

**Application for Recognition of Exemption
Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code**

OMB No. 1545-0056

Note: If exempt status is approved, this application will be open for public inspection.

Read the instructions for each Part carefully.

A User Fee must be attached to this application.

If the required information and appropriate documents are not submitted along with Form 8718 (with payment of the appropriate user fee), the application may be returned to you.

Complete the Procedural Checklist on page 8 of the instructions.

Part I Identification of Applicant

1a Full name of organization (as shown in organizing document) The Benevolent Order of Scurrilous Monks Inc.		2 Employer identification number (EIN) (If none, see page 3 of the Specific Instructions .) 43 : 1884092
1b c/o Name (if applicable) Donald C. Heller		3 Name and telephone number of person to be contacted if additional information is needed (417) 993-0502
1c Address (number and street) Rt. 3 Box 173	Room/Suite	
1d City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP + 4. If you have a foreign address, see Specific Instructions for Part I, page 3. Urbana, MO 65767		4 Month the annual accounting period ends December
1e Web site address boasm.org		5 Date incorporated or formed 03/22/00
7 Did the organization previously apply for recognition of exemption under this Code section or under any other section of the Code? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," attach an explanation.		6 Check here if applying under section: a <input type="checkbox"/> 501(e) b <input type="checkbox"/> 501(f) c <input type="checkbox"/> 501(k) d <input type="checkbox"/> 501(n)
8 Is the organization required to file Form 990 (or Form 990-EZ)? <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach an explanation (see page 3 of the Specific Instructions).		
9 Has the organization filed Federal income tax returns or exempt organization information returns? . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," state the form numbers, years filed, and Internal Revenue office where filed.		

10 Check the box for the type of organization. ATTACH A CONFORMED COPY OF THE CORRESPONDING ORGANIZING DOCUMENTS TO THE APPLICATION BEFORE MAILING. (See **Specific Instructions** for Part I, Line 10, on page 3.) See also Pub. 557 for examples of organizational documents.)

- a ☒ **Corporation**—Attach a copy of the Articles of Incorporation (including amendments and restatements) showing approval by the appropriate state official; also include a copy of the bylaws.
- b ☐ **Trust**— Attach a copy of the Trust Indenture or Agreement, including all appropriate signatures and dates.
- c ☐ **Association**— Attach a copy of the Articles of Association, Constitution, or other creating document, with a declaration (see instructions) or other evidence the organization was formed by adoption of the document by more than one person; also include a copy of the bylaws.

If the organization is a corporation or an unincorporated association that has not yet adopted bylaws, check here ☒

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization and that I have examined this application, including the accompanying schedules and attachments, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.

**Please
Sign
Here**

(Signature)

Donald C. Heller, Abbot

(Type or print name and title or authority of signer)

(Date)

- 1 Provide a detailed narrative description of all the activities of the organization—past, present, and planned. **Do not merely refer to or repeat the language in the organizational document.** List each activity separately in the order of importance based on the relative time and other resources devoted to the activity. Indicate the percentage of time for each activity. Each description should include, as a minimum, the following: (a) a detailed description of the activity including its purpose and how each activity furthers your exempt purpose; (b) when the activity was or will be initiated; and (c) where and by whom the activity will be conducted.

The Benevolent Order of Scurrilious Monks is organized solely for charitable, educational and religious purposes. The monastic order was founded in 1980 and incorporated in 2000. The Order serves migrant workers who work at Renaissance Festivals throughout the United States. The primary activity of the Benevolent Order of Scurrilious Monks is the sponsoring of Weenie Roasts. These ritual feasts were initiated in 1980 and are now conducted about six times every year. They are most commonly held at campgrounds attached to Renaissance Festivals. Free food and beverages are provided for everyone who chooses to attend. Weenie Roasts are paid for with funds donated to the Benevolent Order by Scurrilious Monks. Other activities include an annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, maintenance of a web site and publication and distribution of a semi annual newsletter entitled, "The Abbot's Report."

In the future, The Benevolent Order of Scurrilious Monks hopes to establish a building fund with the purpose of amassing enough money to purchase real estate and to build and maintain a system of monasteries. These monasteries will provide artistic venues for both visual and performing artists as well as living facilities for Scurrilious Monks and their families as we grow old.

