

# PETITION

OF

Washington House Fraternity  
NAME OF PETITIONING BODY

OF

The University of Chicago  
NAME OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

1919  
TO

**Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity**

## INSTRUCTIONS TO PETITIONERS

Petitions are prepared on paper furnished at cost by Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity to bodies desiring to make application to it for a Charter.

In preparing the following petition observe the directions carefully.

1. Make up one petition for each of our Chapters, one for our Grand Corresponding Secretary one for our Grand Secretary, one for our Grand Junior President. Send all to our Grand Junior President.

2. Have all the data furnished filled in on the typewriter, with black record ribbon. These directions must be followed very carefully. Do not use carbon or different colored ribbons.

3. Bind with silk cord or tape in order that they may be opened, reports inserted, and recommendations attached.

4. Individual statements should be on original, not carbon copies.

5. Arrange every copy of the petition in the same manner.

6. Alumni members of the petitioning body should be set forth in that part of the petition reserved for such in the form of a "Who's Who," giving the surname first and Christian and middle name, together with all information as to what he did in college, when he graduated, degrees, honors, and positions held since leaving college.

7. Assemble the petition in the following order:

A short history of the educational institution.

A history of the organization petitioning.

Individual statements.

Alumni lists.

A petition signed by every member of the petitioning body with his full name.

Pictures of the campus, house, group, etc. in their proper places.

## FUNDS

The following sums should accompany the petitions when sent in:

Charter fees - - - - -	\$40.00,
Pins for members - - - - -	4.25 each,
Plaques for members, - - - - -	3.15 each,
Paraphernalia for members, - - - - -	1.00 each,
Paraphernalia for chapter, - - - - -	48.00,
Initiation fees for members, - - - - -	10.00 each,
Investigation expenses, - - - - -	50.00 indemnity

The investigation expenses may be larger than is actually required, but in any event it will not exceed the actual traveling and hotel expenses of the investigating committee and any sum in excess thereof will be refunded.

If the charter is not granted all sums in excess of actual expenses of investigation will be refunded.

W. M. M. continued.

The field for fraternity material at Chicago, regardless of what it has been in the past, should be very good this year. Brother Van Stone thinks that a chapter at Chicago University would aid the Chicago Council and says that a majority of the Council members favor it. I look for a larger number of men of fraternity caliber to be in attendance at the universities in the future. Chicago is bound to get her share of these men. The Washington House men can be trusted to get their portion of these.

Considering all that I saw on my visit to Chicago I wish to say that Washington House impressed me favorably, and I would be very glad to see their petition passed upon favorably by all the chapters.

I have no idea as to how the members of Eta Chapter look upon the proposition as we have had no regular meeting yet and the petition has not been presented to them.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) M. J. DIERCE.

# ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY

51 CHAMBERS STREET

NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

November 28, 1919.

Delta Chapter, A.S.P.F.,  
806 4th Street,  
Marietta, Ohio.

Dear Brothers:-

Herewith, I am transmitting to you by order of the Grand Prudential Committee a copy of the petition received by the Grand Junior President, under date of June 11, 1919, from the Washington House Fraternity, a local at the University of Chicago, together with other information including communications and letters of recommendation received up to the present time.

Speaking for the Grand Prudential Committee and myself I wish to say that all of us are heartily in favor of granting a charter to Washington House. After visiting this splendid group of men, talking with them, and looking over their new house I have no hesitancy in recommending this organization to our sister chapters. I believe that it will become a valuable link in the Mystic Circle.

Your attention is called to the printed "Instructions to Chapters" on the inside cover (back) of this petition and also to Section 4 of Article XIV of the Constitution in regard to voting upon petitions for charters.

Kindly use the last sheet herein as the official ballot upon which to record the action of your chapter after which return same to the undersigned.

Fraternaly yours in the W.C..

Executive Secretary

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UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

The Report of the Grand Junior President

# ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY

OFFICE OF THE  
GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT  
81 CHAMBERS STREET  
NEW YORK

November 21, 1919.

To the Chapters of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Gentlemen and Brethren:-

Herewith I transmit with comments of the Grand Prudential Committee appended thereto the results of our negotiations with Washington House of the University of Chicago. From my careful investigation of facts, conditions and surrounding circumstances, I have to say investigation on my part has disclosed:

(a) That the University of Chicago is of proper collegiate grade.

(b) That the University of Chicago is the proper environment in which a chapter of this Fraternity can succeed.

(c) That the personnel of these petitioners is all that we can reasonably demand.

Their reputation over a series of years for scholarship, clean living in and out of college and success when they have become alumni following their successful careers as students and the fact that the petitioning bunch are of the type that we demand causes me to enthusiastically commend them to you. I regard them as a strong body of men and worthy of membership in our Fraternity.

There are additional reasons why we should go into the University of Chicago at this time. They are purely and entirely on the side of the Fraternity and are independent of the petition itself. These are that Chicago being the cross roads of the continent, its geographical location is ideal and it will give the Chicago Alumni Council something to father in that great city. I believe it will be a very great advantage to our Fraternity to have this Council aid these boys in this chapter and in addition to that I believe it will be a most excellent neighbor for both Eta and Kappa Chapters.

To A. T. S., continued.

At the Minneapolis Convention we approached this whole problem with an open mind. Delegates were willing to be convinced and as a large number were going through Chicago on their way to their respective chapters, I delegated everyone who would stop over and visit the organization and see for himself. Not all of these men have made special reports to me, but through various sources I have learned that everyone of them were very well pleased with what they saw at Chicago. While there might have been potential opposition before it has been replaced by enthusiastic support. I am very glad of this condition because it augurs well for the advent of the new chapter. I am placing this matter in the hands of the Grand Prudential Committee to make whatever comments it chooses in addition to my recommendation and then send this forward to you. The delays have been unavoidable. I trust that prompt action on your part will be taken that the vote may be recorded at the earliest possible date.

Wishing you well in all things and hoping for a favorable reply from everyone, I remain

Fraternally yours in A. T. S.,

(Signed) HARRY MONTGOMERY MURGRAVE.

P.S.

