

GUIDELINES FOR SPONSORING LODGES

- 1 . Sponsorship - All Knight Councils must be sponsored by a Prince Hall Lodge. Lodges may work together but only one Lodge and Worshipful Master will be listed as the sponsor.
- 2 . Meeting Place - The sponsoring Lodge must provide a meeting place for the Knight Council.
- 3 . Board of Regents
 - a. A committee of at least six (6) Master Masons must be appointed by the sponsoring lodge to govern the council. This body is called the **Board of Regents**. This Board will be responsible to the subordinate lodge for direct supervision of the activities of its Pythagoreans organization called a **Local Council** (may be named in the memory of a deceased person, a place or thing).
 - b. It is very important that the Board organizes under a Chairman and that all other members be appointed to a sub-committee vital to the successful operation of the Council. (Suggested sub-committees are: Program, Membership, Ritualistic, Public Relations, Finance, and Volunteer Personnel).
 - c. Contact the State Director and arrange for an Obligation Ceremony for the Board of Regents and other Master Masons who may be interested. Only the State Director or his designate can conduct the obligation ceremony^y for Master Masons.
 - d. The Board of Regents (BOR) is responsible for developing a program for the council and providing leadership; including the following:
 - i. Prepare an Annual Report and submit it to the District Advisor.
 - ii. Prepare an Activity Report and submit it to the District Advisor.
 - iii. Appoint an Advisor to oversee the operations of the Council.
 - iv. Provide financial assistance for the Council programs.
 - v. Meet regularly with the Board of Regents to insure program effectiveness.
- 4 . Advisors
 - a. Advisors are responsible for operating the Council using, as its primary tool, the Annual Activity Program. Copies of the Annual Activity Program must be submitted to the District Advisor.
 - b. Advisors are responsible to the Board of Regents and the Worshipful Master of the Sponsoring Lodge.
 - c. The Advisor should be appointed or selected by the Board of Regents on the approval of the Worshipful Master.
 - d. Advisors should keep the sponsoring Lodge informed of Council activities.
 - e. The official dress of the Advisor is Masonic dress plus a gold beret with a blue tassel.

PROCEDURES TO SET UP A COUNCIL OF PYTHAGORAS IN YOUR LODGE DISTRICT

1. The Worshipful Master appoints a **Board of Regents** (BOR) consisting of not less than six (6) Master Masons interested in the general welfare of youths. This Board will be responsible to the subordinate lodge for direct supervision of the activities of its Pythagorean organization called the " " (it may be named in memory of a deceased person, a place or thing) Council, Order of the Knights of Pythagoras.

It is very important that the Board organizes under a chairman and that all other members be appointed to a sub-committee vital to the successful operation of the Council.

- a. Suggested sub-committees: Program, Membership, Ritualistic, Public Relations, Volunteer Personnel (Mother's Club, Father's Club, or Parents Club), Finance, and Social.
 - b. Contact the State Director and arrange for an obligation ceremony for the Board of Regents and any other Master Masons who may be interested. Only the State Director, Assistant State Director, Supreme Special Deputy At Large, the Deputy Supreme Master Knight or the Supreme Master Knight can conduct the obligation ceremony for Master Masons. Only obligated Master Masons, called Sir Knights, may enter a Knights of Pythagoras Council.
2. When a minimum of fifteen (15) youths between the ages of nine (9) to twenty (20) inclusive have been recruited, the State Director should be advised and the necessary materials will be furnished for the completion of the application to organize.
 3. The group should then be organized into a general youth club with the following officers: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recorder, Treasurer, and Chaplin. These officers may become the line officers of the Council.
 4. Collect fees and dues and advise the State Director and the District Advisor of the progress.
 5. After the club has at least 15 members and has gained an understanding of Parliamentary Procedures the Chairman of the Board should arrange a time and place for the Ceremony of Investiture (two to three months)
 6. Set up a committee to handle light refreshments and to accommodate guests.
 7. Assemble the following equipment:
 - a. Holy Bible
 - b. Medium size United States and Georgia Flags with staffs and stands.
 - c. Ten (10) white candles
 - d. Furniture (same as lodge)

- e. At least 21 Rituals and three (3) constitutions (these should be obtained from the State Director)
8. Dress for the Investiture Ceremony (Initiation):
 - a. Each youth candidate wears white shirt, black tie, black pants, black shoes, and black socks.
 - b. Each candidate brings a cut flower (red, if his mother is living, or white, if she is deceased).
9. For new Councils, the State Director will arrange for an active Council to come and conduct the initiation. Only Knights should initiate youth candidates. The State Director has the authority to conduct youth candidates, with the necessary assistance, only if an active Council is not available.
10. The Board of Regents of a local Council will see that a Membership Roster of the initiated youths and obligated men is forwarded to the State Director immediately following initiation. Blanks will be furnished on request.
11. Fees for joining are \$10.00, which is divided as follows: One dollar (\$1.00) per member for the Supreme Council, one dollar (\$1.00) per member for the State Director's Office, and one dollar (\$1.00) per member for the local Council.
12. Official dress is the same as the dress for initiation. Once the Knight has passed the examination, a Navy Blue Beret with a gold tassel becomes a part of his official dress. Capes may be worn as accessories during special events. (Berets, insignias, capes, and other official items must be obtained through the State Director's Office to insure uniformity.)
13. The expenses of gasoline and other costs of the District Advisor in traveling to assist in the organization of a local Council are the responsibility of the subordinate lodge unless other arrangements are made. The expenses of the State Director are covered in the district assessments from the Masonic Districts.
14. The general objectives of the Pythagorean Program are set forth in the pamphlet entitled "Questions and Answers". Methods in accomplishing these objectives and details of the procedures will be left in the hands of each Council. The State Board of Regents and the Most Worshipful Grand Master only desire a successful operation in each jurisdiction. You are invited and encouraged to make full use of your District Advisor as well as the State Board of Regents in recruiting, organizing and planning a program for your Council.