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**Robin Carnahan** 

**Secretary of State** 

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSO

IN THE MATTER OF HLED THE APPLICATION OF THE Case No. 0816CV19471 ORDER OF CORPORATE REUNION DIVISION 5 FOR INCORPORATION Division No. 5 JAN 2 5 2010 CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MO JUBGMEN DECREE APPROVING ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

AND GRANTING A PRO FORMA DECREE CHARTER

Now on this day comes the Order of Corporate Reunion, a benevolent organization and submits to the court Articles of Agreement prepared and executed by its members on behalf of said organization, together with an Application praying that said Articles of Agreement, be approved as provided in Section 352.060, Chapter 352, Revised Statutes of Missouri, the Court having examined the Articles of Agreement and being duly advised in the premises does now consider, adjudge, and determine that the Articles of Agreement come properly within the purview of Chapter 352, Missouri Revised Statutes and are not inconsistent with the Constitution or the laws of the United States or of the State of Missouri.

Wherefore, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the said Articles of Agreement be and they hereby, are approved.

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|                                |   | Case # <b>0816CV19471</b> |
| +Peter Paul Brennan, OCR       | ) |                           |
| +Michael James Kline, OCR      | ) |                           |
| The Order of Corporate Reunion | ) |                           |

## Petition Praying for a Pro Forma Decree Charter INCORPORATION OF EXISTING RELIGIOUS SOCIETY

We humbly pray that the Most Honorable Court shall be of the opinion that such articles of agreement and the purposes of the Order of Corporate Reunion come properly within the purview of Benevolent Non-Profit Corporation Statutes of the State of Missouri, and are not inconsistent with the Constitution or laws of the United States, or of this State, the Most Honorable Court please enter of record an order to that effect.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

The Most Honorable Court has jurisdiction over this case under RSMO Chapter 352.

#### Article I - Name

The name of this Pro Forma Decree Benevolent Corporation is **The Order of Corporate Reunion**, also known as: **OCR.** 

#### **Article II - Location**

The location of the corporation shall be in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri.

#### **Article III - Duration**

The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

#### **Article IV - Purpose**

The purposes and objectives of the Order of Corporate Reunion are:

- a) The Order of Corporate Reunion promotes Christian Unity through prayer and action. The Order is an association of clergy and laity dedicated to the idea that the Patriarch of the West (aka: the Bishop of Rome, the Pope) is the Center of Christian Unity. In his book, Order Out of Chaos, the Founder of the Order, the Rev. Dr. Frederick George Lee wrote in 1881 that "the visible head of the One Christian Family....is the Bishop of the His motto became THAT ALL MAY BE ONE. The purpose of the See of St. Peter." OCR is the reconciliation of Anglicans and Roman Catholics. The OCR first served Anglicans who belonged to the Catholic party in the Church of England, but today's OCR is ecumenical and interdenominational. The purpose of the OCR and its previous organization, the Association for the Promotion of the Unity of Christendom, was the reunification of the Holy Catholic Church of both the West and the East. This is the true and original Order of Corporate Reunion. Members see a model of Christianity in Jesus' prayer: That they all may be one. His words motivate us to bring his prayer into a lived reality.
- b) To promote for all legitimate and legal purposes
- c) To promote and is further formed to provide for some good in the order of benevolence, that is useful to the public
- d) It shall be the further purpose of the Order of Corporate Reunion to promote and perpetuate the society organization formed for benevolent religious purposes

#### Article V: Exclusive Claim:

The Order of Corporate Reunion makes an original exclusive claim to its original name as established under English Common Law in 1874 at London. We formally assert our title and exclusive ownership of the name, to wit: Order of Corporate Reunion, and The Order of Corporate Reunion, and OCR.

#### Article VI: Member and non-voting members:

There shall be one "Member"; the "Member" shall be the Universal Primate, who, under the rules or practices of a nonprofit association, may participate in the selection of persons authorized to manage the affairs of the nonprofit association or in the development of policy of the nonprofit association. Mention of any other "members" are considered non-voting, and therefore have no legal rights to ownership, title, nor legal management of the Order of Corporate Reunion; former members are also considered having no legal rights to ownership, title, nor legal management of the Order of Corporate Reunion. Non-voting membership is open to the public, under such reasonable rules and regulations as the Universal Primate - Bishop may prescribe.

