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of the

MARKLAND MEDIEVAL MERCENARY MILITIA, LIMITED

(A corporation not for profit)

We, ANDREA L. PETERS of 8906 Montgomery Avenue, North Chevy Chase, Maryland, 20015; WILLIAM J. REIGGER of 2 Cedar Heights Court, Apt. D, Baltimore, Maryland, 21207; DON W. STALLONE of 2721 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20902; THOMAS J. GOODWIN of 9112 Bridgewater Street, College Park, Maryland, 20740; being over the age of 21 years, have associated ourselves together, as a corporation not for profit under the name of "MARKLAND MEDIEVAL MERCENARY MILITIA, LIMITED" of 4998 Battery Lane, Apt. 203, Bethesda, Maryland, 20014, for the purpose of becoming a body corporate, not for profit, under the laws of the State of Maryland; and we do hereby make, sign, and acknowledge these articles of incorporation.

ARTICLE I.

The corporate name and style of our company shall be the "MARKLAND MEDIEVAL MERCENARY MILITIA, LIMITED".

ARTICLE II.

The objects and purposes for which our said corporation is formed, organized, and incorporated are:

1. To aid, encourage, and promote by means of monetary grants and other assistance:
 - a. Study and interest in the fields of science, history, art, and music associated with the medieval period.
 - b. The design, reconstruction, and operation of structures, vehicles, implements, instruments, clothing, ornaments, and other artifacts of the medieval period.
2. To publish facts and information by means of articles, books, pamphlets, and other literature concerning the medieval period, and the study thereof.
3. To receive and administer funds and to expend the income therefrom for such scientific, historical, and educational purposes as are associated with the foregoing purposes and for no other purpose whatsoever, and to that end, to take and hold by bequest, devise, gift, purchase, or lease, either absolutely or in trust, for the foregoing objects and purposes, or any of them, any property, whether real, personal, or mixed, without limitation to amount of value.
4. To sell, convey, and dispose of any property and to invest and reinvest the principal thereof; and to deal with and expend the income therefrom for any of the aforementioned purposes without limitation, except such limitations, if any, as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received.
5. To receive any property, real, personal, or mixed, in trust under the terms of any will, deed of trust, or other trust instrument for the foregoing purposes, or any of them, in administering the same, to carry out the directions and exercise of powers contained in the trust instrument under which the property is received, including expenditures of the principal as well as the income for one or more of such purposes if authorized or directed in the trust instrument under which it was received.
6. To receive, take title to, hold and use, the proceeds and income of stocks, bonds, obligations, and other securities of any corporation or corporations, domestic or foreign, but only for the foregoing purposes or some of them.
7. In general, to exercise any and all and every power which a non-profit corporation organized under the Statutes of the State of Maryland is authorized to exercise in carrying out of the aforementioned purposes.
8. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

ARTICLE III.

1. The affairs and management of the corporation shall be under the control and direction of a Board of Trustees consisting of four (4) senior members of this corporation elected by a majority vote of the members present and voting at the annual meeting as established in the by-laws after notice given pursuant to the by-laws.
2. The names and term of office of the original trustees shall be as follows:
 - ANDREA L. PETERS for a term expiring June 21, 1976
 - WILLIAM J. REIGGER for a term expiring June 21, 1976
 - DON W. STALLONE for a term expiring June 21, 1976
 - THOMAS G. GOODWIN for a term expiring June 21, 1976

Thereafter, on the expiration of the term of office of any trustee, his successor shall be elected for a term of one (1) year, or until his successor is elected and qualifies.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of the corporation shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer, elected by a majority vote of the members present and voting at the annual meeting from the membership of the board of trustees. The term of office shall be for one (1) year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE V.

The membership of this corporation shall consist of:

1. Senior Memberships: Individuals of the age of twenty-one (21) years or older, contributing annually not less than such amount as may be established by the trustees pursuant to the by-laws from time to time. These members shall have voting rights.
2. Junior Memberships: Individuals under the age of twenty-one (21) years contributing annually not less than such amount as may be established by the trustees pursuant to the by-laws from time to time. These members shall have voting rights.
3. Associate Memberships: Individuals or organizations who register themselves with and are accepted by this corporation for their own common interest, but do not contribute annually any regular amount to the corporation. These members shall have no voting rights.

ARTICLE VI.

Any conveyance or encumbrance of all or any part of the corporate property may be made pursuant to the authority of a majority of the board of trustees, and any conveyance or encumbrance of the corporation shall be executed by the president and duly attested by the vice-president, secretary, or treasurer.

ARTICLE VII.

The trustees, with the approval of a simple majority of the membership present and voting at any annual or special meeting, shall have the power to make, alter, or amend such by-laws as they deem proper.

ARTICLE VIII.

The corporation shall have perpetual existence. The corporation is not authorized to issue capital stocks.

ARTICLE IX.

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such a manner, or to such organization(s) organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as at the time shall qualify as an exempt organization(s) under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding provisions of any United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Trustees shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization(s) as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE X.

The principal offices of said corporation shall be reached through P.O. Box 715, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. The resident agent is BRUCE E. BLACKISTONE, who actually resides in Maryland.

ARTICLE XI.

These articles of incorporation may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the members by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present; provided that notice, including any proposed amendment, is given at least thirty (30) days prior to such regular or special meeting.

In witness, whereof we have signed these articles of incorporation on June 23, 1975

Andrea L. Peters
 William J. Reigger
 Don W. Stallone
 Thomas J. Goodwin

STATE OF MARYLAND

City of Bethesda

County of Montgomery

Before me, Paul Roy Gowen, personally appeared ANDREA L. PETERS, WILLIAM J. REIGGER, DON W. STALLONE, and THOMAS J. GOODWIN, personally known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing articles of incorporation, and acknowledged that they signed the said instrument as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and seal this 23rd day of June, 1975

My commission expires: July 1, 1978

Paul Roy Gowen
 Notary Public