

Fire Department

Mark Rohlfing
Chief

Gerard Washington
Assistant Chief

Brian Smith
Assistant Chief

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Assistant Chief

June 28, 2017

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs
Finance Committee Chair
6th Aldermanic District
200 E. Wells St., Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

**RE: Incorporating *THE MILWAUKEE FIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY LTD.* and
MILWAUKEE JUNIOR FIRE INSTITUTE, INC. into the 2018 CGC**

Dear Alderwoman Coggs:

The Milwaukee Fire Department has a long-standing association with both the Milwaukee Fire Historical Society LTD, and the Milwaukee Junior Fire Institute, Inc., both legally and financially recognized as non-profit organizations. As Chair of the sub-committee which authorizes additions to the City of Milwaukee's Combined Giving Campaign, we are asking for your assistance in adding these two organizations to the 2018 campaign roster of non-profit organizations. I share below some additional details about these honorable organizations.

The Milwaukee Fire Historical Society LTD is a non-profit, tax exempt 501(c)3 educational society whose purpose is to preserve and exhibit the artifacts and history of the Milwaukee Fire Department, as well as teach and promote fire safety and prevention.

The Society is located at 1615 West Oklahoma Avenue, former quarters of Engine Company 23. In 2001, this Bungalow Style Firehouse was designated as a local historic site worthy of preservation as an important part of the historical cultural heritage of Milwaukee.

The facility is open to the public and features a number of interactive exhibits and displays designed to educate and entertain children, families, and organizational groups.

The Milwaukee Junior Fire Institute, Inc. is a non-profit, tax exempt 501(c)3 organization, whose purpose is to offer education, training, and mentorship to Greater Milwaukee Area youth ages 14–20. Its focus is to teach these students about the fire service and emergency service and paramedic fields, as well as instill pride, respect, and honor.



These goals are accomplished through volunteering at a multitude of community events every year, and regular meetings held the first Saturday of every month at the Milwaukee Fire Department Training Academy, located at 6680 North Teutonia Avenue. Meetings are open to the general public, and parents of the students are encouraged to attend as well.

The United Way of Greater Milwaukee is already in receipt of the tax exempt paperwork for both organizations. I have enclosed copies for your reference. Thank you Alderwoman Coggs for your sub-committee's time and consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or phone.

Sincerely,


MARK ROHLFING
Chief

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Letters&Memos\Alderpersons\JFI and MFHS to 2018 CGC Roster

05 October 2016

Chief Rohlfing

On behalf of the Milwaukee Fire Historical Society Ltd. (MFHS) board, I respectfully request your support for the MFHS to be included on the City of Milwaukee *2017 Combined Giving Campaign Charity listing sheet*.

Your office and United Way of Greater Milwaukee, respectfully, have copies of both Federal and State documents corroborating our current tax exempt status.

The Milwaukee Fire Historical Society Ltd. is a nonprofit, tax exempt 501-C-3 educational society whose purpose is to preserve and exhibit the artifacts and history of the Milwaukee Fire Department, as well as teach and promote fire safety and prevention.

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The facility is open to the public and features a number of interactive exhibits and displays designed to educate and entertain children, families, groups and firefighters.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Warren Skonieczny
Deputy Chief (Ret), Milwaukee Fire Department
President, MFHS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The State of Wisconsin



DATE: May 26, 1981

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of Wisconsin, hereby certifies that, on the date above written, Articles of Incorporation of

MILWAUKEE FIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIMITED

were filed in my office under the provisions of Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes, for an organization to be formed

WITHOUT STOCK AND NOT FOR PROFIT.

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN does hereby grant unto said organization the powers and privileges conferred upon such organization by the Wisconsin Statutes for the pursuit of any purposes lawful under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes except as such purposes may be further limited in said Articles.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Madison, on June 18, 1981.

Vel Phillips
VEL PHILLIPS
Secretary of State

SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFORMATION

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THIS MUST BE RECORDED PROMPTLY WITH THE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

United States of America

State of Wisconsin

Office of Secretary of State

REGISTER'S OFFICE
Milwaukee County, Wis.
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REGISTER OF DEEDS

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of Wisconsin, certifies that the attached is a duplicate of a document accepted and filed in my office.

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CHARGE REC. .00

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Madison, on the date of filing of said document.

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MAY 28 1981

Vel Phillips
VEL PHILLIPS
Secretary of State

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REGISTERED AGENT

Corporations are required by Statute to maintain a registered agent within Wisconsin. The name and address of the initial registered agent were set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, and a specific procedure must be followed in order to change that designation. Form 113 (Sec. State) contains full information and may be utilized to file a change of registered agent and/or the agent's address.

