

# Society for the Preservation and Propagation of BarberShop Quartet Singing in the United States

## Frequently Asked Questions about Lodges

- ***What is an SPPBSQSUS Lodge?*** - A Lodge is a group of ten plus (10+) men who have decided to enjoy the fraternal camaraderie of like-minded men of good character that like to enjoy singing the old songs in the barbershop style.
- ***What are the membership requirements?*** - Each member of the Lodge MUST be a member of SPPBSQSUS.
- ***What is the cost of membership?*** – Currently, there is a \$50.00 lifetime membership fee
- ***How many men does it take to form a lodge?*** - A Lodge requires a minimum of ten (10) to form
- ***What is the purpose of a Lodge?*** - To enjoy the friendship and camaraderie that happens when men of good character sing in the old songs in 4-part harmony, perpetuating an American Artform from the turn of the previous century.
- ***How much does it cost to form a Lodge?*** - There is no Society cost for Lodge formation. However, there are individual state and federal Lodge corporation formation costs
- ***What are the benefits of forming a SPPBSQSUS Lodge*** – To facilitate fellowship, recreational singing and performance, having fun!
- ***What is the philosophy of SPPBSQSUS?*** - We believe singing is beneficial to the life of an individual and a community. That every man who enjoys singing can find a home singing 4-part harmony in the barbershop style. Enjoying the fraternal camaraderie that comes when men of good character raise their voices in Harmony and ring a barbershop chord.
- ***Are we restricted in what we can sing?*** – No, But since the purpose of a Lodge to enjoy, preserve and propagate music in the Barbershop style, not to mention it's fun, easy and rewarding, why would you want to sing anything else?
- ***How do we get started?*** – Go to the Society Website's, Lodges Tab- "How to Form a Lodge"
- ***My Group already has non-profit status (501 C-3) Is that good enough?*** – No, to be covered under our Society's umbrella of insurance your status must be reflective of being a lodge of SPPBSQSUS. You will need to reapply for a new 501 C-3.