

## **STUDY HALL GANG MEMBER RULES**

### **I. Admission and Membership**

Membership to the Study Hall Gang requires:

- (a) actual attendance at one Friday Night Gig or Study Hall Gang Event;
- (b) submission of current contact information (email and cell phone number) to the Study Hall Gang Captain;
- (c) payment of annual dues; and
- (d) compliance with all Membership Rules and Privacy Policies.

The Council of Elders may suspend or terminate the membership of any Member for failure to comply with the foregoing.

### **II. Dues**

1. Dues are payable following a three-month trial membership period and then annually thereafter. The Study Hall Gang Council fixes the amount of annual dues. Effective November 1, 2018, the annual dues amount is fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

2. The Captain maintains the Study Hall Gang membership roster and notifies each member by Facebook Messenger or email when his/her dues are payable. Annual Membership Dues must be paid within thirty (30) days following delivery of the Captain's Notice. The Captain may terminate or suspend membership for failure to pay annual Membership Dues. Re-admission to the Study Hall Gang following termination for non-payment of dues requires immediate payment of the annual dues (*i.e.*, there is no 3-month trial period). Dues paid by a Member for the current year will be refunded if that Member is removed by the Council.

### **III. Gigs and Events**

1. Members should engage in respectful and civil discourse at all Gigs and Events at all times. Aggressive, abusive, or harassing conduct is grounds for the termination or suspension of Membership, in the discretion of the Council.

2. All Gigs and Events shall be open to all Members of the Study Hall Gang.

3. Official Study Hall Gang Events are exclusive to Study Hall Gang Members, subject to the following:

(a) Unless the Event description indicates that the Event is closed (*i.e.*, exclusive to Study Hall Gang Members), Members may invite not more than two (2) non-Member guests to any Study Hall Gang Event.

(b) Members may invite non-Member guests to a Study Hall Gang Event where the Description to the Study Hall Gang Event indicates that the Event is open to non-Members. In such instance, there shall be no limitation to the number of non-Member guests each Member may invite.

(c) In each of the foregoing cases, all guests of Members must pay all fees associated with the Study Hall Gang Event.

For the purposes hereof, an “Official Study Hall Gang Event” is an Event organized by the Study Hall Gang Events Committee or a Study Hall Gang Sub-Group and posted by the Captain or a Sub-Group Manager. For the purposes hereof, married Member couples shall constitute a single Member.

4. A designation by a Member through Facebook that he/she will be attending a Study Hall Gang Event posted the Group’s Facebook page (*i.e.*, “Going”) is not sufficient to reserve a seat or ticket to such Event; only advance payment of the designated Event Fee will reserve a seat or ticket. Events Committee Members and Subgroup Managers utilize the list of Members who indicate they are “going” to an Event to gauge anticipated attendance levels for the purpose of making reservations, ordering food, alcohol, and supplies, and providing other accommodations.

5. (a) In the event that a Member cannot attend an Event for which he/she has purchased a seat or ticket (a “Cancelling Member”), subject to subparagraph (b) below, that Member should notify the Events Committee Member or Subgroup Manager who posted the Event so that such Events Committee Member or Manager may resell the seat or ticket to Members who may be wait-listed or otherwise.

(b) In the event that the Events Committee Member or Manager distributes physical printed tickets for an Event, then a Cancelling Member shall have the option of: (i) selling or transferring his/her ticket independently without advising the Events Committee Member or Manager who posted the Event; or (ii) turning his/her ticket over to the Events Committee Member or Manager who posted the Event, so that it may be resold by such Events Committee Member or Manager.

(c) If the Events Committee Member or Subgroup Manager who posted the Event is able to resell the ticket of a Cancelling Member, the Cancelling Member will be issued a refund, net of transaction costs to the extent applicable. If the seat or ticket cannot be resold, no refund will be issued.

