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FLORIDA PROFIT/NON PROFIT CORPORATION
The Sovereign Military Order of The Imperial Lion

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER OF THE IMPERIAL LION, INC.
A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Not For Profit Corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, do hereby certify and acknowledge the following:

ARTICLE I.
NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be The Sovereign Military Order of The Imperial Lion, Inc. (the "Corporation").

ARTICLE II.
PRINCIPAL OFFICE & MAILING ADDRESS

The place in this state where the principal office and mailing address of the Corporation is to be located is:

3820 Watercrest Drive
Longwood, Florida 32779

ARTICLE III.
PURPOSE

The Sovereign Military Order of The Imperial Lion, Inc. is a Not For Profit Corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. The Corporation is organized under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act for public and charitable purposes. The Sovereign Military Order of The Imperial Lion, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE IV.
TERM OF EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence, commencing with the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State.

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ARTICLE V.
MANNER OF ELECTION

The Directors of the Corporation shall be elected in accordance with methods and qualifications specified in the Bylaws of the Corporation. In no event shall the number of Directors be fewer than three (3).

ARTICLE VI.
INITIAL OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

The names, addresses, and titles of the persons who are the initial Officers and Directors of the Corporation are as follows:

| Name | Title | Address |
|----------------------|----------|--|
| Joseph Scott Norwood | Director | 3820 Watercrest Drive Longwood, Florida 32779 |
| Tammy Jean Quintana | Director | 3820 Watercrest Drive Longwood, Florida 32779 |
| Elvin Reed Hancock | Director | 3820 Watercrest Drive Longwood, Florida 32779 |

ARTICLE VII.
INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify any Officer or Director, or any former Officer or Director, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE VIII.
POWERS

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its Members, Directors, Officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Three hereof.

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the 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.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, this Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this Corporation.

ARTICLE IX.
DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. 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, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE X.
MEETINGS

After incorporation, the initial Directors of the Corporation shall hold an organizational meeting in accordance with Fla. Stat. § 617.0205, as amended. The Board of Directors of the Corporation may participate in a regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through, the use of any means of communication which allows all Directors participating to simultaneously hear one another. A Director participating in such a meeting is deemed present at the meeting. In the alternative, the Board of Directors may take actions through signed e-mail communications provided all Directors agree.

ARTICLE XI.
MEMBERS

The Corporation may have one or more classes of nonvoting Members as described in the Bylaws of the Corporation. The initial Members of the Corporation shall be the initial Board of Directors stated in these Articles of Incorporation. Additional persons may be approved for membership by the Board of Directors, in such manner as may be prescribed by the Bylaws of the Corporation. The Corporation expressly reserves the right to accept or reject any application for membership for any reason whatsoever, except for discrimination based on race, religion, sex, gender or absence of gender, or national origin. A membership interest in the Corporation is not transferable.

ARTICLE XII.
AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, repealed or altered, in whole or in part, by a vote of majority of the full Board of Directors of the Corporation at a meeting called for such purpose in accordance with the Bylaws. The Members may not amend the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation.


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ARTICLE XIII.
REGISTERED AGENT

The name and address of the Registered Agent is:

Joseph Scott Norwood
3820 Watercrest Drive
Longwood, Florida 32779



Joe Norwood (Feb 6, 2024 17:35 EST)
Joseph Scott Norwood, Registered Agent

Feb 6, 2024


Date

Having been appointed the Registered Agent of The Sovereign Military Order of The Imperial Lion, Inc., and to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as Registered Agent.

ARTICLE XIV.
INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Joseph Scott Norwood
3820 Watercrest Drive
Longwood, Florida 32779



Joe Norwood (Feb 6, 2024 17:35 EST)
Joseph Scott Norwood, Incorporator

Feb 6, 2024

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 Fla. Stat. § 817.155.