

Texas KOP Councils

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Mission Statement for Texas KOP Youth Program

*The Most Venerable Thomas H. Rountt Grand Council,
Order of the Knights of Pythagoras is a Youth Program
sponsored by Prince Hall Masons of Texas.*

*Our organization takes young boys between the ages of
nine through twenty and trains them in the areas of
Leadership, Responsibility, and Brotherhood.*

*Providing a partnership between master masons, our
youth, parents, and the community. Our program
promotes family values, community service, and
continuously provide training for our youth as they
become the future leaders of today as well as
tomorrow...*

For More Information on how to become a Youth Knight or start a KOP program in your city, please contact **Michael L. Simms, Sr. State Director, KOP** @ (512)659-4595 or email him at Michael.Simms@Texaskop.net

Order of the Knights of Pythagoras (KOP) Youth Program

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Teaching our Youth; Leadership, Responsibility, and Brotherhood

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History of the KOP Program The Knights of Pythagoras is a youth program for boys between the ages of nine through twenty. This program exists currently in 25 states across the U.S. and is sponsored by Prince Hall Masons, Inc. This movement, originally the Chivalric Order of Knight Companions, was commenced by Masons representing The Grand Jurisdiction of Kansas and Colorado, in a conference held November 19th 1938.

It was adopted for universal use in the Grand Jurisdiction of Prince Hall Masons dispersed throughout the United States under the name "The Order of the Knights of Pythagoras," at the National Conference of Grand Masters of Prince Hall Masons, under the leadership of Grand Master Amos T. Hall, President, held in Denver, Colorado, May 8-10, 1951.

A survey of all the movements designed for the benefit of youths, as started in several Grand Jurisdictions, disclosed two alarming defects. (1) Because of the localization of these movements, boys found no similar organizations when they left their homes and traveled to other states, (2) the jurisdictions, of themselves, have shown that, financially and in many other respects, they are unable to provide adequately and efficiently for this all important work.

As a solution to these and many other difficulties, "The International Supreme Council of the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras" was formed at a National Conference on Youth, held in Chicago, Illinois, August 17, 1958 with Grand Masters and representatives of 20 Prince Hall (states) jurisdictions.

Texas KOP Program

In 1999 the late Most Worshipful Grand Master, The Honorable Robert E. Connor, Jr. felt it necessary to began a KOP Youth Program in his jurisdiction. He named the Grand Council after the late Most Worshipful Grand Master, The Honorable Thomas H. Routt. PGM Connors appointed Bro. Jamal Rasheed to get the program up and running for the jurisdiction of Texas.

In 2001 State Director Jamal Rasheed was elected as the Deputy Supreme Master Knight of the KOP program (National Level). In November 2001 PGM Connor appointed Michael Simms as the new State Director for Texas KOP. State Director Simms after seeing that only two councils remain active in the state took the program in a new direction. SD Simms began by reorganizing the leadership structure of the program. He then developed a theme that will give people a better understanding of what the program was about: Teaching our Youth, Leadership, Responsibility, and Brotherhood. As of December 2003 the councils in Texas grew.

KOP Councils – consist of adult supervision referred to as **Sir Knights** (Master Masons). The youth are referred to as **Youth Knights**. The council is made up of 15 youth officers. The Master Knight serves as the youth leader of the group, the Senior Knight (2nd in command), and Junior Knight (3rd in command) serves as his primary officers. There is a Youth Recorder (Secretary), Youth Treasurer, and a Youth Chaplain just to name a few. The councils meet once or twice a month.

What is a Youth Knight

1. A boy who falls between the ages of 9 - 20.
2. A boy who attends his meetings and contributes to the organization.
3. A boy who is ready to take on leadership roles and responsibility.
4. A boy who learns how to be a better citizen, leader, thereby providing a better world of tomorrow.



What is A Sir Knight

1. Prince Hall Mason(s) who contributes their time, effort, and financial support to the KOP Program
2. A Prince Hall Mason who often becomes a second father to the young men and boys who look up to him for guidance and support.
3. A Prince Hall Mason who cares about the development and growth of the youth in our city.
4. A Prince Hall Mason who strives together to prepare our Youth Knights to be leaders of tomorrow.

Parents Club – made up of parents of the Youth Knights who serves as officers; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chaplain. They assist the council whenever needed.

KOP YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

Each year councils from across the state come together for training and fellowship. They also compete in several competitions which includes a statewide basketball tournament, oratorical contest, and etc. These yearly conferences are held in various cities across Texas.