The Benevolent Order of Scurrilious Monks is a Monastic Order comprised mainly of aging artists and entertainers. Our purpose of promoting the arts is served by helping artists in our community. Some of them are literally "starving artists" who appreciate a free hot meal now and then. We promote spiritual diversity and tolerance simply by gathering people together. Weenie Roasts themselves are acts of peace and goodwill and promoting such acts is also one of our stated purposes. The Benevolent Order imparts a sense of continuity, brotherhood and community to a group of otherwise transient artists. Transients and migrant workers need a sense of spiritual belonging at least as much as people who have attended church services in the same building every Sunday from birth to death.

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- 2 What are or will be the organization's sources of financial support? List in order of size.

Currently, the organization's sole source of financial support comes from donations made by members. In the future, we hope to accept donations from people outside of the Order. The Order will also be promoting the arts via its Website and by occasionally opening the doors of its monasteries for public visitations and exhibitions. A percentage of the proceeds (if any) from these programs may be funnelled into building and operating funds. We may also choose to offer promotional items such as mugs or T shirts as thank you gifts to donors.

- 3 Describe the organization's fundraising program, both actual and planned, and explain to what extent it has been put into effect. Include details of fundraising activities such as selective mailings, formation of fundraising committees, use of volunteers or professional fundraisers, etc. Attach representative copies of solicitations for financial support.

The Benevolent Order of Scurrilious Monks sponsors about 6 Weenie Roasts every year. When a Weenie Roast is scheduled, Scurrilious Monks donate money to a temporary Weenie Roast fund. All of that money is then used to purchase weenies, buns, condiments and beverages. Publication costs of the "Abbot's Report" are paid by the Abbot. Costs of maintaining the Web Site are also paid for by the Abbot. In the future, we hope to accept donations both at our monasteries and via the internet.

III Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

Give the following information about the organization's governing body:

Names, addresses, and titles of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	b Annual compensation
Donald C. Heller Rt. 3 Box 173, Urbana, MO 65767, Abbot, Chairman of the Board of Trustees	-0-
Julia Sutter 512 Green St. Mt. Horeb WI 53572, Mother Superior, Trustee	-0-
David Casey 1191 S. Orlando Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931, Trustee	-0-
Richard T. Taecker 6040 E. Main St. #195 Mesa, AZ 85205, Trustee	-0-

Do any of the above persons serve as members of the governing body by reason of being public officials or being appointed by public officials? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," name those persons and explain the basis of their selection or appointment.

Are any members of the organization's governing body "disqualified persons" with respect to the organization (other than by reason of being a member of the governing body) or do any of the members have either a business or family relationship with "disqualified persons"? (See **Specific Instructions** for Part II, Line 4d, on page 3.) ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," explain.

Does the organization control or is it controlled by any other organization? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Is the organization the outgrowth of (or successor to) another organization, or does it have a special relationship with another organization by reason of interlocking directorates or other factors? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If either of these questions is answered "Yes," explain.

Does or will the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following transactions with any political organization or other exempt organization (other than a 501(c)(3) organization): (a) grants; (b) purchases or sales of assets; (c) rental of facilities or equipment; (d) loans or loan guarantees; (e) reimbursement arrangements; (f) performance of services, membership, or fundraising solicitations; or (g) sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists or other assets, or paid employees? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," explain fully and identify the other organizations involved.

Is the organization financially accountable to any other organization? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," explain and identify the other organization. Include details concerning accountability or attach copies of reports if any have been submitted.

II Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

What assets does the organization have that are used in the performance of its exempt function? (Do not include property producing investment income.) If any assets are not fully operational, explain their status, what additional steps remain to be completed, and when such final steps will be taken. If none, indicate "N/A."

A Weenie Grill, 2 large Weenie Roast signs

Will the organization be the beneficiary of tax-exempt bond financing within the next 2 years? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will any of the organization's facilities or operations be managed by another organization or individual under a contractual agreement? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is the organization a party to any leases? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If either of these questions is answered "Yes," attach a copy of the contracts and explain the relationship between the applicant and the other parties.

Is the organization a membership organization? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," complete the following:

Describe the organization's membership requirements and attach a schedule of membership fees and dues.

Membership is honorary and by appointment of the Abbot. There are no membership fees or dues.

