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## CAPInv. 700: hoi phratores

### I. LOCATION

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| i. Geographical area | Macedonia                  |
| ii. Region           | Sintike                    |
| iii. Site            | Karlanovo (modern toponym) |

### II. NAME

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| i. Full name (original language) | οἱ φράτορες (IGBulg IV 2320, ll. 1-2) |
| ii. Full name (transliterated)   | <i>hoi phratores</i>                  |

### III. DATE

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| i. Date(s) | Imp. (?) |
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### IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

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| ii. Name elements | Kinship-related: | <i>phratores</i> . Given the improbability of a real phratry in Imperial Sintike, the kinship is most probably fictitious, with religious connotations. |
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### V. SOURCES

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| i. Source(s)                                | IGBulg IV 2320 (undated, probably imp.) |
| Online Resources                            | <a href="#">IGBulg IV 2320</a>          |
| i.a. Source type(s)                         | Epigraphic source(s)                    |
| i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script | Greek honorific inscription.            |
| i.c. Physical format(s)                     | Plaque with relief                      |

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| ii. Source(s) provenance | Found near the modern village of Karlanovo, on the left bank of the Upper Strymon valley. |
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## VII. ORGANIZATION

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| ii. Leadership | The honorand, a priest of an unknown cult, was probably the leader of the association.            |
| iii. Members   | The members are called φράτορες, <i>phratores</i> . It points to a simple, egalitarian structure. |

## X. ACTIVITIES

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| iv. Honours/Other activities | The only source for this religious association for an unknown cult is a honorific monument for the cult's priest. |
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## XIII. EVALUATION

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| i. Private association | Probable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Note                   | The laconic nature of our evidence (οἱ φράτορες τῷ ἱερῷ, <i>hoi phratores toi hieri</i> ) does not allow for certainty, but Mihailov (in IGBulg IV 2320) is probably correct in treating this inscription as evidence for a religious association. |