

The Meeting was called to order by _____,
and as the first order of business, the council voted:

Bro. _____ as Council Moderator

Bro. _____ as Council Secretary

The candidate(S), were questioned by members of the Council
and given a charge by the Council.

The candidate(s) was allowed a response time to express his views and beliefs in the
Southern Baptist Faith and more important, in the Bible.

Whereupon a motion by: _____ to recommend the candidate(s) for
ordination, and motion seconded by: _____ and the council having
voted to approve said motion;

The Council gives a Full, entire, and hearty **"Recommendation of the candidate(s)"**

and recommends the following candidate(s) be ordained by:

_____ BAPTIST CHURCH, into the GOSPEL Ministry.

Bro. _____ (Council moderator)
_____ (Witness)

Bro. _____ (Council Questionnaire)
_____ (Witness)

Bro. _____ (Council secretary)
_____ (Witness)

_____, La.
(city)

_____/_____/_____
(date)

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF ORDINATION COUNCIL:

The election of officers:

1. moderator to preside
2. secretary records actions of the council

QUESTIONING OF THE CANDIDATE(S):

The moderator should ask the candidate to take a chair in front of the ordaining council, where he will be examined concerning his qualifications for the ministry. **This should also be a time of sharing wisdom by experienced ordained members of the council, with the candidate(s) being considered.** Respecting the wisdom of both the Pastor and the congregation of this church in their calling for these men to be set aside for ordination, the candidates should be considered as qualified and this council should be more to affirm and encourage, rather than drill and question the candidate(s). The questioning, which should last between 30 and 45 minutes, is led by the person elected to examine the candidate.

Among the questions that "could" be asked are:

1. **Tell of your conversion experience**
2. **Relate your call to the ministry**
3. **Share what you believe about the Bible**
4. **Relate your understanding of God**
5. **Tell how a person can be saved**
6. **What is a New Testament Church**
7. **What are the ordinances of the church**
8. **What is significance of those ordinances**
9. **What is the mission of the church**
10. **Who is the Holy Spirit**
11. **What is Christian Stewardship**
12. **What do you believe about heaven**
13. **What do you believe about hell**
14. **What do you believe about the Second Coming of Christ**
15. **If this council should choose not to recommend you for ordination, what would you do ?**

If the council is satisfied with candidate(s) responses, a motion to recommend ordination to the church should be made and voted.

This action should be recorded by the secretary and a certificate of ordination signed by each member of the ordination council.