Describe the organization's present and proposed efforts to attract members and attach a copy of any descriptive literature or promotional material used for this purpose.

The organization makes no efforts to attract new members.

What benefits do (or will) the members receive in exchange for their payment of dues?

Members receive a semi annual "Abbot's Report" sent to them via the United States Postal Service. Members are also eligible to receive a free boosm.org E mail address. There are no dues or fees to be paid.

If the organization provides benefits, services, or products, are the recipients required, or will they be required, to pay for them? ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," explain how the charges are determined and attach a copy of the current fee schedule.

Does or will the organization limit its benefits, services, or products to specific individuals or classes of individuals? ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," explain how the recipients or beneficiaries are or will be selected.

Does or will the organization attempt to influence legislation? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," explain. Also, give an estimate of the percentage of the organization's time and funds that it devotes or plans to devote to this activity.

Does or will the organization intervene in any way in political campaigns, including the publication or distribution of statements? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," explain fully.

Part III Technical Requirements

- 1 Are you filing Form 1023 within 15 months from the end of the month in which your organization was created or formed? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If you answer "Yes," do not answer questions on lines 2 through 6 below.

- 2 If one of the exceptions to the 15-month filing requirement shown below applies, check the appropriate box and proceed to question 7.

Exceptions—You are not required to file an exemption application within 15 months if the organization:

- ☐ a Is a church, interchurch organization of local units of a church, a convention or association of churches, or an integrated auxiliary of a church. See **Specific Instructions**, Line 2a, on page 4;
- ☐ b Is not a private foundation and normally has gross receipts of not more than \$5,000 in each tax year; or
- ☐ c Is a subordinate organization covered by a group exemption letter, but only if the parent or supervisory organization timely submitted a notice covering the subordinate.

- 3 If the organization does not meet any of the exceptions on line 2 above, are you filing Form 1023 within 27 months from the end of the month in which the organization was created or formed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," your organization qualifies under Regulation section 301.9100-2, for an automatic 12-month extension of the 15-month filing requirement. Do not answer questions 4 through 6.

If "No," answer question 4.

- 4 If you answer "No" to question 3, does the organization wish to request an extension of time to apply under the "reasonable action and good faith" and the "no prejudice to the interest of the government" requirements of Regulations section 301.9100-3? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," give the reasons for not filing this application within the 27-month period described in question 3. See **Specific Instructions**, Part III, Line 4, before completing this item. Do not answer questions 5 and 6.

If "No," answer questions 5 and 6.

- 5 If you answer "No" to question 4, your organization's qualification as a section 501(c)(3) organization can be recognized only from the date this application is filed. Therefore, do you want us to consider the application as a request for recognition of exemption as a section 501(c)(3) organization from the date the application is received and not retroactively to the date the organization was created or formed? . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

- 6 If you answer "Yes" to question 5 above and wish to request recognition of section 501(c)(4) status for the period beginning with the date the organization was formed and ending with the date the Form 1023 application was received (the effective date of the organization's section 501(c)(3) status), check here ► ☐ and attach a completed page 1 of Form 1024 to this application.
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Part III Technical Requirements (Continued)

7 Is the organization a private foundation?

☐ Yes (Answer question 8.)

☒ No (Answer question 9 and proceed as instructed.)

8 If you answer "Yes" to question 7, does the organization claim to be a private operating foundation?

☐ Yes (Complete Schedule E.)

☐ No

After answering question 8 on this line, go to line 14 on page 7.

9 If you answer "No" to question 7, indicate the public charity classification the organization is requesting by checking the box below that most appropriately applies:

THE ORGANIZATION IS NOT A PRIVATE FOUNDATION BECAUSE IT QUALIFIES:

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|---|---|--|
| a | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As a church or a convention or association of churches
(CHURCHES MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE A.) | Sections 509(a)(1)
and 170(b)(1)(A)(i) |
| b | <input type="checkbox"/> As a school (MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE B.) | Sections 509(a)(1)
and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) |
| c | <input type="checkbox"/> As a hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization, or a
medical research organization operated in conjunction with a
hospital (These organizations, except for hospital service
organizations, MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE C.) | Sections 509(a)(1)
and 170(b)(1)(A)(iii) |
| d | <input type="checkbox"/> As a governmental unit described in section 170(c)(1). | Sections 509(a)(1)
and 170(b)(1)(A)(v) |
| e | <input type="checkbox"/> As being operated solely for the benefit of, or in connection with,
one or more of the organizations described in a through d, g, h, or i
(MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE D.) | Section 509(a)(3) |
| f | <input type="checkbox"/> As being organized and operated exclusively for testing for public
safety. | Section 509(a)(4) |
| g | <input type="checkbox"/> As being operated for the benefit of a college or university that is
owned or operated by a governmental unit. | Sections 509(a)(1)
and 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) |
| h | <input type="checkbox"/> As receiving a substantial part of its support in the form of
contributions from publicly supported organizations, from a
governmental unit, or from the general public. | Sections 509(a)(1)
and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) |
| i | <input type="checkbox"/> As normally receiving not more than one-third of its support from
gross investment income and more than one-third of its support from
contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities
related to its exempt functions (subject to certain exceptions). | Section 509(a)(2) |
| j | <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is a publicly supported organization but is not sure
whether it meets the public support test of h or i. The organization
would like the IRS to decide the proper classification. | Sections 509(a)(1)
and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
or Section 509(a)(2) |
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If you checked one of the boxes a through f in question 9, go to question

14. If you checked box g in question 9, go to questions 11 and 12.

If you checked box h, i, or j, in question 9, go to question 10.

III Technical Requirements (Continued)

If you checked box **h**, **i**, or **j** in question 9, has the organization completed a tax year of at least 8 months?

☐ **Yes**—Indicate whether you are requesting:

☐ A definitive ruling. (Answer questions 11 through 14.)

☐ An advance ruling. (Answer questions 11 and 14 and attach two Forms 872-C completed and signed.)

☐ **No**—You must request an advance ruling by completing and signing two Forms 872-C and attaching them to the Form 1023.

If the organization received any unusual grants during any of the tax years shown in Part IV-A, **Statement of Revenue and Expenses**, attach a list for each year showing the name of the contributor; the date and the amount of the grant; and a brief description of the nature of the grant.

If you are requesting a definitive ruling under section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) or (vi), check here ☐ and:

Enter 2% of line 8, column (e), Total, of Part IV-A

Attach a list showing the name and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or "publicly supported" organization) whose total gifts, grants, contributions, etc., were more than the amount entered on line 12a above.

If you are requesting a definitive ruling under section 509(a)(2), check here ☐ and:

For each of the years included on lines 1, 2, and 9 of Part IV-A, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each "disqualified person." (For a definition of "disqualified person," see **Specific Instructions**, Part II, Line 4d, on page 3.)

For each of the years included on line 9 of Part IV-A, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each payer (other than a "disqualified person") whose payments to the organization were more than \$5,000. For this purpose, "payer" includes, but is not limited to, any organization described in sections 170(b)(1)(A)(i) through (vi) and any governmental agency or bureau.

Indicate if your organization is one of the following. If so, complete the required schedule. (Submit only those schedules that apply to your organization. **Do not submit blank schedules.**)

	Yes	No	If "Yes," complete Schedule:
Is the organization a church?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A
Is the organization, or any part of it, a school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B
Is the organization, or any part of it, a hospital or medical research organization?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C
Is the organization a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	D
Is the organization a private operating foundation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E
Is the organization, or any part of it, a home for the aged or handicapped?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	F
Is the organization, or any part of it, a child care organization?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	G
Does the organization provide or administer any scholarship benefits, student aid, etc.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	H
Has the organization taken over, or will it take over, the facilities of a "for profit" institution?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I

Part IV Financial Data

Complete the financial statements for the current year and for each of the 3 years immediately before it. If in existence less than 4 years, complete the statements for each year in existence. If in existence less than 1 year, also provide proposed budgets for the 2 years following the current year.

A. Statement of Revenue and Expenses

	Current tax year	3 prior tax years or proposed budget for 2 years			
	(a) From 1/1/00 to 1/1/01	(b) 1999	(c) 1998	(d) 1997	(e) TOTAL
1 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (not including unusual grants—see page 6 of the instructions).	3000	3000	3000	3000	12000
2 Membership fees received					
3 Gross investment income (see instructions for definition)					
4 Net income from organization's unrelated business activities not included on line 3					
5 Tax revenues levied for and either paid to or spent on behalf of the organization					
6 Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge (not including the value of services or facilities generally furnished the public without charge)					
7 Other income (not including gain or loss from sale of capital assets) (attach schedule)					
8 Total (add lines 1 through 7)	3000	3000	3000	3000	12000
9 Gross receipts from admissions, sales of merchandise or services, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is not an unrelated business within the meaning of section 513. Include related cost of sales on line 22					
10 Total (add lines 8 and 9)	3000	3000	3000	3000	12000
11 Gain or loss from sale of capital assets (attach schedule)					
12 Unusual grants					
13 Total revenue (add lines 10 through 12)					
14 Fundraising expenses					
15 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	3000	3000	3000	3000	
16 Disbursements to or for benefit of members (attach schedule)					
17 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (attach schedule)					
18 Other salaries and wages					
19 Interest					
20 Occupancy (rent, utilities, etc.)					
21 Depreciation and depletion					
22 Other (attach schedule)					
23 Total expenses (add lines 14 through 22)	3000	3000	3000	3000	
24 Excess of revenue over expenses (line 13 minus line 23)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	

Part IV Financial Data (Continued)

B. Balance Sheet (at the end of the period shown)		Current tax year Date 01/29/02
Assets		
1 Cash	1	11575.00
2 Accounts receivable, net	2	
3 Inventories	3	
4 Bonds and notes receivable (attach schedule)	4	
5 Corporate stocks (attach schedule)	5	
6 Mortgage loans (attach schedule)	6	
7 Other investments (attach schedule)	7	
8 Depreciable and depletable assets (attach schedule)	8	
9 Land	9	
10 Other assets (attach schedule)	10	
11 Total assets (add lines 1 through 10)	11	11575.00
Liabilities		
12 Accounts payable	12	
13 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., payable	13	
14 Mortgages and notes payable (attach schedule)	14	
15 Other liabilities (attach schedule)	15	
16 Total liabilities (add lines 12 through 15)	16	
Fund Balances or Net Assets		
17 Total fund balances or net assets	17	11575.00
18 Total liabilities and fund balances or net assets (add line 16 and line 17)	18	11575.00

If there has been any substantial change in any aspect of the organization's financial activities since the end of the period shown above, check the box and attach a detailed explanation ☐

**Consent Fixing Period or Limitation Upon
Assessment of Tax Under Section 4940 of the
Internal Revenue Code**

(See instructions on reverse side.)

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**To be used with
Form 1023. Submit
in duplicate.**

Under section 6501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, and as part of a request filed with Form 1023 that the organization named below be treated as a publicly supported organization under section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) or section 509(a)(2) during an advance ruling period,

The Benevolent Order of Scurrilous Monks Inc.

(Exact legal name of organization as shown in organizing document)

Rt. 3 Box 173 Urbana, MO 65767

(Number, street, city or town, state, and ZIP code)

and the
District Director of
Internal Revenue, or
Assistant
Commissioner
(Employee Plans and
Exempt Organizations)

consent and agree that the period for assessing tax (imposed under section 4940 of the Code) for any of the 5 tax years in the advance ruling period will extend 8 years, 4 months, and 15 days beyond the end of the first tax year.

However, if a notice of deficiency in tax for any of these years is sent to the organization before the period expires, the time for making an assessment will be further extended by the number of days the assessment is prohibited, plus 60 days.

Ending date of first tax year

DECEMBER 31, 2000
~~12/31/02~~
(Month, day, and year)

Nov. 12, 2002

Name of organization (as shown in organizing document)		Date
The Benevolent Order of Scurrilous Monks Inc.		01/29/02
Officer or trustee having authority to sign		Type or print name and title
Signature ▶ <i>Donald C. Heller</i>		Donald C. Heller, Abbot
For IRS use only		
District Director or Assistant Commissioner (Employee Plans and Exempt Organizations) Lois G. Lerner Director, Exempt Organizations Rulings and Agreements		Date DEC 03 2002
By ▶ <i>Jamie Lee</i> Group Manager		

You must complete Form 872-C and attach it to the Form 1023 if you checked box **h, i, or j** of Part III, question 9, and the organization has not completed a tax year of at least 8 months.