I am compelled to hold the petitions from Iowa State and Oregon State Colleges for special reports as committees have been extremely slow in advising me.

The Petition with Signatures Thereto

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## PETITION.

We, the undersigned, students in good standing in the University of Chicago  
located at Chicago, Illinois

having hereunto attached our individual and class records, a history of our alma mater, and our organization, do hereby petition Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity to grant to us and to our successors a Charter for a Chapter of the Fraternity at this institution and to assign us a Chapter Letter.

Should this Charter be granted we agree to support the Constitution and By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Customs, Laws and Traditions of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, to perform its rituals, and to perform our part in the government and support of the Fraternity as such, and, under its laws govern ourselves as a Chapter in harmony and good fellowship, and that we and our successors shall work for the best interests and advancement of the Fraternity wherever and whenever we may, it being understood that nothing in this pledge shall in any way conflict with our religious or political scruples, or our duties and obligations to our college, our family, ourselves, our country, or our God.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and seals the eleventh  
day of June 1919.

~~Joseph Henry Bell~~  
Kliride Boyer-Bellish  
Karl Louis Hess  
Hoyd Ramon Hora  
Donovan Cory McWhiffa  
Carl John Edwin Helgeson  
Arthur Martin Weber  
Paul Wendock Ellwood  
Mark Hager Sherman Jr.  
Donald Ayres Platt  
Richard Candee Paine  
Edwin Maurice Smith Jr.  
William Hater Jones  
Chester Armstrong Hammit  
Arthur Henry Hansen  
Frank Simon Lowell Newcomb  
Frederick Reinhard Hess  
Wallace Egbert Leland  
Ulrich Reinhold Laves  
John Everett Lamm

A Short History of the University of Chicago

## HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTION.

This should give the name, date of founding, location, endowment, method of support, names of departments maintained and degrees conferred, and if located at different places the fact should be noted, number of students, male and female, equipment of the institution, names of trustees represented, prospects for a new chapter if located there as your patronage see it, etc.

The University of Chicago was founded in 1880, and opened its doors to students October 4, 1892. The enrollment the first year was 742 students. The enrollments for the fifth, tenth, fifteenth, twentieth, and twenty-fifth years were respectively 1880, 4480, 6070, 8600, and 10,448 students.

The University campus, consisting of ninety-two acres, is splendidly located about six miles south of the central part of Chicago along the Midway (a boulevard a block wide and a mile long) and between Jackson and Washington Parks. The total cost of the campus is \$4,842,000. There have been erected (including the Yerkes Observatory at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin) forty-two buildings at a cost of over \$6,000,000. The value of the books in the University Libraries and of scientific equipment and supplies is in excess of \$2,000,000. The invested endowment of the University is now over \$27,000,000, and the annual budget is about \$2,000,000.

The University of Chicago consists of the following educational divisions:

I. The Schools and Colleges of Arts, Literature and Science, in which instruction is given by the departments of Philosophy; Psychology; Education; Political Economy; Political Science; Sociology and Anthropology; History; Household Administration; Oriental Languages; New Testament and Early Christian Literature; Indo-Iranian Philology; Greek; Latin; Romance; German; English; General Literature; Mathematics; Astronomy and Astrophysics; Physics; Chemistry; Geology and Paleontology; Geography; Zoology; Anatomy; Physiology; Physiological Chemistry and Pharmacology; Botany; Pathology; Hygiene and Bacteriology; Public Speaking; Physical Culture and Athletics.

II. The University College.

III. The Divinity School.

IV. The Law School.

V. Courses in Medicine and Preparatory to Medicine.

VI. The School of Education.

VII. The School of Commerce and Administration.

There are at present on the faculty 313 professors and instructors of lower rank, exclusive of assistants. They include among their number some of the most distinguished scholars in the United States. They have published many books and a very large number of scientific and scholarly articles, and they edit and the University publishes the Botanical Gazette, Journal of Geology, Journal of Theology, Biblical World, Classical Philology, Journal of Political Economy, Astrophysical Journal, Elementary School Journal, School Review, Journal of Semitics and Journal of Sociology.

During the year ending June 30, 1917, there were in attendance at the University of Chicago, exclusive of the University College and the College of Education, 4882 men and 3180 women. The graduate students came from 327 different universities and colleges.

Total number of degrees conferred during the year 1917-17:

Doctors of Philosophy,	132
Masters,	157
Bachelors,	454

The degrees conferred are as follows:- A.B.; Ph.B.; S.B.; A.M.; S.M.; D.B.; J.D.; M.D.; and Ph.D.

Washington House has always been careful to select men of high character and standing. It has never been more firmly established than at the present time. It is the only possible nucleus on the campus about which a chapter might be formed. The following statistics will show conclusively that there is more than ample surplus material to maintain another chapter of first class standing:-

Total number of men at University of Chicago,	4882
Total number of fraternity men,	621
Number of non-fraternity men,	4231
Estimated percent of fraternity men, 10%	
(conservative),	425

Following is a list of the fraternal organizations now established at the University of Chicago:-

Undergraduate Fraternities:

1893	Delta Epsilon Epsilon
1894	Phi Kappa Psi
1894	Epsilon Theta Pi
1896	Alpha Delta Phi
1897	Sigma Chi
1897	Phi Delta Theta
1897	Psi Upsilon
1897	Delta Tau Delta
1898	WASHINGTON HOUSE
1898	Chi Psi
1901	Delta Upsilon
1901	Phi Gamma Delta
1902	Sigma Alpha Epsilon
1903	Delta Chi
1904	Sigma Ru
1904	Kappa Sigma
1904	Alpha Tau Omega
1904	Phi Kappa Sigma
1910	Delta Sigma Phi
1917	Gamma Kappa Epsilon
1918	Beta Beta Tau

Professional Fraternities:

(Note: None of these fraternities maintain undergraduate houses at the University of Chicago and none of their members leave the University until after their senior year.)

