

About Us

Tulare County Stonewall Democrats is a chartered organization of the Tulare County Democratic Central Committee and affiliated with the CADem LGBT Caucus and the CDC (California Democratic Council).

The purpose of the Tulare County Stonewall Democrats is to work within the Tulare County Democratic Party, providing a strong voice and representation within the party structure; securing full equal rights of LGBT citizens through affecting legislation and policies; and encouraging LGBT community to participate fully as Democrats at all levels of policymaking and public service.



"We must destroy the myths once and for all, shatter them....And most important, every gay person must come out....Once they realize that we are their children, that we are everywhere, every myth, every lie, every innuendo will be destroyed."

• Harvey Milk, San Francisco supervisor, 1978

First they came for the communists, and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a communist.

Then they came for the socialists, and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a trade unionist.

Then they came for me, and there was no one left to speak for me.

• Pastor Martin Niemöller (1892–1984)



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U.S. Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts (ret)

National Stonewall Democrats is a Washington-based LGBT rights group affiliated with the Democratic Party. The word "Stonewall" in group's name refers to the Stonewall riots of 1969, a pivotal event in the history of protecting equal rights for LGBT people.

History

National Stonewall Democrats was founded in 1998 by U.S. Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts. The group was incorporated in 1999.

Before the group was founded, state and local LGBT Democratic groups in the United States coordinated their activities nationally from 1982 to 1987 through the Washington-based National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs. After the association closed, the groups communicated in 1995 through an online national network. The communication resulted in the groups' founding in 1996 of the Washington-based National Stonewall Democratic Federation to affiliate with the Democratic National Committee.



The group describes itself as "a grassroots force for social change within our movement and within our party." It has more than 90 chapters throughout the United States which focus on a variety of equality issues. The group also operates a political action committee (PAC) which coordinates campaign contributions and support from local chapters to endorse pro-equality Democrats in federal elections.

The University of Michigan Stonewall Dems chapter became the first of its kind at a college or university in 2003. It has advocated for open housing, lifting the ban on gay men who wish to donate blood and statewide anti-bullying campaigns.

www.stonewalldemocrats.org

Stonewall membership is open to all Democrats, regardless of sexual orientation.



National Stonewall Democrats office in the Logan Circle area of Washington, D.C.



The Stonewall Riots

In the summer of 1969, the New York gay activist movement was born when a group of gay New Yorkers made a stand against raiding police officers at the Stonewall. On June 27, 1969, the patrons of the Stonewall fought back.

As the police raided the bar, a crowd of four hundred patrons gathered on the street outside and watched the officers arrest the people inside. The crowd eventually grew to an estimated 2000. Stonewall turned out to be a pivotal moment in the gay rights movement. It united the gay community in New York in the fight against discrimination. The following year, a march was organized in the commemoration of the Stonewall Riots and between 5,000 to 10,000 men and women attended the march.

www.stonewall-place.com

