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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

**SUBJECT:** SMOOTH STONE FOUNDATION, INC.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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**FROM:** James M. Hostetler, JD, OFS  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed or typed)

417 Belleview Blvd.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Steubenville, OH 43952  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip

740-282-0883  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone number

jimhostetler@sbcglobal.net  
\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be: SMOOTH STONE FOUNDATION, INC.

**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

Principal street address:  
Smooth Stone Foundation, Inc.

Mailing address, if different is:

4153 Madison Street

Ave Maria, FL 34142

**ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED ADDITIONAL PAGE.

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**ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION**

The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed: \_\_\_\_\_

Directors will be elected or appointed pursuant to Smooth Stone Foundation bylaws.

**ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS**

Name and Title: Jim Solits, Chairman of the Board

Name and Title: Joseph Burke, Executive Director

Address: 4153 Madison Street

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Ave Maria, FL 34142

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Name and Title: Chris Buccheri

Name and Title: Jim Fox

Address: 4153 Madison Street

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Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and Florida street address (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is:

Name: Joseph Burke  
Address: 4153 Madison Street  
Ave Maria, FL 34142

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**ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Name: James M. Hostetler, JD, OFS  
Address: 417 Belleview Blvd.  
Steubenville, OH 43952

**ARTICLE VIII EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Effective date, if other than the date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_ (OPTIONAL)

(If an effective date is listed, the date must be specific and cannot be more than five business days prior or 90 business days after the filing.)

**Note:** If the date inserted in this block does not meet the applicable statutory filing requirements, this date will not be listed as the document's effective date on the Department of State's records.

*Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity*

Joseph Burke

Required Signature of Registered Agent

August 27, 2015

Date

*I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.*

James M. Hostetler

Required Signature of Incorporator

August 27, 2015

Date

**SMOOTH STONE FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION**  
**ARTICLE III CONTINUED:**

The purpose for which this corporation is organized is:

Smooth Stone Foundation is a Catholic organization. Its purpose or mission is to promote a culture of virtue and life in business and society. The Foundation will operate and fund religious, educational, literary, scientific and charitable projects and programs that enrich the culture by promoting goodness, beauty, and truth.

This corporation is organized exclusively for religious, educational and charitable purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (2) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation [except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code], and this corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious, educational and charitable purposes and no part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers or other private persons, except that this corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distribution in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles.

Upon dissolution of this corporation, the Board of Trustees shall distribute any assets remaining after payments, or provisions for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation, to one or more exempt Catholic organizations, for religious, educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, to one or more exempt Catholic organizations, for religious, educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as such Court shall determine.