Phi Alpha Delta (law)
Phi Delta Phi (law)
Phi Chi (medical)
Ru Sigma Ru (medical)
Alpha Kappa Kappa (medical)
Phi Beta Pi (medical)
Gamma Alpha (graduate scientific)

Honorary Fraternities

Phi Beta Kappa (scholarship)
Sigma Xi (scientific)
Phi Eta (graduate)
Delta Sigma Theta (debating)
Order of the Coif (law)

Views of the University of Chicago

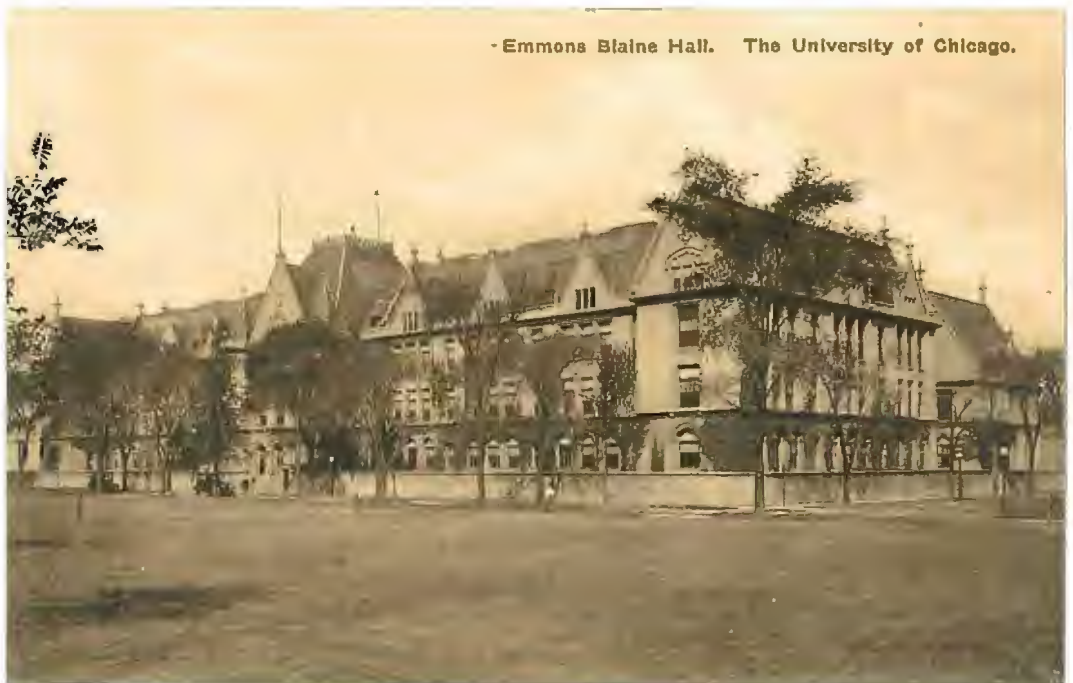
VIEWS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO



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History of Washington House

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## HISTORY OF PETITIONING BODY.

This should give a full history of the petitioning body from its foundation, with names of officers, number of alumni, social status of the organization, its economic situation, i. e., its property, such as a house, furnishings, etc. and all information that will show the collective results of the associated efforts of the individuals composing the unit.

Washington House, at the present time the only local fraternity at the University of Chicago, was founded on February 22, 1890, at the instigation of the late President Harper. Throughout its existence its history has been eventful and inspiring.

As evidence of its strength of the House even in the early years, groups separated from Washington House to form chapters of three national fraternities which are prominent on the campus today:- Phi Gamma Delta in 1901; Sigma Alpha Epsilon in 1902; and Phi Kappa Sigma in 1903. And notwithstanding the departure of these groups, Washington House steadily expanded from year to year until it has become a powerful fraternal organization on the campus; being the only local fraternity ever holding equal status with the Greek Letter Fraternities on the Inter-fraternity Council of this University.

During the years which the House has existed, it has been represented in all University activities. In athletic attainments Washington House has been second to none, having had more Phi Beta Kappa members than any one fraternity. Also in athletics our men have played a prominent role. In the history of our House we have had one football captain; three track captains; and captains of many of the minor teams. In student affairs we have for years taken a prominent part. We have had two Head Marshals of the University--a distinction that has not yet been excelled by any fraternal group. We have had one President of the Senior Class; one President of a Law class; Reynolds Club officers and class officers, besides having had several members on the Undergraduate Council. Two of the best Blackfriar plays were written by Washington House men. In other literary lines we have been well represented, having had men on the March staff and editors of the Up and Down, the University annual. In fact in every activity of the student body, Washington House has striven for the glory of its Alma Mater.

Washington House has an Alumni Association of 142 men which has its own officers and separate organization.

The War proved the strength and vitality of Washington House more than any test that could have been devised. Our patriotism was evidenced by our service flag containing 41 stars representing men of all ranks but including the following officers:- one Lieutenant Colonel, three Majors, two Captains, three 1st Lieutenants, and five 2nd Lieutenants. But notwithstanding the number of men in the service, Washington House proved to be one of the first fraternities to revive after the War and succeeded in initiating seven new men during the first quarter following the armistice. We have placed our furniture in temporary club rooms, abiding the removal into a house in the fall, at which time we shall welcome five more members back from foreign service.

The present officials of Washington House are as follows:

President	-----	Lloyd Herman Flora.
Treasurer	-----	Richard Gaudet Faine.
Secretary	-----	Paul Mardock Blincoe.

Individual Records of Petitioners

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

Name George Hobart MacDonald

(Christian, middle, surname)

Do not use initials only)

College address, 14 Hitchcock Hall, University of Chicago

Home address, 412 - 23rd St., Rock Island, Ill.

(Street and Number)

Name of Father, Hugh A. MacDonald Mother, Mary C. Gall

(Maiden Name)

Where were you born? Rock Island, Ill. When? Sept. 30, 1896

Height, 5 ft., 9 in. Weight, 135 lbs. Complexion Light

Color of hair, Brown Eyes, Green

Nationality, i. e. descent. Scotch-Irish

Where prepared for college? Rock Island High School

Preparatory school honors. President Ciceronian Debating Club;  
member "Big Eight" Debating Team

Other colleges attended.

Honors there.

Degrees taken and year. Ph.D., 1918

Department in this institution. Law

Class. 1918

Honors taken Phi Beta Kappa

Member of clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of each, and if a fraternity what is its character.

