

ABOUT TGN

The Gentlemen's Network (TGN), is an Illinois based 501C3 organization, founded in January 2019 by Dwayne E. Smith. TGN's membership is currently comprised of just over 500 SGL men of color between the ages of 18 – 62. There are chapters in three US cities - Chicago, Atlanta and Washington D.C. (DMV), as well as satellite members who live throughout the United States.

What is Our Brand? (WHO WE ARE)

- We are a Brotherhood (Of Quality Professional SGL Men of Color)
- We are a Network (A Place of Resources)
- We are an Empowerment Group (to Encourage, Promote, and Assist with Self-Improvement)
- We are Mental Health Advocates (We spread Hope and all facets of Life Support)



What is Our Motto?

We are better together.)



WHAT'S THE MISSION OF TGN?

To make a positive impact on the lives of SGL men of color globally, **eliminate division** within our community, and **produce leaders** who pay our mission forward and make a difference.

WE DO THIS BY:

- Motivating, inspiring, uplifting and supporting SGL men of color
- Teaching SGL men of color to put their differences to the side and unite.
- Promoting self-improvement and brotherhood
- Encouraging freedom & authenticity
- Providing a safe space where SGL men of color can show up as their authentic selves, heal and grow
- Fostering quality relationships to build our community
- Changing our SGL community one person at a time



SOME OF THE GOALS OF THE ORGANIZATION INCLUDE:

- ✓ Creating a safe space for SGL men to exchange ideas and knowledge
- ✓ To improve the mental, physical, emotional and spiritual health of SGL men of color.
- ✓ Helping heal the LGBTQ+ community through outreach initiatives
- ✓ Advocating for queer men of color to show up in spaces as their authentic selves
- ✓ Stopping the spread of HIV and AIDS

WHAT IS THE VISION OF TGN?

We envision a global network and brotherhood of SGL men of color who: are leaders in their respective communities, and who create and foster opportunity for others to grow and develop.

- TGN is a social networking group
- TGN seeks to disrupt current stereotypical models of the LGBTQ+ community, by bringing SGL men closer together, and creating support systems that will elevate the aspirations of those connected to the network.
- TGN is passionately dedicated to reaching within to build our community: – to equally ground and propel SGL men into their purpose, and bring awareness and solutions to current affairs impacting the LGBTQ+ community



THE WORK WE DO

ONGOING PROGRAMMING – THIS IS HOW WE EXECUTE OUR MISSION AND VISION

