

Hosting a Frat

We would like the Frats to move around so as many Guild members as possible have the opportunity to attend a Frat without too much inconvenience or expense. Of course this gets back to the main problem we have with any Guild event, no matter where it's held it will be a long trip for the majority. Hopefully we can make it so if you have to make a long trip to a Frat the next one will be right around the corner. The best way for you to make that happen is to host a Frat. Here are some guidelines for hosting a Frat.

Have some Guild members nearby

Unfortunately if you are the only Guild member within a 200-mile radius you are probably not a good candidate to host a Frat. Most of our membership is within a couple hours' drive of other members. Give these people a call; see if there is interest in getting something going in your area.

A big room with tables

A typical folding table will accommodate two faceters. So if we have 20 faceters attending we would need room for 10 folding tables. School classrooms, church or civic community rooms, conference rooms or even a pole building are all good candidates. Please note that we need tables not those chair/desks common to classrooms, they just don't work well with faceting machines. We will also need chairs. If need be, tables and chairs can always be rented as long as they aren't too expensive.

Reasonable Cost

We charge \$10 per person for the Frats, which should cover the cost of most facilities. If we have a Frat at a place like a church that doesn't charge us we will use at least a portion of that money to make a thank you donation to them. If the facility costs more than what we collect the Guild will make up the difference **within reason**. We need to look at the facility cost versus the number of participants we expect and make sure we limit the cost to the Guild.

Please consider hosting a Frat. As for when to have it that is fairly open, though we should probably stay away from summer because it tends to be a busy time for many people and we already have two seminars this summer. We definitely want to schedule one for October in conjunction with the annual meeting. This is an evolving thing and to be completely honest we're sorta making it up as we go along.