President Freshmen Law Class

Reynolds Club

Washington House (local)

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

Name René de Foyen-Bellisla

(Christian, middle, surname)

Do not use (initials only)

College address,

Home address, 728 East 42nd St.

(Street and Number)

Name of Father, René de Foyen-Bellisla

Mother, Edmonia Harbour

(Maiden Name)

Where were you born? Mount Washington, Md.

When? August 20, 1892

Height, 5' 11"

Weight, 145 lbs.

Complexion Ruddy-light

Color of hair,

Eyes,

Nationality, i. e. descent. French

Where prepared for college? Wendell Phillips High School, Chicago

Preparatory school honors.

Other colleges attended.

Armour Institute of Technology

Honors there.

Degrees taken and year.

S.B.; 1914

Department in this institution.

Chemistry

Class.

1914

Honors taken Phi Beta Kappa; Sigma Xi; Honor Scholarships; Associates Title with Honors; S.B. with Honors; Departmental Honors in Chemistry

Member of clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of each, and if a fraternity what is its character.

Washington House

Reynolds Club

Kent Chemical Society

1st Class Machinist Mate; Aviation U.S. Navy

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

Name Karl Louis Hiss

(Christian, middle, surname: Do not use initials only)

College address, 16 Hitchcock Hall

Home address, 1380 North City Boulevard, Toledo, Ohio

(Street and Number)

Name of Father, Fred Hiss

Mother, Anna Erdmann

(Maiden Name)

Where were you born? Toledo, Ohio When? Feb. 5, 1909

Height, 5' 8 1/2" Weight, 160 lbs. Complexion Light

Color of hair, Brown Eyes, Brown

Nationality, i. e. descent. Danish-German

Where prepared for college? Scott High School, Toledo, Ohio

Preparatory school honors. Associate Editor Year Book, Scottman  
Prominent in all class activities  
Vice President Webster Literary Society

Other colleges attended.

Honors there.

Degrees taken and year.

Department in this institution. Medical

Class. 1920

Honors taken

Member of clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of each, and if a fraternity what is its character.

Inter fraternity representative  
Du Sigma Nu, Medical Fraternity  
Reynolds Club  
Y.M.C.A. Cabinet  
Washington House  
Secretary-Treasurer of Hitchcock Hall

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

Name **Lloyd Ramoan Flora**

(Christian, middle, surname)

(Do not use initials only)

College address, **7549 Saginaw Ave. Chicago, Ill.**

Home address, **778 Phillips St. South Haven, Mich.**

(Street and Number)

Name of Father, **Isaac Flora**

Mother, **Margaret Wrightman**

(Maiden Name)

Where were you born? **South Haven Mich.** When? **Oct. 15, 1898**

Height, **5' 6 1/2 "** Weight, **125#** Complexion **Medium**

Color of hair, **Black** Eyes, **Gray**

Nationality, i. e. descent. **English-German**

Where prepared for college? **South Haven High School**

Preparatory school honors. **Editor of Annual, Manager of Athletics,**

**Dramatics, Treasurer, Senior year**

Other colleges attended.

Honors there.

Degrees taken and year.

Department in this institution. **Commerce and Administration**

Class. **1920**

Honors taken **Scholarships for Junior year.**

Member of clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of each, and if a fraternity what is its character.

**Washington House ( local )**

**Reynolds Club ( men' social )**

**Commerce Club ( business and social )**

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

Name **Donovan Cary McAuliffe**

(Christian, middle, surname Do not use initials only)

College address, **6143 Ellis Ave. Chicago, Ill**

Home address, **504 Pine St. Michigan City, Ind.**

(Street and Number)

Name of Father, **Sam. C. McAuliffe** Mother, **Mary Phila McClure**

(Maiden Name)

Where were you born? **Chicago, Ill** When? **July 30th, 1900**

Height, **5'9"** Weight, **128** Complexion **Light**

Color of hair, **Brown** Eyes, **Blue**

Nationality, i. e. descent. **Scotch Irish**

Where prepared for college? **Michigan City Ind.**

Preparatory school honors. **Class Treasurer; Art Editor of paper;  
Oratorical Society**

Other colleges attended.

Honors there.

Degrees taken and year.

Department in this institution, **Liberal Arts**

Class. **1922**

Honors taken.

Member of clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of each, and if a fraternity what is its character.

**Washington House, (local)**

**Reynolds Club.**

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

Name Carl John Edwin Helgeson

(Christian, middle, surname. Do not use initials only)

College address, 6137 Kimbark Ave.

Home address, Same

(Street and Number)

Name of Father, John Helgeson

Mother, Mathilda Lund

(Maiden Name)

Where were you born? Chicago, Ill. When? Nov. 8, 1898

Height, 5' 9" Weight, 150 lbs. Complexion

Color of hair, Medium dark Eyes, Brown

Nationality, i. e. descent. Scandinavian

Where prepared for college? Hyde Park High School, Chicago

Preparatory school honors. Debating club officer

Other colleges attended.

Honors there.

Degrees taken and year. S.B. June, 1918

Department in this institution. Chemistry

Class. 1918

Honors taken

Member of clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of each, and if a fraternity what is its character.

Washington House

Reynolds Club

Kent Chemical Society

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

Name **Arthur Martin Weber**  
(Christian, middle, surname) Do not use initials only)

College address, **1806 Wesley Ave., Evanston, Ill.**

Home address, **8820**  
(Street and Number)

Name of Father, **Peter J. Weber** Mother, **Bertha Werkmeister**  
(Maiden Name)

Where were you born? **Chicago, Ill.** When? **August, 1897**

Height, **6 feet** Weight, **140 lbs.** Complexion **Light**

Color of hair, **Brown** Eyes, **Brown**

Nationality, i. e. descent. **German**

Where prepared for college? **Evanston Township High School**

Preparatory school honors.

Other colleges attended. **Northwestern University**  
 **Armour Institute of Technology**

Honors there. **Architectural Prize for Design**

Degrees taken and year.

Department in this institution. **Liberal Arts**

Class. **1920**

Honors taken

Member of clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of each, and if a fraternity what is its character.

