole lot of good, clean fun. More details regarding Anchorsplash will be provided as time passes.

## Additional Guidelines

1. The chapter will work with probationary members regarding emergencies or conflicts as they arise on a case-by-case basis. It is imperative that, if any probationary member finds himself unable to complete any requirement for initiation, he contact the FEO in order to work through the problem. The chapter is able to be extremely flexible with regard to probationary members. The chapter wants every probationary member to succeed and become the epitome of those qualities sought by the brothers of Phi Mu Alpha.
2. It is important to understand the purpose of the retention vote. Its purpose is to ensure that the chapter does not initiate a man into this fraternity who, upon further reflection, does not uphold the high ideals of the fraternity. No probationary member will be subject to a retention vote without his knowledge. The retention vote is the final step in a long process of addressing concerns that the chapter has. Collegiate members will never threaten a probationary member with a retention vote. It is, however, a reality of the probationary process and is available if needed.

## THE PROBATIONARY PROCESS

### A Brief Overview

The primary purpose of the Probationary Process is to educate Probationary Members in all aspects of the Fraternity. The history, the structure, and the ideals of Phi Mu Alpha will all be presented and discussed. It is important that all Sinfonians have a firm understanding of these elements before they are initiated. In addition to the historical, structural, and ideological aspects of this process, the probationary period: gives the collegiate members of the chapter the opportunity to learn about the new probationary members, gives the probationary members the opportunity to learn about the collegiate members, and gives the probationary members to opportunity to learn about themselves and one-another. By focusing on the fraternity as a whole, the local chapter, and the members of the chapter, new members will be fully immersed into the fraternity by the time of their initiation. All of the activities presented throughout the course of the probationary process will lead up to and prepare for the initiation ritual.

In order to facilitate the probationary process, each class elects class officers. The specific duties of each office are listed below. Officers will be elected at the first probationary class meeting.

The probationary process will, in a way, be broken into two parts within the fall semester. Each will focus on different aspects of the fraternity.

The meetings in the first part of the fall semester will emphasize the fraternity's history and structure. This is intended to prepare probationary members for the national examination. In addition to the material presented at meetings, significant work will go into the class project, the concert, and developing brotherhood within the probationary class.

The meetings in the second half of the process will focus on the ideals of the fraternity in preparation for the initiation ritual. During these meetings, the discussions will be much more open-ended and conversational. In addition to the regular meetings, probationary members will be expected to attend one additional meeting each week. These meetings include ceremonies that will present the ideals of the fraternity in a way that is much more traditional and historical than informal conversation. They will also include elements of the fraternity's history. Furthermore, each week will have an activity that will give probationary members the opportunity to participate in and fully understand the significance of the ideals of Phi Mu Alpha.

### Probationary Class Officers

*President:* The primary function of the Probationary Class President is to maintain order and guide the general direction of the meeting. It is his responsibility, along with the assistance of the FEO, to plan agendas with specific goals in mind for each meeting. He is also responsible for reporting any concerns as well as the status of the class to the collegiate chapter at regularly scheduled business meetings.

*Vice President:* The Probationary Class Vice President serves as the coordinator for the class project. Although all members are ultimately responsible for the success or failure of the project, he is in charge of monitoring the progress of the project. He also presides over meetings in the absence of the President.

*Treasurer:* In conjunction with the Beta Iota chapter treasurer, the Probationary Class Treasurer is responsible for overseeing the class finances. This includes records of who has paid dues, how much money has been spent on the class project and/or how much has been raised by the project. Accounting experience is not necessary but basic skills are preferred.

*Secretary:* The Secretary is responsible for recording minutes of each class meeting as well as distributing these minutes to the class 48 hours before the next meeting. He is also responsible for the creation of a class contact list.

*Music Director:* The Probationary Class Music Director is responsible for assigning voice parts, conducting rehearsals, planning the concert program, advertising for the concert, and ensuring the overall musical progress of the probationary class. The PCMD should work closely with the Chapter Music Director.