Forms available upon request from Secretary of State, 244 W Washington Av,
Madison WI, 53702.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Executed by the undersigned for the purpose of forming a Wisconsin corporation under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin statutes, WITHOUT STOCK AND NOT FOR PROFIT.

Article 1. The name of the corporation is
MILWAUKEE FIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIMITED

Article 2. The period of existence shall be
Perpetual

Article 3. The purposes shall be
To preserve, protect, collect and display fire paraphernalia
and memorabilia related to the history of the Fire Service
in Milwaukee.

Article 4. Location of the principal office in Wisconsin is
(Include street & number, city, state and ZIP code)
MILWAUKEE FIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIMITED
6680 North Teutonia Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209

Article 5. Name of the initial registered agent is
Deputy Chief Gustave Koleas
Milwaukee Fire Department

Article 6. Address of the initial registered agent is
*(Include street & number, city,
state and ZIP code)*
6680 North Teutonia Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209

Article 7. These articles may be amended in the manner authorized
by law at the time of amendment.

Noted

§ 181

PLEASE NOTE: The number of members of the board of directors, or the manner in which that number is determined, must be established either in these articles of incorporation OR in the by-laws of the corporation. You may USE ONE of the following "Article 8" and CROSS OUT the one that is not used, or substitute wording of your choice.

Article 8. The number of directors shall be Five
(Not less than three)

~~Article 8. The number of directors shall be fixed by by-law but shall be not less than three.~~

Article 9. The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors are:
(Include street & number, city, state and ZIP Code)

- 1) Gustave Koleas, Deputy Chief
7937 West Townsend Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222
- 2) Jerome Wichgers, Deputy Chief
5248 South 22nd Place
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53221
- 3) Lavern Johnson, Battalion Chief
4742 North 91st Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53225
- 4) Mary Fran Cahill
3318 North 53rd Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216
- 5) Arthur Nunemaker, Jr.
15740 Vernon Drive
Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005

Article 10. (Membership provisions)

Membership to be termed Associate - Non-Voting - Associate members to be at least eighteen (18) years of age; Associate members accepted/discharged by majority action of the Board of Directors;

The Board of Directors is to be appointed/removed by the current Chief Engineer of the Milwaukee Fire Department;

The makeup of the Board of Directors: Three (3) members from the Active Membership of the Milwaukee Fire Department; the remaining two (2) positions from other interested persons.

Article 11. (Other provisions)

PLAN OF OPERATION

The Society shall operate as a non-profit organization, financed by contributions from the General Public and dues from Associate members. It shall make expenditures in connection with the foregoing purposes: The Board of Directors shall not receive any financial/material remuneration for their services. The Society will not attempt to influence legislation or participate in any political activity of any kind.

DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Society, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of liabilities of the Society, will dispose of the remaining assets to a non-profit, charitable organization - to be determined by the Board

Article 12. The name and address of incorporator (or incorporators) are:

NAME

ADDRESS

(street & number, city, state and ZIP Code)

GUSTAVE KOLEAS

7937 W. Townsend St., Milwaukee, WI 53222

JEROME WICHGERS

5248 S. 22nd Pl., Milwaukee, WI 53221

Executed in duplicate on the 22nd day of May, 19 81

All incorporators
SIGN HERE

Gustave Koleas
Jerome H. Wichgers

STATE OF WISCONSIN

County of Milwaukee

ss.

Personally came before me this 22nd day of May A.D. 19 81

the above named Gustave Koleas and Jerome H. Wichgers

to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same

Dorothy H. Futschler
Notary Public

My Commission expires January 16, 1983



This document was drafted by

Jerome H. Wichgers

(Name of Person)

Please print or type

See instruction M

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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MAY 26 1981

VEL PHILLIPS
SECRETARY OF STATE

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE
AND PLEASE FILL OUT THE RETURN ADDRESS BOX

Internal Revenue Service
District Director

Department of the Treasury

Date: APR 20 1982

Employer Identification Number:

Accounting Period Ending: June

Foundation Status Classification: 509(a)(2)

Advance Ruling Period Ends: June 30, 1982

Person to Contact: L. Henderson

Contact Telephone Number: 612-725-5811

CCD 030182 CASE NO 41206703EO
FFN 410016818 EIN 39-1388862
MILWAUKEE FIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LIMITED
6680 NORTH TEUTONIA AVE
MILWAUKEE, WI 53209

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Dear Applicant:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Because you are a newly created organization, we are not now making a final determination of your foundation status under section 509(a) of the Code. However, we have determined that you can reasonably be expected to be a publicly supported organization described in section 509(a)(2).