**Washington House**  
**Atelier at Armour Institute (architectural society)**

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

Name **Paul Murdoch Ellwood**

(Christian, middle, surname. Do not use initials only)

College address, **410 W. 61st. Place, Chicago, Ill**

Home address, **Same**

(Street and Number)

Name of Father, **Willard M. Ellwood** Mother, **Edith**

(Maiden Name)

Where were you born? **Elkhart Ind.** When? **March 8th. 1900**

Height, **5' 7"** Weight, **130** Complexion **Dark**

Color of hair, **Brown** Eyes, **Brown**

Nationality, i. e. descent. **Scotch**

Where prepared for college? **Englewood High School, Chicago**

Preparatory school honors. **Pres H. Y. Club; Lightweight soccer;  
Interclass basketball.**

Other colleges attended.

Honors there.

Degrees taken and year.

Department in this institution. **Science**

Class. **1922**

Honors taken

Member of clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of each, and if a fraternity what is its character.

**Washington House (local)**

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

Name Mark Roger Sherman, Jr.

(Christian, middle, surname)

Do not use initials only)

College address, 4446 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Home address, same

(Street and Number)

Name of Father, Mark Roger Sherman Mother, Mary C. Lull

(Maiden Name)

Where were you born? Chicago, Ill. When? Oct. 23, 1901

Height, 5' 8" Weight, 145 lbs. Complexion Light

Color of hair, Brown Eyes, Brown

Nationality, i. e. descent. English

Where prepared for college? Hyde Park High School

Preparatory school honors. Captain Freshman Baseball 1914  
Soccer 1917  
Basketball 1917, 1918

Other colleges attended.

Honors there.

Degrees taken and year.

Department in this institution. Law

Class. 1922

Honors taken

Member of clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of each, and if a fraternity what is its character.

Reynolds Club

Washington House (local)

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

Name Donald Ayres Piatt

(Christian, middle, surname. Do not use initials only)

College address, 6233 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Home address, 1115 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne, Ind.

(Street and Number)

Name of Father, Walter B. Piatt Mother, Evelyn B. Ayres

(Maiden Name)

Where were you born? Huntington, Ind. When? Oct. 22, 1898

Height, 5' 7" Weight, 140 lbs. Complexion Dark

Color of hair, Dark Eyes, Brown

Nationality, i. e. descent. English

Where prepared for college? Huntington High School

Preparatory school honors. Went through in three years

Other colleges attended.

Honors there.

Degrees taken and year.

Department in this institution. Philosophy

Class. 1919

Honors taken Honor scholarships, departmental honors

Member of clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of each, and if a fraternity what is its character.

Washington House

Reynolds Club

Philosophy Club

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

Name Richard Candee Paine

(Christian, middle, surname. Do not use initials only)

College address, 1306 E. 62nd St., Chicago, Ill.

Home address, Same

(Street and Number)

Name of Father, Charles H. Paine Mother, Estelle Candee

(Maiden Name)

Where were you born? Syracuse, N.Y. When? Dec. 12, 1895

Height, 5' 7" Weight, 135 lbs. Complexion Light

Color of hair, Light Eyes, Blue

Nationality, i. e. descent. French-English

Where prepared for college? Senn High School, Chicago, Ill.

Preparatory school honors.

Other colleges attended.

Honors there.

Degrees taken and year.

Department in this institution. Chemistry

Class. 1921

Honors taken

Member of clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of each, and if a fraternity what is its character.

University of Chicago Musical Club

University Choir

Washington House (local)

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

Name Edwin Maurice Smith, Jr.

(Christian, middle, surname Do not use initials only)

College address, 861 N. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

Home address, Same

(Street and Number)

Name of Father, Edwin M. Smith Mother, Clara Schuyler

(Maiden Name)

Where were you born? Chicago, Ill. When? April 9, 1900

Height, 6 feet Weight, 143 lbs. Complexion Dark

Color of hair, Dark Eyes, Brown

Nationality, i. e. descent. English

Where prepared for college? University High School

Preparatory school honors.

Other colleges attended.

Honors there.

Degrees taken and year.

Department in this institution. Pre-medical

Class. 1922

Honors taken

Member of clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of each, and if a fraternity what is its character.

Keyhole Club  
Washington House

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

Name William Slater Jones

(Christian, middle, surname)

(Do not use initials only)

College address, Gladstone Hotel

Home address, Lumberton, New Jersey

(Street and Number)

Name of Father, Stephen Hoyt Jones Mother, Emma Slater

(Maiden Name)

Where were you born? Califon, N.J. When? Oct. 11, 1893

Height, 5' 8" Weight, 150 lbs. Complexion Dark

Color of hair, Brown Eyes, brown

Nationality, i. e. descent. Welsh

Where prepared for college? Sussex High School, Sussex, N.J.

Preparatory school honors. President Senior Class

Baseball Team

Other colleges attended.

Honors there.

Degrees taken and year. Ph.B. University of Chicago, 1916.

Department in this institution. Preparatory Law.

Class. 1918. (In army 1917, 1918, 1919) To reënter school.

Honors taken Freshman Track Team.

Member of clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of each, and if a fraternity what is its character.

Washington House, your petitioner.

Reynolds Club,

Cosmopolitan Club.

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

Name Chester Armstrong Hemmell

(Christian, middle, surname. Do not use initials only)

College address,

Home address, 1417 American Exchange Bank Bldg., Dallas, Texas  
(Street and Number)

Name of Father, James H. Hemmell Mother, Helen Armstrong.  
(Maiden Name)

Where were you born? Chicago When? Nov. 22, 1889

Height, 5' 11" Weight, 155 lbs. Complexion Light

Color of hair, Brown Eyes, Blue

Nationality, i. e. descent. Scotch-Irish.

Where prepared for college? Maywood (Proviso Township) Ill.  
Preparatory school honors. None. Maywood, Ill.

Other colleges attended. University of Illinois, 1906-1910

Honors there. Bronze Medal in Military Competition, 1909

Degrees taken and year. S.B. 1913

Department in this institution. Geology

Class. 1913

Honors taken Track Team; Cross Country Team; Blackfriars;  
Glee Club; Fencibles; President of Masonic Club.

