

How to name your Pub

The Pondering Pub encourages its Pubs to name themselves, otherwise they'll be designated by formation number (Pub #4). We follow a naming scheme similar to how medieval English Pubs were named.

Pre-Reformation, many businesses were named after a Saint. "St. George's Pub." "St. Luke's Shop." Etc. During the English Reformation, some businesses were pressured to minimize their patronage. Thus, some Pubs simply described their saint.

- St George's = The Lamb and the Flag (famous symbols of his)
- St. Luke's = The Eagle and Child (Luke is traditionally depicted as an Eagle)

We encourage you to name your Pub in a similar fashion.

- The Adjective Noun
- The X and the Y

Describe your patron or dedicated event using objects or animals. Below are some examples:

The Oil Lamp - This Pub's name was inspired by a parable in the New Testament. Christ tells multiple parables comparing active Christianity to an Oil Lamp, being a light in the darkness. Desiring to imitate that role, this Pub named themselves after these parables.

The Dumb Ox - The founder of this Pub grew up Catholic, and has an affection for Thomas Aquinas. Aquinas was nicknamed "The Dumb Ox," so they named and dedicated themselves to him.

The Stone and the Giant - This Pub dedicated themselves to David in the Old Testament. It was an honorable figure all participants could agree on. The most recognizable aspect of David is his fighting Goliath, so they described that battle using 2 nouns.

The Laughing Chicken - Philippo Neri was a Catholic saint known for humor and laughter. He was filled with Holy joy so much, that he'd pause Church to laugh. They put a chicken for him to pet to ground him back to reality. This Pub desired to be known for their cheerful and optimistic approach to life, and described their Pub as such.

More Tips:

Choose the person or event you want to be known for.

Pick out 2-3 significant, tangible details in that person's life or event's occurrence.

If there are 2 major items, name yourself The X and the Y.

If there is 1 item, pair it with a qualifying adjective. The Adjective Noun.

Please reach out to your mentor if you'd like to bat ideas around.