Accordingly, you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation, during an advance ruling period. This advance ruling period begins on the date of your inception and ends on the date shown above.

Within 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period, you must submit to us information needed to determine whether you have met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. If you establish that you have been a publicly supported organization, you will be classified as a section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization as long as you continue to meet the requirements of the applicable support test. If you do not meet the public support requirements during the advance ruling period, you will be classified as a private foundation for future periods. Also, if you are classified as a private foundation, you will be treated as a private foundation from the date of your inception for purposes of sections 507(d) and 4940.

Grantors and donors may rely on the determination that you are not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period. If you submit the required information within the 90 days, grantors and donors may continue to rely on the advance determination until the Service makes a final determination of your foundation status. However, if notice that you will no longer be treated as a section 509(a)(2) organization is published in the Internal Revenue Bulletin, grantors and donors may not rely on this determination after the date of such publication. Also, a grantor or donor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act that resulted in your loss of section 509(a)(2) status, or acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would be removed from classification as a section 509(a)(2) organization.

If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. Also, you should inform us of all changes in your name or address.

Generally, you are not liable for social security (FICA) taxes unless you file a waiver of exemption certificate as provided in the Federal Insurance Contributions Act. If you have paid FICA taxes without filing the waiver, you should call us. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other Federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other Federal taxes, please let us know.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

You are required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, only if your gross receipts each year are normally more than \$10,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$10 a day, up to a maximum of \$5,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

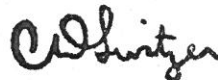
You are not required to file Federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T. In this letter, we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, a number will be assigned to you and you will be advised of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,





Milwaukee Fire Department

Deputy Chief Aaron Lipski
Chief Advisor/President

Lieutenant Jeffrey Gauthier
Director/Treasurer

Mr. Tom Herbert
Secretary

Non Profit #
M091726

June 14, 2017

Chief Rohlfing,

On behalf of the Milwaukee Junior Fire Institute, I respectfully request your support of the Milwaukee Junior Fire Institute (JFI) to be included in the City of Milwaukee 2018 Combined Giving Campaign Charity Listing Sheet.

I am submitting to you a copy of our tax exempt 501(c)3 status so that you may have it for your records. The United Way of Greater Milwaukee is already in receipt of our tax exempt paperwork.

The Milwaukee Junior Fire Institute is a non-profit organization, whose purpose is to offer education, training, and mentorship to young adults ages 14 – 20 years of age in the Greater Milwaukee Area. Our focus is to teach young adults about the fire service, the EMS and Paramedic fields as well as instill Pride, Respect, and Honor.

We accomplish these goals thru our regular meetings held the first Saturday of every month at the Milwaukee Fire Department Training Academy, and by volunteering at a multitude of community events. Our meetings are open to the general public and parents of the students are encouraged to attend as well.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support.

Respectfully,

Lt. Jeffrey J. Gauthier
Director-Milwaukee Junior Fire Institute
414-788-3270

State of Wisconsin
Department of Financial Institutions



Reporting Requirements Notification
provided pursuant to sec. 181.0203(3), Wis. Stats.

Regulation of Charitable Organizations

A non-stock, non-profit corporation operating as a "charitable organization" and soliciting contributions, may be subject to additional regulation under sec. 202.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes and may be obliged to register and file financial reports with the Department of Financial Institutions, Division of Banking, Licensed Financial Services Bureau.

Information on additional requirements, including the: annual registration requirement, registration statement, annual financial report, audit requirement, acceptance of other information, exemptions from registration, reporting tax exemption or organizational changes, contracts and contribution limits is available on the DFI website at www.wdfi.org, by calling 608-267-1711 or by mail at:

Charitable Organizations
Licensed Financial Services
Department of Financial Institutions
P O Box 7876
Madison Wisconsin 53707-7876

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: JUL 27 2016

MILWAUKEE JUNIOR FIRE INSTITUTE
6680 N TEUTONIA AVE
MILWAUKEE, WI 53209-0000

Employer Identification Number:
81-2998177
DLN:
26053596001256
Contact Person:
CUSTOMER SERVICE ID# 31954
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
April 22, 2015
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Letter 5436



For Office



State of Wisconsin
Department of Financial Institutions

Endorsement

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION - Ch. 181
MILWAUKEE JUNIOR FIRE INSTITUTE, INC.

Received Date: 4/20/2015

Filed Date: 4/22/2015

Filing Fee: \$35.00

Entity ID#: M091726

Total Fee: \$35.00