## Meeting Agendas

The following agendas are provided as a basic outline to assist probationary members in fully understanding the structure of the Probationary Process. Additional elements may be added to each meeting, certain elements may be removed, and content may be moved from week to week. Such changes will be discussed in each meeting. However, the basic structure and timing of events will remain the same barring any major change or conflict. If conflicts arise, please discuss them immediately with the Fraternity Education Officer in order to work out a solution.

## Meeting One

All meetings, unless otherwise noted, will be casual. This meeting will require a fair amount of paperwork and “housekeeping” items.

### I. Opening Ritual for Probationary Membership Meetings

### II. Business

- A. Probationary Members complete initiation cards
- B. Probationary Members complete chapter information cards
- C. Collect fee for Themes and other materials
- D. Officer Elections
- E. Vocal Part Assignments

### III. Fraternity Education Officer session

- A. Distribution of Materials
  1. Full probationary packet / calendar
  2. Notebooks and pens
- B. Discussion of Expectations and Requirements
- C. Review National Policies
  1. Alcohol
  2. Hazing
  3. Sexual Harassment
- D. Assignments
  1. Begin memorizing the Vow of Loyalty, Object of our Fraternity, and the Greek Alphabet

### IV. Music Rehearsal

### V. Closing Ritual for Probationary Membership Meetings

## Meeting Two

Beginning with Meeting Two, probationary members will be expected to have studied the material from the previous meeting and must exhibit some level of mastery of the concepts and information discussed. Probationary Members should be prepared for discussion of and quizzes over the material.

### I. Opening Ritual for Probationary Membership Meetings

### II. Business

- A. Discuss ideas for class service project
- B. Discuss dates for class brotherhood retreat

### III. Fraternity Education Officer session

- A. Distribution of Materials
  1. Themes for Brotherhood
- B. First quiz
  1. Greek Alphabet
  2. Vow of Loyalty
- C. Assignments
  1. Themes – page 1 through “Introduction” and “A Brief History of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia” section
  2. Study the History portion of the National Exam
  3. Continue memorizing the Vow of Loyalty, the Object of the Fraternity and the Greek Alphabet

### IV. Music Rehearsal

- A. Hail Sinfonia
- B. Parting Song

### V. Closing Ritual for Probationary Membership Meetings

## Meeting Three

### I. Opening Ritual for Probationary Membership Meetings

### II. Business

- A. Decide on class service project
- B. Set date for class brotherhood retreat
- C. Begin signing up to perform at concert

### III. Fraternity Education Officer session

- A. Second quiz
  1. History of Phi Mu Alpha
  2. Object of the Fraternity
  3. All previous items
- B. Discussion of previous week's topics
- C. Assignments
  1. Themes – “National Structure,” “National Conventions,” and “Lyrecrest: Sinfonia's National Headquarters”
  2. Study the Object and Structure portions of the National Exam
  3. Continue memorizing the Vow of Loyalty and the Greek Alphabet
  4. Continue memorizing the Object of the Fraternity

### IV. Music Rehearsal

- A. Hail Sinfonia
- B. Parting Song
- C. Begin memorization of songs

### V. Closing Ritual for Probationary Membership Meetings

## Meeting Four– Red Week

“Let us, you and I, for the sake of our brother man, individually strive by example and influence to lift the standard of thought and conduct from the low level of selfishness and self-indulgence up to the lofty realms of aspirational thought and self-denial.”

- Ossian Everett Mills

### I. Opening Ritual for Probationary Membership Meetings

#### II. Business

- A. Set date for class project, begin planning specifics
- B. Finalize details for class retreat
- C. Continue signup for class concert

#### III. Fraternity Education Officer session

- A. Third quiz
  1. National Structure of Fraternity
  2. All previous items
- B. Discussion of previous week's topics
- C. Introduction of Chapter Officers
- D. Introduce Red Week theme and activity
- E. Assignments
  1. Themes – “Chapter Organization” and “Province Organization”
  2. Study the “Your Province and Chapter” and “National Dues and Publications” sections of the National Exam
  3. Continue memorizing the Vow of Loyalty, Object of the Fraternity and the Greek Alphabet

#### IV. Music Rehearsal

- A. Serenade to a Girl
- B. A Sinfonian Anthem
- C. Continue memorization of songs other songs

### V. Closing Ritual for Probationary Membership Meetings

## Red Night

The Red Night Ceremony will take place the Tuesday night immediately following the above meeting. Before this ceremony, probationary members should reflect upon the discussions of the week's meeting, activity, and readings.