#### **Article VII: HISTORY:**

The Reverend Frederick George Lee (1832-1902) was Rector of All Saints Church, Lambeth, England, and an original Founder of the Order of Corporate Reunion along with Reverend Thomas Mossman and Reverend Joseph Seccombe, in 1874 in London. The Lee family descended from Caroline divines via the Non-jurors Bishop. The Nonjuror Bishops (aka: Non-juring Bishops) had refused an oath of allegiance to the Kings of England and to the hierarchy of the Anglican Church. This is the only true and original Order of Corporate Reunion. We see a model of Christianity in Jesus' prayer: That they all may be one. His words motivate us to bring his prayer into a lived reality. It is of the greatest importance to state that The Order of Corporate Reunion is a semisecret organization for realizing the prayer of Jesus according to The Gospel of Saint Johannes 17:21. The commission is defined in Pastoral Letter by the Rector, Provincials, and Provosts of the Order of Corporate Reunion, announced at the First Synod 3-4 July 1877, St Paul's Cathedral, London, United Kingdom. This document is given the chief aim of the Order: to work for a reunion of the apostolic-founded churches before the schism of 1054.

The following Byzantine Catholic Bishop and three Roman Catholic Bishops: + Dominicus Cardinal Agostino (CardinalPatriarch of Venice), assisted by + Luigi Cardinal Nazari di Calabiana (Archbishop of Milan), + Vincentius Cardinal Moretti, and + Ignatios Ghiurekian (a Byzantine Catholic Archbishop and Abbot-General of Ordo Mechitaristarum Venetiarum from the Island of Saint Lazarus near Venice) in 1877, acting under the authorization of Blessed + Pope Pius IX, consecrated as Bishops of valid Apostolic Successions for the Order of Corporate Reunion: + Frederick George Lee, + Thomas Wimberley Mossman, and + John Thomas Seccombe. The current Universal Primate of this Order is +The Most Reverend Peter Paul Brennan. Our Primate Emeritus is +The Most Reverend Bertil Persson.

#### **Article VIII: SUCCESSION - TITLE:**

Title by Succession: Because of judgment in law a corporation never dies; and therefore its predecessors who lived over a century ago, and its successor's now one in being are one and the same body incorporate. Such right of succession to title is universally inherent by common law. The Prime Bishop, also known as the Primate and Universal Primate, is a bishop chosen to collectively represent all of this society's individual subjects, he stands in the place of and represents his corporate capacity because in law he is their representative, and furthermore may exercise his right of Episcopal prerogative as he sees fit. When it becomes necessary for the peace of this society that the Primacy occupancy should be continued, not only in the present possessor, but in those persons to whom he should think proper to transfer it, by

choosing a successor by the ancient right of bequeathing (*please reference below* - <u>advowson</u>). A Camerlengo may also be appointed to temporarily function for the Primate in the event of his incapacity.

A WEB ADDRESS SOURCE: advowson:

http://www.lonang.com/exlibris/blackstone/bla-203.htm

There exist two additional Order of Corporate Reunion Leaders living today who will serve their offices as **executor** and **administrator** in the event of untimely death of the existing Primate: The Most Reverend Bertil Persson (Primate Emeritis), Illerstigen 22 S-170 71 Solna, Sweden, and The Most Reverend Francis C. Spataro 8046 234th Street, Queens, NY 11427. The existing Universal Primate may also designate alternates as he deems suitable.

#### **Article IX: ENGLISH COMMON LAW:**

RSMO 1.010 Common law in force - effect on statutes. The Common Law of England and all statutes and acts of parliament made prior to the fourth year of the reign of James the First, of a general nature, which are not local to that kingdom and not repugnant to or inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, the constitution of this state, or the statute laws in force for the time being, are the rule of action and decision in this state, any custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding, but no act of the general assembly or law of this state shall be held to be invalid, or limited in its scope or effect by the courts of this state, for the reason that it is in derogation of, or in conflict with, the common law, or with such statutes or acts of parliament; but all acts of the general assembly, or laws, shall be liberally construed, so as to effectuate the true intent and meaning thereof.