Member of clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of each, and if a fraternity  
what is its character.

Washington House (local)  
Phi Eta (honorary graduate)

### Professional Connections:-

Member vis. Geol. Survey 1915  
Geologist--Moxena Pet. Co. (Kans. & Okla. 1915-1917)  
Geologist--Moxena Pet. Co. (Tex. & La. 1917-1919)  
Consulting Geologist, Dallas, Texas, 1919

### Member of:-

Amer. Inst. of Mining Engineers  
Amer. Assn. of Petroleum Geologists  
Amer. Assn. for Advancement of Science

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

Name Arthur Henry Hansen  
(Christian, middle, surname. Do not use initials only)

College address,

Home address, 126 Doty St., Hammond, Indiana  
(Street and Number)

Name of Father, Thomas Hansen Mother, Johanna Zachan  
(Maiden Name)

Where were you born? Hammond, Ind. When? Nov. 5, 1897

Height, 5' 10" Weight, 133 lbs. Complexion Light

Color of hair, Brown Eyes, Brown

Nationality, i. e. descent. German

Where prepared for college? Hammond, Indiana High School

Preparatory school honors.

Other colleges attended.

Honors there.

Degrees taken and year.

Department in this institution. Medical

Class, 1921

Honors taken

Member of clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of each, and if a fraternity what is its character.

Washington House

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

Name **Frank Simon Lovewell Newcomb**

(Christian, middle, surname. Do not use initials only)

College address, **1832 W. Adams St., Chicago, Ill.**

Home address, **806 W. Gandy St., Denison, Texas.**

(Street and Number)

Name of Father, **Richard H. Newcomb**, Mother, **Nancy Gillis.**

(Maiden Name)

Where were you born? **Corinth, Miss.** When? **Sept. 21, 1892.**

Height, **5' 8"** Weight, **175 lbs.** Complexion **Light.**

Color of hair, **Brown.** Eyes, **Dark Brown.**

Nationality, i. e. descent. **Scotch-Irish.**

Where prepared for college? **Muskogee (Okla) High School.**

Preparatory school honors. **Asst. to Physics Instructor.**

**Football 3 years.**

**Honor Student in Mathematics.**

Other colleges attended.

Honors there.

Degrees taken and year. **B.S. 1919.**

Department in this institution. **Science.**

Class. **1919**

Honors taken

Member of clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of each, and if a fraternity

what is its character. **Washington House (local)**

**Alpha Kappa Kappa (medical)**

**War Service: - Volunteer with French Army March 1917-Oct. 1917.**

**Service with American Army in France Oct. 1917-**

**March 1919.**

**Awarded the Croix de Guerre June 1918.**

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

Name Frederick Reinhard Hiss

(Christian, middle, surname)

Do not use initials only)

College address,

Home address, 1320 North City Blvd., Toledo, Ohio

(Street and Number)

Name of Father, Fred Hiss

Mother, Anna Erdmann

(Maiden Name)

Where were you born? Toledo, Ohio When? Feb. 25, 1894

Height, 5' 8 1/2" Weight, 153 lbs. Complexion Light

Color of hair, Dark Brown Eyes, Brown

Nationality, i. e. descent. Danish-German

Where prepared for college? Central High School, Toledo, Ohio

Preparatory school honors. Class Treasurer

Other colleges attended.

Honors there.

Degrees taken and year. S.B. 1915

Department in this institution. Chemistry

Class. 1915

Honors taken Honorable Mention in Senior Colleges

Member of clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of each, and if a fraternity what is its character.

Washington House (local)

Kent Chemical Society

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

Name **Wallace Egbert Leland**

(Christian, middle, surname. Do not use initials only)

College address, **Culver Military Academy, Culver, Ind.**

Home address,  
(Street and Number)

Name of Father, **Daniel H. Leland** Mother, **Mary Egbert**  
(Maiden Name)

Where were you born? **Rock Island, Ill.** When? **July 20th. 1894**

Height, **5' 8"** Weight, **135** Complexion **Dark**

Color of hair, **Black** Eyes, **Black**

Nationality, i. e. descent. **English-Irish**

Where prepared for college? **Rock Island High School**

Preparatory school honors. **Big Eight Debating Team**

Other colleges attended.

Honors there.

Degrees taken and year. **Ph. B. 1915**

Department in this institution. **Political Economics**

Class, **1915**

Honors taken **Senior College Honorable Mention**

Member of clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of each, and if a fraternity what is its character.

**Reynolds Club**  
**Washington House**

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

Name **Ulrich Reinhold Laves.**

(Christian, middle, surname)

(Do not use initials only)

College address, **5611 Kenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.**

Home address, **Same.**

(Street and Number)

Name of Father, **Kurt Laves.**

Mother, **Luiise Moshagen.**

(Maiden Name)

Where were you born? **Chicago, Ill.** When? **Jan. 6, 1898.**

Height, **6 ft.** Weight, **145 lbs.** Complexion **Light.**

Color of hair, **Blond** Eyes, **Brown.**

Nationality, i. e. descent. **German.**

Where prepared for college? **Hyde Park High School, Chicago, Ill.**

Preparatory school honors. **College Entrance Scholarship.  
Editor of the Annual.**

Other colleges attended. **University of Wisconsin.**

Honors there.

Degrees taken and year.

Department in this institution. **Liberal Arts.**

Class. **1920.**

Honors taken

Member of clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of each, and if a fraternity what is its character. **Washington House (local)**

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

Name John Everts Lamar

(Christian, middle, surname: Do not use initials only)

College address, 50 W. 111th St., Chicago, Ill.

Home address, Same

(Street and Number)

Name of Father, John Lamar

Mother, Anna Everts

(Maiden Name)

Where were you born? Grand Rapids, When? Dec. 6, 1899

Mich.

Height, 5' 10" Weight, 140 lbs. Complexion Light

Color of hair, Brown

Eyes, Gray

Nationality, i. e. descent. Dutch

Where prepared for college? Christian Singer High School, Chicago

Preparatory school honors.