Immediately following the Red Night Ceremony, there will be an in-depth discussion of the themes presented in the ceremony.

## Meeting Five– Black Week

“Records and figures tell us only of records and figures. Deep feeling, high hopes, ennobling inspirations, pure thoughts, uplifting emotions and exalted aspirations have all been ours — yet no one can sound, measure, weigh or figure them out. Our veins have tingled and the handshake has become a brother’s grip. We cannot explain everything, but we know that because of Sinfonia we have been living our brotherhood life and not merely our routine lives.”

- Percy Jewett Burrell

### I. Opening Ritual for Probationary Membership Meetings

### II. Business

- A. Finalize details for class project
- B. Finalize signup for class concert

### III. Fraternity Education Officer session

- A. Fourth quiz
  1. Province and Chapter structure and officers
  2. National Dues and Publications
  3. All previous items
- B. Discussion of previous week’s topics including conclusions of Red Week
- C. Introduction and discussion of Black Week theme and activity
- D. Assignments
  1. Themes – “Sinfonians of Note”
  2. Study all sections of the National Exam
  3. Finish memorizations

### IV. Music Rehearsal

- A. Sing “Hail Sinfonia” and “Parting Song” from memory
- B. Continue memorizing “Serenade” and “Anthem”

### V. Closing Ritual for Probationary Membership Meetings

## Black Night

The Black Night Ceremony will take place the Tuesday night immediately following the above meeting. Before this ceremony, probationary members should reflect upon the discussions of the week’s meeting, activity, and readings.

Immediately following the Black Night Ceremony, there will be an in-depth discussion of the themes presented in the ceremony.

## Meeting Six– Gold Week

“I assure you that we men, all of us, need, more perhaps than we think, to withdraw from the active, noisy, materialistic rush of the world, not to mention the sensuous, intoxicating, social pleasures of life that minister only to the flesh, and in peaceful quiet meditate upon and consider together some of the deep things of life, listen to the voice of the Eternal and be taught by the infinite spirit of truth.”

- Ossian Everett Mills

### I. Opening Ritual for Probationary Membership Meetings

### II. Business

- A. Initiation Fee is due
- B. Review details of concert
- C. Review details of service project
- D. Project should take place soon
- E. Schedule study sessions for National Exam

### III. Fraternity Education Officer session

- A. Take practice National Examination
  1. Grade exams
  2. Review mistakes
  3. Make necessary corrections
- B. Discussion of previous week's topics including conclusion of black week
- C. Introduction and discussion of Gold Week theme and activity
- D. Assignments
  1. Study all sections of the National Exam
  2. Finish memorizations

### IV. Music Rehearsal

- A. Have all songs memorized
- B. Final polishing of songs

### V. Closing Ritual for Probationary Membership Meetings

## Gold Night

The Gold Night Ceremony will take place the Tuesday night immediately following the above meeting. Before this ceremony, probationary members should reflect upon the discussions of the week's meeting, activity, and readings.

Immediately following the Gold Night Ceremony, there will be an in-depth discussion of the themes presented in the ceremony.

## **Meeting Seven – Ritual Preparation Week**

“Harmony is ever to be the noble aim of our beloved society — harmony not only in music, but in the life within the fraternity, and in the broader and fuller life beyond its portals: it is the harmony whose music is felt in the hearty handclasp, heard in the cheerful greeting, seen in living notes in the generous act.”

- Ossian Everett Mills

### **I. Opening Ritual for Probationary Membership Meetings**

#### **II. Business**

- A. Business as needed

#### **III. Fraternity Education Officer session**

- A. Reread “The Myth of Orpheus” in Themes for Brotherhood, concentrating on any relationship to the Color Night Discussions.
- B. Reread “Toward the Ritual” in Themes for Brotherhood in preparation for the Initiation Ritual.
- C. Review ritual date, time, expectations
- D. General discussion

#### **IV. Music / Singing**

- A. Musical activity as desired

### **V. Closing Ritual for Probationary Membership Meetings**

## **Probationary Class Concert and National Examination**

### **I. Concert**

- A. Concert date to be set at the beginning of process
- B. Chapel stage must be reserved well in advance
- C. Publicity for concert must begin two to three weeks before
- D. Concert can be held with collegiate members or alone
- E. Must include four required songs
  - 1. Hail Sinfonia
  - 2. Serenade to a Girl
  - 3. Parting Song
  - 4. Sinfonian Anthem
- F. Additional songs (instrumental or vocal) for make a 30-45 minute concert

### **II. National Examination**

- A. Must be completed before semester break
- B. Date will be determined at the beginning of the process
- C. Must be completed with 100% accuracy
- D. If exam is not completed with 100% accuracy, probationary member must correct mistakes
- E. All material for exam will be covered during the Probationary Process

## Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Initiation Ritual

“Brotherhood! The brotherhood of men! What spiritual significance! Do we catch its true meaning? Does it give us a real and vital experience? Do we get a spiritual insight? Do we look out with a broader vision?

Do we think in terms and live in acts of brotherhood? If we do, we move in harmony, attuned to both God, the Father, and man, the Brother. What is music without harmony? Verily it is not music. Life without good-will and fraternity - what is it? Indeed it is not life. He has not truly lived who has not lived for others, in sympathy and in harmony with his fellows.”

– Percy Jewett Burrell, 1908

“What is needed, brothers, is a harmony, not alone of music, but of minds and hearts and spirits.”

– Percy Jewett Burrell, 1908

“Individually, my message to you my brother is be sincere, be genuine in all of your life without the fraternity as well as within. Let the principles of Sinfonia as emphasized by our ritual be inculcated into all your life and work, and your membership in the brotherhood shall not be in vain.”

– Ossian Everett Mills, 1915

## Appendix A: Tentative Probationary Process Calendar

### Brief Overview

This calendar is, again, tentative. Dates may be changed to accommodate changing schedules and immersing events. The basic structure, however, will remain unchanged. Each event is listed with a tentative date, time, and description.

### The Process

#### **September**

Tuesday	September 30 <sup>th</sup>	9 PM	Pinning Ceremony
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#### **October**

Wednesday	October 1	9:00 PM	Probationary Meeting #1
Wednesday	October 8	9:00 PM	Probationary Meeting #2
Wednesday	October 15	9:00 PM	Probationary Meeting #3
Wednesday	October 22	9:00 PM	Probationary Meeting #4 Red Week Starts
Saturday	October 25	11:00 AM	Red Week Activity
Tuesday	October 28	8:00 PM	Red Night Ceremony
Wednesday	October 29	10:00 PM	Probationary Meeting #5 Black Week Starts/Activity

#### **November**

Tuesday	November 4	8:00 PM	Black Night Ceremony
Wednesday	November 5	9:00 PM	Probationary Meeting # 6 Gold Week Starts
Friday	November 7	8:00 PM	Gold Night Activity
Tuesday	November 11	8:00 PM	Gold Night Ceremony
Thursday	November 9	9:00 PM	Probationary Class Concert
Wednesday	November 12	10:00 PM	Last Meeting/National Exam
Tuesday	November 18	8:00 PM	Final Chapter Retention Vote
Thursday	November 21	10:00 PM	Ritual

## Appendix B: Province and Chapter Information

### Province Officers and Chapters

#### **Province Officers**

##### *Province Governor*

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131 Rampart Way Apt. 104  
East Lansing MI 48823  
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##### *Collegiate Province Representative*

