

Pachyderm Preamble

It is our belief that most of the corrupting influences in American Politics could be erased and government generally made more responsive by one basic improvement. That is, simply for more good citizens to participate in politics. "We get the government we deserve, not the one we wish for," remains a guide-star for a free people. We offer a meaningful movement of political clubs as the most practical means by which a broad citizen participation in politics may be achieved.

US Senator Kit Bond



"As a charter member of the Pachyderm Club movement, I am proud of the club's contribution in the field of governmental and political affairs. The Pachyderms do a great job for the GOP through their hard work and dedication."

Why Join A National Organization?

Republicans are often dubious when it comes to joining national organizations and as such we are often asked, "Why join a national organization?" The reasons are many, but among them is that our National headquarters is designed to make the management of your club easier for your volunteers.

We have a proven system of club operations supported by officers handbooks, how to do it guides, a Web site with free hosting for member clubs, an established awards program and a proven track record with the Republican Party. As an official allied group of the RNC, local Pachyderm clubs are a recognized part of the party structure and are afforded the same status as organizations such as the National Federation of Republican Women and the Young Republicans.

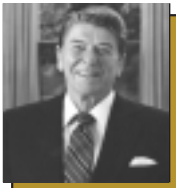
Since our clubs are locally managed and are required to follow only a few basic rules, the better question would be why create something new locally when you could instead make use of a proven system that is equipped to aid your local club?

What are Pachyderm Clubs?

The National Federation of the Grand Order of Pachyderm Clubs represents a new concept for Political clubs.

- We are a Republican group patterned after civic clubs with programs centered around government and politics.
- Pachyderm Club memberships are open to all Republicans and our clubs operate with no gender, religious, age or ethnic restrictions.
- Pachyderm Club meetings are open to the public and encourage non-member attendance.
- Pachyderm Clubs, as an organization, do not endorse issues nor candidates in a contested primary election.
- The National Federation of the Grand Order of Pachyderm Clubs is an official allied group of the Republican National Committee and as such, member clubs operate as enhancements to the Republican party rather than as competitors.
- The Pachyderm Federation recognizes that a club movement is one of the most practical means by which a broad citizen participation in politics may be achieved.
- Pachyderm clubs are controlled locally, yet operate within an established standard framework.
- Pachyderm Clubs meet year around and provide continuity for Republican volunteers & activists.

President Ronald Reagan



"Our freedoms are not safe unless we as citizens interest ourselves in government, inform ourselves about it and involve ourselves in it.

That is precisely what Pachyderms are doing."

Pachyderms Are....

A political club open to all Republicans.

An official Allied organization of the RNC.



On the web at www.pachyderms.org

Email us at www@pachyderms.org

Call toll free at (888)-gopachy

RNC Chairman Marc Racicot



"Pachyderm provides a forum for the thoughtful and candid discussion of ideas, not only among Republican activists, but the public as well. My own experience has convinced me that Pachyderm provides one of the most reliable, well informed forums on public affairs and I believe that it can provide those same invaluable services in your state as well. I am proud of the role I played in starting Pachyderm clubs and I would like to encourage you to take advantage of this great organization as well. If you are not currently a member, please join your local Club."

**Free
Government
Requires
Active Citizens**

**Join
The
Team**



**The National
Federation of the
Grand Order of
Pachyderm Clubs**

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Application for Membership

Local Club Information:

Meeting day _____

Meeting Time _____

Location _____

Dues Rates _____

At large membership

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (W) _____ (H) _____ (F) _____

E Mail _____

Please send Club Start Information At large membership

How to Start a Pachyderm Club

It only takes a single person with a little drive and vision to start a Pachyderm Club. Pachyderm clubs fulfill a crucial need in today's society and as a result are not difficult to get started nor to maintain. The National Headquarters can provide you with promotional videos, copies of this and other brochures as well as technical assistance and our step by step club start guide. Once your club is up and running, you will receive a President's handbook explaining how to operate your club as well as guides designed to make the jobs of the other officers as easy as possible.

To begin the process of building a new Pachyderm club please fill out the card at the left and indicate that you would like information about starting a new Pachyderm Club. Mail the completed card to the address listed below and we will have our team of volunteer club start assistants contact you.

How do I join an existing Club

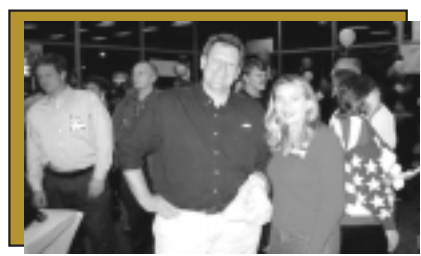
Joining your local Pachyderm club is very simple, either attend a meeting at the time and place shown on the card at the left and join in person or fill out the card at the left and mail to the address listed below along with your check.

If there is not yet a club in your area, we can assist you in starting one or you can join as an at large member at a cost of \$ 25 per year. At large members receive all of the benefits of a regular member, but they are not associated with a local club. Please mark the at large box on the card located at the left and return the card along with your check to the address listed below.

Please send your completed response card and check if requesting and at large or local club membership to:

The Purpose of Pachyderm

- To provide a practical means for broad citizen participation in politics.



- To promote political education and the dissemination of information on our political system.
- To promote the development of political leaders.
- To assist in carrying out the mission of the Republican Party, which includes:
 - Protecting individual rights and freedoms
 - Promoting clean government with local emphasis.
- To keep the public informed on the status of their government.
- To provide a public forum for the discussion of all sides of issues of local concern.
- To build unity in the Republican Party by providing a neutral forum for the discussion of divisive issues.
- To encourage citizen involvement in government at all levels from serving on boards and commissions to running for office.
- To provide training for both candidates and Republican volunteers throughout the year.
- To provide an environment of "Fun, Fellowship & Program."

The History of Pachyderm

The concept of the Pachyderm Club movement was developed in 1967 in Columbia Missouri as an informal gathering of citizens with their legislator. Pachyderm Founder George Parker had just become the first Republican elected to the Missouri legislature from Boone County since reconstruction and he had a strong desire to keep in contact with his supporters and constituents. He laid plans that each Friday he would return home to Columbia and have a luncheon with whoever choose to join him. The intention was simply to create a consistent forum for the interchange of ideas between himself and those in attendance, but it ultimately became much more.

This unofficial gathering became known to as the "Noon at the Boone" group in recognition of the Daniel Boone Hotel where they met each week. In 1968 the members decided to formalize their organization. They incorporated under the laws of Missouri and held a naming contest. The winning name was the "Grand Order of Pachyderm clubs" a play on the initials GOP.

In 1969 the second Pachyderm club was formed by Christopher Bond, in his hometown of Mexico, Missouri. Christopher or "Kit", as he is better known, went on to serve two terms as Governor of Missouri and is currently serving his third term in the United States Senate. Senator Bond has never lost his passion for the Pachyderm movement and continues to be one of our finest advocates.

Over the next few years Pachyderm Clubs spread throughout Missouri and in 1974 the National Federation of the Grand Order of Pachyderm Clubs was born.

Expansion continued slowly into additional states as members of the Missouri clubs took up residence in other areas of the nation. After expansion had occurred into California, Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Montana, Oregon Tennessee, Texas and Virginia, National Pachyderm was granted official auxiliary status by the Republican National Committee in 1992.