Other colleges attended.

Honors there.

Degrees taken and year.

Department in this institution. Geology

Class. 1920

Honors taken

Member of clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of each, and if a fraternity what is its character.

Reynolds Club

Washington House (local)

Roster of Alumni Members of Washington House

# WASHINGTON HOUSE ALUMNI

Note: Due to the number of alumni, and the difficulty of getting complete data, as many are still away in service, it was deemed unfeasible to insert a complete who's who of each alumnus of the petitioning body.

Arthur A. Anderson	Lee E. Hoyt
Sprague Abbott	Richard Hughes
Harold L. Artell	Ernest E. Irons
Hamilton A. Badger	Henry W. Jones
Charles M. Basher	Sherman S. Kilgore
C. A. Barker	Harold Kaytor
Conrado Benites	Clifton M. Keeler
Arthur E. Bestor	Edwin G. Kirk
Eugene F. Bendick	Alvin F. Kresser
J. Walter Bingham	William H. Krauser
John Starb Bishop	Victor E. Kulp
Edwin Sherwood Bishop (dec.)	Hugh Leighton (dec.)
Charles W. Bowers	Leon P. Lewis
Steffen T. Bowen, Jr.	Theodore A. Link
Walter B. Buhlig	Murray H. Lauer
William J. Butler	Albert C. V. Lillie
James P. Burke	Larry P. MacLeish
John B. Canning	Ralph P. Mulvane
W. P. Carpenter	John W. McGeoghagan
Norman M. Chivers	Walter McAvoy
Jesse D. Cook	Ralph D. Mager
Harry J. Corcor	Alex. A. McKnight
William A. DeSombre	Clifford P. McCullough
Robert E. Doherty	Way A. McDonald
Albert G. Duncan	Armed L. Marrian
Lawrence G. Dunlap	J. F. Miller
G. Harold Earle	Charles G. Molander
Deville D. Edwards	Forest Ray Moulton
Harriet D. Foster	Harold G. Moulton
Harry G. Fisher	Frederick W. Muttterer
Theodore E. Ford	A. P. Nelson
W. H. Fielding	Paul W. D'Donnell
Louis F. Foreman	Alex H. Olsen
Newton A. Fiesole	Joseph J. Oppenheim
John W. Frey	Charles M. Patten
Paul J. Fox	Ernest E. Perkins
Donald E. Gray	Virgil V. Phelps
Leonard E. Gyllenhaal	Elmer R. Pettet
Carl H. Grabe	Vernon S. Phillips
Frank L. Griffin	Clarence C. Pool
G. E. Hallatt	E. I. Quinn
Chester A. Hammill	R. H. Res
Carl J. E. Halverson	Leonard W. Reid
D. M. Hill	Charles E. Rademacher
Fredrick E. Hise	C. H. C. Ross
H. G. Keil	Lee P. Salinger

Alvin Seider  
 Frank M. Slakoe  
 James L. Sullivan  
 John D. Sutherland  
 Horace E. Street  
 Charles H. Swift  
 Oscar H. Sumpie  
 Frank J. Selter  
 Walter Souderling  
 Edward A. Seegers  
 Fleming M. Sherlaw  
 Harry E. Severoen  
 F. G. Smith  
 H. B. Smith  
 W. C. Steffens  
 J. W. Steele  
 F. W. Steffens

Elifton O. Taylor  
 Hal W. P. Thomas  
 Vincent P. Thielen  
 Hubert Todd  
 Lowell Todd  
 E. L. Wilson  
 Paul Van Cleef  
 Harry B. Van Dyke  
 John J. Vollertsen  
 Irvin A. Walker  
 Banks J. Wildman  
 J. C. Waterbury  
 T. B. Wakeley  
 Edward Warszewski  
 William G. Walker  
 Robert S. Wright

Communications and Letters of Recommendation

( Copy )

State of Illinois  
Department of Registration and Education  
Springfield

June 7, 1919.

Mr. Wayne Montgomery Musgrave,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Musgrave:-

I am very greatly interested to know that Washington House at the University of Chicago has applied to Alpha Sigma Phi for a charter.

I have known this institution ever since its establishment. At the time I was in administrative work and participated in the discussion regarding the best way to provide for the social needs of the day students at the University, i. e. those who live in the City of Chicago but who spend most of their time at the University. Two houses were organized for men, the Washington and Lincoln Houses, and one for woman, the Spellman House. On more than one occasion I have been the guest of the Washington House. I was greatly surprised at the real fraternal spirit which I found. The boys were bound together by a strong tie of interest. Alumni began to take pride in their membership in the institution. Those who belonged to it began to have a part in student activities by ranking in all this with other fraternal organizations. I am greatly pleased to know that the House is now reaching out to Alpha Sigma Phi for a chapter. I count it a distinct triumph for you. If you can secure this organization with its more than twenty years of active growth behind it, you will at once have a strength among the fraternities of the University which could not otherwise be attained except by some years of hard work and steady development.

I hope the petition of the boys will be granted. I am glad to note the sure development of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Yours cordially

FRANCIS W. SHEPARDSON,

Director.

( C O P Y )

Springfield, Ill., June 7, 1919

To the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity:

Ever since its organization I have known the personnel and the activities of Washington House at the University of Chicago. Originally planned as a meeting place at the University for students residing in the City of Chicago, it speedily developed distinct fraternal characteristics. The bond of friendship began to grow strong. The interest of members was retained long after graduation. The influence of the organization steadily increased.

I am therefore greatly pleased to know that it is applying for a charter from your fraternity. I heartily commend to your favorable consideration this organization. Having been connected with the faculty of the University of Chicago during practically the entire lifetime of this House, and having personal knowledge of its development, I am the more gratified to be able to add this word of endorsement to the others which accompany the petition to your fraternity.

Yours respectfully

(Signed) FRANCIS W. SHEPARDSON

President of the Beta Theta Pi  
Fraternity

Director of the Illinois Department  
of Registration and Education

( Copy )

The University of Chicago

Chicago, Ill. June 10, 1919.