Duane Breijak-Epsilon

##### *Assistant Collegiate Province Representative*

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Marne, MI 49435  
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#### **Province Chapters**

##### *Active Chapters*

Epsilon – University of Michigan  
Beta Iota – Albion College  
Gamma Epsilon – Michigan State University  
Delta Iota – Western Michigan University  
Iota Alpha – Alma College  
Iota Omicron – Bowling Green State University  
Nu Pi – Central Michigan University  
Nu Upsilon – Hillsdale College

##### *Colony*

Michigan Alpha – Grand Valley State University

##### *Inactive Chapters*

Gamma Nu – Case Western Reserve University  
Gamma Omicron – Wayne State University  
Delta Xi – Eastern Michigan University  
Epsilon Alpha – University of Toledo  
Iota Omega – Hope College  
Kappa Epsilon – Olivet College  
Sigma Upsilon – Adrian College  
Tau Upsilon – University of Findlay

### Chapter Information and Officers

#### **Chapter Information**

Date of Charter: October 31, 1930  
Number of Beta Iota Initiates: 737

#### **Chapter Officers**

President: David Goodrich  
Vice President: William Andert  
Secretary: Thomas Freeman  
Treasurer: Justin VandenBrink  
Fraternity Education Officer: Robert Wolfe  
Asst. FEO: Kyle Zill  
Warden: Ted Stiger  
Historian: Rob Bodary  
Music Director: David Keyworth  
Province Council Representative: James McRae  
Alumni Relations Officer: Mike Stout  
Chapter Advisor: Dr. Doug Rose

## Appendix C: National Examination Preparation

### Quiz #1 – Meeting Two

Greek Letters – fill in the following tables with the missing information:

Alpha	A
Beta	B
Gamma	Γ
Delta	Δ
Epsilon	E
Zeta	Z
Eta	H
Theta	Θ
Iota	I
Kappa	K
Lambda	Λ
Mu	M

Nu	N
Xi	Ξ
Omicron	O
Pi	Π
Rho	P
Sigma	Σ
Tau	T
Upsilon	Υ
Phi	Φ
Chi	X
Psi	Ψ
Omega	Ω

#### Write the Vow of Loyalty in its entirety:

I, (your name), do hereby pledge myself to become a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity, to prepare myself as well as I am able to fulfill the obligations of membership, and to present myself for initiation at the designated time. I will treat the brothers of this Fraternity, my fellow probationary members, and the paths down which I travel with pride and respect. I furthermore promise that I will not pledge myself to, or join any other secret, national, fraternal society in music; and I promise that, if my association with Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia is severed before my initiation, I will not reveal any knowledge which may have come to me through my probationary membership.

#### What is the Object of the Fraternity?

The Object of this Fraternity shall be for the development of the best and truest fraternal spirit; the mutual welfare and brotherhood of musical students; the advancement of music in America and a loyalty to the Alma Mater.

## Quiz #2 – Meeting Three

*The material from the previous quiz will also be included.*

### History

**When and where was Sinfonia founded?**

October 6, 1898 at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, MA

**Who was both the founder and first honorary member of Sinfonia?**

Ossian Everett Mills

**What is the origin of the name “Sinfonia”?**

George Chadwick, second honorary member, suggested the name “Sinfonia” from a student organization to which he had belonged in Leipzig, Germany.

**When and how did the Sinfonia Club become a national fraternity?**

On October 6, 1900, with the admission of a group of men at Philadelphia’s Broad Street Conservatory as Sinfonia’s Beta Chapter.

**Give the names and locations of the first four chapters.**

Alpha	New England Conservatory of Music; Boston, MA
Beta	Broad Street Conservatory; Philadelphia, PA
Gamma	American Institute of Applied Art; New York, New York
Delta	Ithaca Conservatory; Ithaca, New York

## Quiz #3 – Meeting Four

*The material from the previous quizzes will also be included.*

### **Object and National Structure**

#### **What is the Object of the Fraternity?**

The Object of this Fraternity shall be for the development of the best and truest fraternal spirit; the mutual welfare and brotherhood of musical students; the advancement of music in America and a loyalty to the Alma Mater.

