

REQUEST FOR GROUP HISTORY

“Whenever a society or civilization perishes there is always one condition present; they forgot where they came from.”-Carl Sandberg

Current Group Name_____ **Group Number**_____ **District**_____

1. When was your group started?
2. Who were the early members? Who started this group?
3. Why was the group started? (Did it begin because of a split from the parent group? Because of some unresolved dispute among members? Because there was a need for a different type of meeting in your area?)
4. Where were the first meetings held? How often did the group meet? Where does the group meet now?
5. What kind of meetings were held? Have there been changes in the type of meeting your group holds?
6. Have any groups split off from your group? Details?
7. Has the group changed its name over the years? If so, why?
8. Has membership grown/changed over the years? Has the group added additional weekly meetings?
9. Did the group encounter any special challenges or growing pains? (These can be anything from changes in meeting place, meeting format, personal conflicts too many or too few in attendance, those with problems other than alcohol, etc.)
10. Are there any amusing stories or anecdotes about your group’s beginnings and subsequent growth? (Sometimes these incidents give the group its unique flavor, and set it apart special for us.)

These questions are guidelines for a Group History. Please compile your group’s information on a separate sheet(s) of white paper suitable for permanent archive records. Give your group history to your District Archivist who will forward the original to the Area Archivist for the Area Archives. You should retain copies for your group’s and District records.