

A-R-T-I-C-L-E-S--O-F--I-N-C-O-R-P-O-R-A-T-I-O-N.

BE IT KNOWN, That we, the undersigned corporators, do hereby associate ourselves together and form a corporation under Chapter I of Title IV, and Chapter VIII Title IV, and the Act known as House Bill No 140, approved on the 6th day of March 1905, and contained on pages 161 to 166, Session Laws of 1905, Revised Statutes of Idaho, and acts amendatory thereto, and adopt the following ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:

P-R-E-A-M-B-L-E.

The association of the AMERICAN MASONIC FEDERATION hereby affirms that there is not a legal body known as THE AMERICAN MASONIC FEDERATION in the United States of America. This Association is composed of Grand Lodges and its constituent Lodges and Members.

Therefore this ASSOCIATION OF THE AMERICAN MASONIC FEDERATION is organized for the express purpose of establishing Lodges of, and practising the Rites, Ceremonies, Degrees and Systems of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry generally practiced in Europe and America at the present time. The specific Masonic authority vested in the Association is derived from and founded upon "THE SCOTTISH RITE" of Freemasonry. Guided by these principles and governed by the following Articles of Incorporation, and By-laws in support thereof, we hope to be worthy followers of "THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY".

A-R-T-I-C-L-E--I.

The name of this corporation is the AMERICAN MASONIC FEDERATION.

A-R-T-I-C-L-E--II.

The purpose for which this corporation is formed, and its chief objects and business, shall be to dispense Charity to its members, to promote Harmony, Peace and Brotherly Love between Free Masons, to conduct Masonic work, to transmit the authority to confer Masonic degrees and to confer the same, to establish, govern and control Symbolic Masonic Lodges in locations where no Grand Lodge of the A.A.S. Rite exists, pending such time as when three or more Lodges shall apply for

and be granted the right to establish a Grand Lodge, and the officers thereof shall be duly elected and qualified. Also to do all work and things which rightfully belong to and may be lawfully done by a Grand Lodge of A: A: S: R: of Freemasons: and by its said incorporate name to have and use a common seal which may be altered or amended at the pleasure of the corporation, and to make by-laws for the government of said corporation, and to elect and install officers, and to take, and receive, hold, convey, mortgage or assign all such real estate and personal property as may be necessary for the purposes and conduct of said corporation, and to universalize Rites by affiliation.

A-R-T-I-C-L-E---III.

The place where its principal place of business is to be transacted is Montpelier, Bear Lake County, Idaho, and outside of Idaho, such place as the Board of Directors or Trustees may designate, where meetings of Directors or Trustees, and of the Executive Committee may be held.

A-R-T-I-C-L-E---IV.

The term for which this corporation is to exist is Fifty years.

A-R-T-I-C-L-E---V.

The number of its Directors or Trustees shall be seven, and the manner and method of their election shall be by ballot and the term of office shall be three years from the date of their election and qualification, and the following shall be elected at the first meeting of the Directors or Trustees, viz: a President, Four Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

In witness whereof we hereunto affix our signatures this 31<sup>st</sup> day of *Aug* 1907.

*E. P. Christensen*  
*Mr. M<sup>e</sup> B. Thomson*  
*J. W. Langford*

(Seal)

(Seal)

(Seal)

State of Idaho  
County of ~~Bear Lake~~ *Carroll* SS.

Before me *D. C. Meddugall* a Notary Public in and

for the County and State aforesaid, on this day personally  
appeared *C. P. Christensen*

known to me to be the same persons who signed the foregoing in-  
strument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for  
the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

*Aug.* Given under my hand and seal of office this *31<sup>st</sup>* day  
of ~~July~~, 1907.

My Commission expires  
*July 1911.*

*D. C. Meddugall*  
Notary Public.

State of *Idaho*  
County of *Bear Lake* SS.

Before me *George E. Marks* a Notary Public in

and for the County and State aforesaid, on this day personally  
appeared *M. M. B. Stinson and J. W.*

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known to me to be the same persons who signed the foregoing in-  
strument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for  
the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

*Sept.* Given under my hand and seal of office this *9<sup>th</sup>* day  
of ~~July~~, 1907.

My Commission expires,  
*Oct 30, 1909.*

*George E. Marks*  
Notary Public.

STATE OF IDAHO, }  
County of Bear Lake. } ss

I, W. R. Holmes, Clerk of the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of Idaho, in and for Bear Lake county, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the original *Articles*

*of Incorporation of the American Masonic Federation* filed in my office the *9th* day of *September* 1907

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at Paris, Idaho,

this *9th* day of *September* 1907

*W. R. Holmes*  
Clerk.

By \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy.