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APPLICATION BY FOREIGN NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT ITS AFFAIRS IN FLORIDA

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 617.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT ITS AFFAIRS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

1. **Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, Inc.**

(Name of corporation: must include the word "INCORPORATED" or "CORPORATION" or words or abbreviations of like import in language as will clearly indicate that it is a corporation instead of a natural person or partnership if not so contained in the name at present. "Company" or "Co." may not be used as a corporate suffix by a nonprofit corporation.)

2. District of Columbia 3. 38-0793011
 (State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FBI number, if applicable)
4. 07-12-1895 5. perpetual
 (Date of Incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. (Date first conducted affairs in Florida if prior to registration. See sections 617.1501 & 617.1502, F.S. to determine penalty liability.)

7. 2750 North Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60614-1889
 (Principal office address)

(same as above)
 (Current mailing address)

8. (Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in the state of Florida)

9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box **NOT** acceptable)

Name: C. Valentine Bates

Office Address: 1511 North West 6th Street

Gainesville Florida 32601
 (City) (Zip Code)

10. Registered agent's acceptance:

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this application, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

C. Valentine Bates
 (Registered agent's signature)

11. Attached is a certificate of existence duly authenticated, not more than 90 days prior to delivery of this application to the Department of State, by the Secretary of State or other official having custody of corporate records in the jurisdiction under the law of which it is incorporated.

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12. Names and addresses of officers and/or directors:

A. DIRECTORS

Chairman: Michael D. Clark
Address: 3537 Paladin Place, Fort Worth, TX 76137-6614

Vice Chairman: Carl S. Simpson
Address: 14765 E. 1900 Road, Stockton, MO 65785-7451

Director: James St. George
Address: 282 Marni Lane, Lakewood, NJ 08701-7328

Director: James F. Kile
Address: 18174 Madison Road, Nampa, ID 83687-8040

B. OFFICERS

President: Michael F. Smith
Address: 110 W. Reynolds Street, #208, Plant City, FL 33563

Vice President: Lowell D. Stephens
Address: 2443 Desert Hills Drive, Alamogordo, NM 88310-7726

Secretary: Bryan R. Klatt
Address: 2750 N. Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-1889

Treasurer: Reese H. Hickman
Address: 12 Polby Branch Road, Selbyville, DE 19975-7505

NOTE: If necessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors.

13. Bryan R. Klatt
(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. BRYAN R. KLATT, GRAND SECRETARY/CDD
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS



C E R T I F I C A T E

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that there were received and accepted for record in the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Corporations Division, on the 12th day of July, 1895, a *Certificate of Incorporation of:*

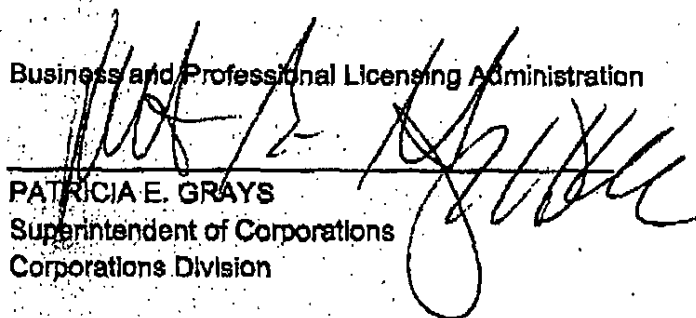
BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that said Certificate of Incorporation has not been dissolved or revoked as of the date hereinafter set forth.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this office to be affixed this 6th day of October, 2010.

LINDA K. ARGO
Director

Business and Professional Licensing Administration



PATRICIA E. GRAYS
Superintendent of Corporations
Corporations Division

Adrian M. Fenty
Mayor

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