#### **IV. Assumption of Risk and Release**

By attending any Official SHG Event, you acknowledge that you are voluntarily participating in all activities associated with the Event, and understand and acknowledge that there are risks associated with your participation, such as physical and/or psychological injury, pain, suffering, illness, disfigurement, temporary or permanent disability, death or economic loss. By attending any SHG Event, you assume all risks of your participation in such activities, whether known or unknown to you, and release from liability the Study Hall Gang, its managers, administrators, members, and agents from any and all claims, including claims of negligence, resulting in any physical injury, illness (including death) or economic loss that you may suffer or which may result from your participation in the Event or activities incidental to the Event. For the purposes hereof, an "Official Study Hall Gang Event" is an Event organized by the Study Hall Gang Events Committee or a Study Hall Gang Sub-Group and posted by the Captain or a Sub-Group Manager.

#### **V. Liquor Inventory and Liquor Surcharge**

1. The Council of Elders utilizes the dues fund and member donations to purchase and maintain an inventory of liquor for use by the Study Hall Gang at all "open bar" Study Hall Gang Events. The liquor inventory constitutes property of the Study Hall Gang, and (unlike event food) is not dispensed to members at the close of events. It is not available to individual members for private consumption or for private "after-parties." Any acts or efforts by members (or guests of members) to take bottles of liquor from the Study Hall Gang bar facilities after the close of a party or event is prohibited. Violation of the foregoing may be grounds for the termination or suspension of Membership, in the discretion of the Council.

2. The fee for all Events which feature an open bar which utilizes the Study Hall Gang liquor stock (whether tended or untended), shall include a \$5 surcharge. In other words, if the Events Committee determines the initial fee for a particular event to be \$20 (designed to cover expenses particular to that event), the final fee, inclusive of the liquor surcharge, shall be \$25. The liquor surcharge will not apply to events which do not feature an open SHG bar, or are BYO (like book club meetings), or occur at outside restaurants which have their own bar facilities. All Event descriptions shall highlight this distinction.

#### **VI. Charitable Donations**

The Study Hall Gang or its Official Subgroups may from time to time solicit donations from SHG Members for charitable causes and programs. In the event that such donations are collected in, and then paid out from, the SHG Bank Account, the Council reserves the right to pool such donations and to pay them out collectively as a donation from the Study Hall Gang at large, rather than from the individual donating members. In such cases, donating Members waive their right to receive charitable donation receipts for individual tax deduction purposes, and all such rights shall be deemed assigned to and for the benefit of the Study Hall Gang.

## **VII. The Study Hall Gang Facebook Page**

1. All discussion and discourse on the Study Hall Gang Facebook page must be civil and respectful of all members in terms of sex, age, race, religion, sexual preference, and political affiliation. Posts or comments (including photos, videos, memes, jokes, or other media) concerning politics, race, or religion are prohibited. Personal attacks and objectively offensive posts are prohibited. Posts which predominantly serve prurient interests are disfavored as a matter of SHG policy. The Council of Elders reserves the right to remove any posts or comments in violation of the foregoing.

2. Limited commercial posts are permitted with prior approval from the Council of Elders. The Council of Elders considers requests to post commercial matters on a case by case basis. Generally speaking, however, the Council will approve a commercial post if: (i) it promotes a specific event; (ii) there is some entertainment value in the event; and (iii) there is some benefit conferred upon the group, like discount pricing.

3. General posts to the Study Hall Gang Facebook page should be limited to communications to the group at large, rather than messages to individual members. This Rule does not apply to comments and replies within or under posts.

4. In deference to the Study Hall Gang's policy of inclusion, Members should refrain from posting photos or references to private or exclusive events.

5. The "blocking" of a member of the Council is prohibited.

6. Repeated violations of the foregoing posting Rules may be grounds for the termination or suspension of Membership, in the discretion of the Council.

## **VIII. Fitzgerald's 1928**

The Study Hall Gang maintains a mutually beneficial relationship with Fitzgerald's 1928. In exchange for our regular patronage, the owners provide members of the Study Hall Gang discount (*i.e.*, "Happy Hour") pricing on certain drinks and free platters of food, but that policy continues in their sole discretion. In furtherance of this relationship, Study Hall Gang Members should be respectful of the restaurant's bar staff, wait staff, furniture, décor, and facilities (including the restrooms). Please ensure that you pay for all items you order and tip appropriately.

## **IX. Complaints**

Complaints about Study Hall Gang Policies, Rules, or violations of Policies or Rules should be directed to a member of the Council of Elders privately. Complaints will be treated by the Council confidentially.

Approved by Resolution of the Study Hall Gang Council  
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