Mr. Wayne Montgomery Vusgrave,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

The local chapter known as Washington House is again applying for membership in the national fraternity Alpha Sigma Phi. I have been faculty advisor for this House during the past ten years. It has been and is now composed of young men of ability and purpose who have secured high rank among the fraternities of the University of Chicago. They have won many athletic honors. They have been prominent in student activities in many lines, and in scholarship they have led all the fraternities of the University for at least three quarters of the time. It seems to me that the quality of the men is all that reasonably could be asked for.

You are doubtless interested in the spirit of the organization. I can assure you on this point that they have always been enthusiastic members of Washington House, many of the alumni keep in touch with it through correspondence and visits when they are in the city, and if a charter in Alpha Sigma Phi is granted in response to their application, they expect to secure a House at the beginning of the autumn.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) F. P. Moulton,

Professor and Head of the  
Department of Astronomy

( Copy )

The University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois

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Office of the President

June 11, 1919.

To the Fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi:

It gives me great pleasure to recommend the members of Washington House who are petitioning for a charter of Alpha Sigma Phi.

When I was in college I was a member of Washington House, consequently I have retained my interest in the personnel of the organization and I have become especially well acquainted with the men who have been members for the last four or five years for many of them were resident of Hitchcock Hall at the time I was head of that House. I believe them to be a group of men worthy of favorable consideration by Alpha Sigma Phi.

I may add that I have been acquainted with the Fraternity situation at the University of Chicago for many years. For some time I was Chairman of the Permanent Extension Committee of Phi Gamma Delta. I therefore understand some of the problems in such a case as this. I commend these young men heartily.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) DAVID A. ROBERTSON,  
Secretary to the President.

( Copy )

Eta Chapter  
Alpha Sigma Phi  
404 East Daniel Street,  
Champaign, Illinois.

September 28th, 1919.

Wayne M. Musgrave,  
51 Chambers Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Musgrave:-

At last I'm back here at school and registered among the other seven thousand students at this institution. Everything is full and overflowing. We have just about all the men that we can handle and still the field is not depleted. Everything is going far beyond our expectations. However, I'll leave to our H. C. S. the opportunity to tell you about all that in his report and will confine myself to the Washington House proposition.

Brothers Braun, Carter, Hall, Van Stone, and myself called on the Washington House boys about five thirty last Monday evening. They took us to the Gladstone hotel for a little banquet and then back to their house. They were represented by ten or twelve men, two of whom were alumni.

The class of men that they had there that evening is one which I believe would further the interests of Alpha Sigma Phi if granted a charter. We visited them at an unfavorable time and I feel sure that when all of their men are in school we shall find them a bunch of men who will impress us still more favorably.

Financially I think that they can easily make a success. They have a furnished house which presents a very favorable appearance. I talked for some time with two members of their alumni who were present and I feel assured that their alumni will back them very strongly. That should be a very important factor.

( Copy )

Alpha Sigma Phi  
Lambda Chapter  
625 West 113th Street,  
New York.

October 5, 1919.

Dear Brother Musgrave:-

While on the way back from Minneapolis, I stopped over in Chicago and spent a couple of hours at Washington House on Saturday, September 20th.

Eight or ten of the Washington House men were on hand to entertain the other Sig delegates and myself. The men whom I met were all of the Alpha Sigma Phi standard although as a bunch they did not show much pep. This might have been due to the fact that they had hardly had a chance to organize after the summer. They have just moved into a fine large house in a very good neighborhood. This together with the name and backing of Alpha Sigma Phi should enable them to attract the best class of men and it is my opinion that they would be a beneficial acquisition to our organization.

Hoping to see the Chicago petition voted through, I remain

Yours in Alpha Sigma Phi,

(Signed) Edmund B. Thompson.

Lambda '15.

( Copy )

Omicron Chapter  
Alpha Sigma Phi  
3617 Locust St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 11, 1919.

Wayne M. Musgrave,  
51 Chambers St.,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Musgrave:-

After a talk with Brother Hall in New York Sunday he advised me to send in a personal letter concerning the Washington House at Chicago University.

My opinion of the men who are active members and also inactive is that they are of the caliber that would be beneficial to Alpha Sigma Phi if a petition were granted to this local.

They are an enthusiastic crowd and as they are taking the responsibility of a house of their own this year they are more so.

The men personally are the kind whose features stand out and they have pleasing characters. The men are active on the campus and it is my opinion that if a charter was granted, Alpha Sigma Phi would profit by this move.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) F. W. Braun.

W. M. M. continued.

The question brought up before the Council hinged entirely on the good judgment in placing a chapter at the University of Chicago, and although it was somewhat a spirited discussion, the final vote was that the Council recommended that this charter be granted.

It is my opinion that if we were able to get a petitioning body from the University of Chicago thru the Alumni Council of Chicago, which was not only a matter of a few disinterested parties, but a matter of twenty or thirty very interested members of the Fraternity, we most assuredly ought to have it passed with flying colors thru each and every other chapter.

The writer wishes to give his unqualified support in establishing a chapter at the University of Chicago. There will never be a better time to establish it than at the present time, nor a better organization than the Washington Club as it exists at the present time. Their ability to live thru the war conditions which killed off other locals, attests to their ability to get along in the world, and I will be very pleased to see a very favorable report from the various other chapters.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) W. F. VAN STONE.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CHAPTERS, Etc.

The within is a correct copy of a petition for a Charter from this Fraternity and should receive proper and prompt attention at your hands. It is prepared on official blanks furnished by the Fraternity and in accordance with the directions given the petitioners. The reports of the investigating committees, recommendations of members of faculties, other fraternities, etc. together with a finding from the G. J. P., etc., are attached.

These should be studied by every member of your Chapter to the end that he will be prepared to give proper consideration to the petition. Remember copies hereof are in the hands of your fellows in every Chapter and a prompt reply is not only due the petitioners, but also all within our own circle. ~~Your reply should be in the form of a report under the hands and seals of your president and secretary directed to the G. J. P. and sent to him.~~ Observe the provisions of the Fraternity Constitution in taking and reporting these votes. A majority vote of the members present decides the way in which your Chapter votes. Petitions can only be considered at regular meeting of your Chapter unless every active member is present at a special meeting called for that purpose.