William Blackstone's <u>Commentaries of the Laws of England</u>, and RSMO 1.010, and RSMO Chapter 352 will be responsible accepted reference sources for addressing any additional legal question regarding the Order of Corporate Reunion's existence and function as a Benevolent Christian Religious Corporation.

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#### Article X: Financial:

Current funding has been internally generated by gifting and donations. The corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise. Because it is not lawful for this corporation to create or contract any debt or pecuniary obligation in the nature of a debt; and any attempt to create or contract any such debt or obligation shall be, ipso facto, void. Nor shall this corporation mortgage or deed in

trust, any of its property, or sell any such property, except by way of exchange for property of equal value, or for reinvestment.

If so ordered by the Honorable Court, this corporation shall endeavor as soon as feasible to create and maintain a nominal endowment fund, to remain perpetually intact, that means may thereby be provided for the stability and support of the corporation; and to this end all moneys voluntarily contributed as life membership, and by persons not residents of the locality where such corporation is located, who desire to be registered as members, and one-fourth of the current subscriptions from memberships, shall be set apart, until the moneys derived from these sources, together with such as lawfully come into such endowment fund from other sources, shall amount in the aggregate to be determined at a future meeting of this Order of Corporate Reunion's Bishops. endowment fund shall not be invested in securities or stock of any private trading or for profit corporation or on any personal security, nor any other investment forbidden by laws, and the principal thereof shall not be encroached upon or expended by this corporation for any purpose. The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.

#### Article XI: Amendment of charter.

As an existing corporation formed for benevolent, religious purposes, We may amend our charter in any matter germane to our charter, by submitting the proposed amendment to the circuit court, and in other respects proceeding as required in section RSMO 352.060 for the original articles of agreement. And upon the issuing of a certified copy of such amendment by the secretary of state, such amendment shall become and be part of the charter of such corporation, with like effect and validity as though originally incorporated in such charter. The Order of Corporate Reunion may, without losing its personal identity, change its corporate name as an amendment to its charter. Ref: RSMO 352.070

#### **SUMMARY:**

The current activities of the present Universal Primate Most Rev. Peter Paul Brennan are in strictly meaning an excellent realization of the chief aim of The Order of Corporate Reunion. The Order of Corporate Reunion has according to its commission a defined program. The Leaders of the Order support ecumenical activities but only those in harmony with its commission can be done in the name of The Order of Corporate Reunion.

We, hereby declare, under the penalties of false statement, that the statements made in the foregoing certificate are true. +Bishop Michael Kline may execute written articles of incorporation and is acknowledged before the Universal Primate as an officer, and he is authorized to act on our behalf as a Registered Agent and Incorporator before the Honorable Circuit Courts of Missouri.

#### PETITION FOR INCORPORATION:

We therefore pray that the Most Honorable Court grant and order our petition as a Benevolent Non-Profit Corporation WHEREFORE, the Petitioner prays the Court to issue an order authorizing and directing the establishment under the Missouri nonprofit benevolent corporations statutes, RSMO Chapter 352.

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+Most Reverend Michael Kline, OCR 2447 McKinley Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64129 (816) 529-3767

+Most Reverend Francis C. Spataro, OCR 8046 234th Street, Queens, NY 11427 (917) 373-4036

## State of Missouri



### Robin Carnahan Secretary of State

#### CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE RECORDS

I, ROBIN CARNAHAN, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri and Keeper of the Great Seal thereof, do hereby certify that the annexed pages contain a full, true and complete copy of the original documents on file and of record in this office.

# PRO FORMA DECREE OF INCORPORATION OF

The Order of Corporate Reunion B01036801

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri. Done at the City of Jefferson, this 17th day of February, 2010.

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Secretary of State