#### **What are the four classes of membership?**

Probationary, Collegiate, Alumni, Honorary

#### **With what frequency are National Conventions held, and when and where will the next one be held?**

Triennially; TBA

#### **Give the names and locations of the members of the National Executive Committee.**

National President	Richard A. Crosby; Richmond, KY
National Vice President	John A. Mongiovi; Evansville, IN
Committeeman-at-Large	Vacant
Committeeman-at-Large	Walter C. Riley; Washington, DC
National Collegiate Representative	Micah P. White; Ashburn, VA
Chairman, PG's Council	Mark R. Lichtenberg; Evansville, IN
Chairman, CPR's Council	John A. Ferguson; Chicago, IL

#### **Give the names of the director-level staff at the National Headquarters.**

Executive Director	Ryan T. Ripperton
Asst. Executive Director	Jeremy M. Evans
Director of Alumni Affairs	Daniel E. Krueger

#### **What is the mission of the Sinfonia Educational Foundation (SEF)?**

To enrich the lives of collegiate Sinfonians and to advance music in America.

#### **What is the role of the alumni Sinfonian?**

The alumni Sinfonian has an obligation to support the Fraternity's efforts to build musical students into men of high ideals and to ensure that the Sinfonia experience is available for generations of students to come.

#### **What is one benefit of membership in an Alumni Association?**

Alumni Associations can offer opportunities for sociability, musical activity, and leadership similar to those enjoyed in the collegiate chapter.

## Quiz #4 – Meeting Five

*The material from the previous quizzes will also be included.*

### Your Province and Chapter

#### What is your province number?

Province Two

#### List the names and locations of the chapters in your province.

Epsilon – University of Michigan  
Beta Iota – Albion College  
Gamma Epsilon – Michigan State University  
Delta Iota – Western Michigan University  
Iota Alpha – Alma College  
Nu Pi – Central Michigan University  
Nu Upsilon – Hillsdale College  
Michigan Alpha – Grand Valley State University

#### Give the name and location of your Province Governor.

Jamal Deon Duncan; East Lansing, MI (Initiated at Epsilon)

#### Give the name and location of your Collegiate Province Representative.

Benjamin Alfred Strack; Kalamazoo, MI (Initiated at Delta Iota)

#### How often must province workshops be held?

Once a year.

#### What two days are celebrated by the chapter and on what dates?

Founder's Day – October 6

Chapter Day – October 31

#### List your chapter's officers.

President	David Goodrich
Vice President	William Andert
Secretary	Thomas Freeman
Treasurer	Justin VandenBrink
Fraternity Education Officer	Bob Wolfe
AFEO	Kyle Zill
Warden	Ted Stiger
Historian	Rob Bodary
Music Director	David Keyworth
Alumni Relations Officer	Mike Stout
Province Council Representative	James McRae
Faculty Advisor	Dr. Douglas Rose

## **National Dues and Publications**

**What is the total amount of your financial obligation to the national Fraternity before you can be initiated?**

\$120.00 (national)

**Upon initiation into the Fraternity, each member shall receive what six items?**

Official membership pin, Songbook, Wallet card, National Constitution, General Regulations for Collegiate Chapters, Membership Shingle

**What is the total amount of your annual financial obligation to the national Fraternity and chapter as a collegiate member?**

National Fraternity: \$134.00

Chapter: \$86.00

**What is the official publication of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia?**

*The Sinfonian*

**What is name of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia's collegiate newsletter?**

*The Red & Black*

## Appendix D: Songs of Sinfonia

The following selections are both required and optional selections for the Probationary Class Concert. In addition to these pieces, the fraternity has a library of selections available for vocalists and instrumentalists. Contact the Chapter Music Director for more information.

- Hail Sinfonia!
- A Serenade to a Girl
- Sinfonia Parting Song
- A Sinfonian Anthem