



WHAT?

1. **The National Federation of the Grand Order of Pachyderm Clubs. A unique concept for political clubs.**
 - A. Patterned after civic clubs. Programs centered around government and politics.
 - B. Clubs do not endorse issues nor candidates in a contested primary.
 - C. Recognizes that a club movement is one of the most practical means by which a broad citizen participation in politics may be achieved.
 - D. An official Allied organization of the Republican National Committee.

2. **Pachyderm clubs emphasize -- FUN, FELLOWSHIP and PROGRAM.**

3. **A local Pachyderm Club is whatever the local citizens make it.** They can have study groups for those interested in issues in depth, a youth committee, a political education committee to conduct campaign workshops and assist in other Republican Party training activities or they can be a club that primarily just has good programs. Good programs are fundamental. They serve to inform, educate, motivate and promote understanding of American politics and the political system. Since knowledge is power, just providing good programs can be a tremendous contribution to better government in one's community.

4. **Pachyderm Clubs provide a place where people can learn about and keep abreast of politics and government.** All citizens are equally responsible for our free government. Participating in a Pachyderm club is one way of carrying out this belief. A Pachyderm is a citizen, who is interested in better government and has demonstrated their concern by paying dues to the political club of their choice. Teddy Roosevelt made the point, "The first requisite of a good citizen in this Republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his weight."

5. **Pachyderm meetings are open to the public.** You do not need a personal invitation to attend. You're welcome at a Pachyderm Club meeting.

"Free Government Requires Active Citizens"

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WHY - START A CLUB?



" To be strong and responsible, our parties must be representative, and they can be no more representative than our participation allows. Millions more of us need to get into partisan political activity...If we do nothing, we guarantee our nation will be nothing. There is nothing for nothing any more. Our choice is simple, either we become partakers in the government, or we forsake the American future."

David S. Broder.

1. Typically, if an American desires to support something they believe in, they join an organization. For example, to support education, there is a PTA chapter in nearly every school. To support veteran's affairs and national defense, there is a veteran's club in nearly every city. To participate in political activity and support the candidates and party of your choice, do you have a club to belong to?

2. Every election our party stalwarts see new people come out to support some candidate. The "new" people have never been seen at a Republican party function before. What happens to them after the election if their candidate should lose?

3. When a person moves into your area and calls to say, "I'd like to participate in Republican activities. Please tell me what I can do?" What is your answer?

4. If it is important enough to meet weekly with your favorite civic club to promote doing good for the community, isn't it equally important to meet similarly to promote good candidates, better government, and keep abreast of political and governmental affairs?

5. Pachyderm Club rules make it possible to develop a stable, on going political club movement, which is non-factional and unifying in spirit.

These clubs have proven that they can.

- A. Become a communications center for politics and government.
- B. Motivate, inspire and keep workers together year-round.
- C. Aid in the recruitment of candidates.
- D. Serve as a training ground for volunteers and future leaders.
- E. Provide a forum for candidates, officeholders and others.
- F. Provide a place where citizens are welcome to learn about and keep abreast of political and governmental matters.

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