For example: If the organization incorporated May 15 and its year ends December 31, it has completed a tax year of only 7½ months. Therefore, Form 872-C must be submitted.

- (a) Enter the name of the organization. This must be entered exactly as it appears in the organizing document. Do not use abbreviations unless the organizing document does.
- (b) Enter the current address.
- (c) Enter the ending date of the first tax year.

For example:

- (1) If the organization was formed on June 15 and it has chosen December 31 as its year end, enter December 31,
 - (2) If the organization was formed June 15 and it has chosen June 30 as its year end, enter June 30, In this example, the organization's first tax year consists of only 15 days.
- (d) The form must be signed by an authorized officer or trustee, generally the president or treasurer. The name and title of the person signing must be typed or printed in the space provided.
- (e) Enter the date that the form was signed.

DO NOT MAKE ANY OTHER ENTRIES.

Schedule A. Churches

Provide a brief history of the development of the organization, including the reasons for its formation.

The Benevolent Order of Scurrilous Monks was formed in 1980 as an organization to recognize talent and achievement in the community of Renaissance Festival artists. Our membership has now grown to include 76 men and women. In the year 2000, we incorporated in hopes of being able to establish building and operating funds with the eventual goal of establishing and maintaining a series of monasteries.

Does the organization have a written creed or statement of faith? . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," attach a copy.

Does the organization require prospective members to renounce other religious beliefs or their membership in other churches or religious orders to become members? . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does the organization have a formal code of doctrine and discipline for its members? . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe.

Describe the form of worship and attach a schedule of worship services.

The Benevolent Order of Scurrilous Monks sponsors about 6 Weenie Roasts annually. One in Arizona in February, in Texas in May, in Wisconsin in July, in New York in August and another in Texas in November. These are all established functions and have taken place annually for at least five years. There are also others.

Are the services open to the public? . . . ☒ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," describe how the organization publicizes its services and explain the criteria for admittance.

The Brotherhood usually prints 10 to 20 computer generated posters which are distributed in back stage areas of Renaissance Festivals. Not posting posters in the public parts of festivals is designed to limit attendance to festival workers and participants but everyone who shows up is welcomed. We also post 2 large signs.

Explain how the organization attracts new members.

Membership is honorary and by appointment of the Abbot. The Order makes no conscious effort to attract new members.

(a) How many active members are currently enrolled in the church?

76

(b) What is the average attendance at the worship services?

50 to 500

In addition to worship services, what other religious services (such as baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc.) does the organization conduct?

We will occasionally facilitate weddings. The Abbot tells stories for three and a half hours a day 40 to 50 days a year.

Schedule A. Churches (Continued)

Does the organization have a school for the religious instruction of the young? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Were the current deacons, minister, and/or pastor formally ordained after a prescribed course of study? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe the organization's religious hierarchy or ecclesiastical government.
The Order is governed by an Abbot, a Mother Superior and a Board of Trustees. Each Monk is entitled to establish and maintain a "Side Order of Friars." Each Monk has autonomy over his or her Side Order.

Does the organization have an established place of worship? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," provide the name and address of the owner or lessor of the property and the address and a description of the facility.

If the organization has no regular place of worship, state where the services are held and how the site is selected.
Weenie Roasts are held outdoors in locations with dirt underfoot and sky overhead. When possible, they take place in campgrounds attached to Renaissance Festivals to provide easy access for festival workers. When festival owned facilities are not available, Weenie Roasts are held at private campgrounds or public parks.

Does (or will) the organization license or otherwise ordain ministers (or their equivalent) or issue church charters? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe in detail the requirements and qualifications needed to be so licensed, ordained, or chartered.

Did the organization pay a fee for a church charter? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," state the name and address of the organization to which the fee was paid, attach a copy of the charter, and describe the circumstances surrounding the chartering.

Show how many hours a week the minister/pastor and officers each devote to church work and the amount of compensation paid to each of them. If the minister or pastor is otherwise employed, indicate by whom employed, the nature of the employment, and the hours devoted to that employment.
The Abbot devotes at least one hour every week replying to E mails, writing material for the Web Site and trying to maintain amailing list for a group of people who move frequently. Each Weenie Roast entails 4 full days of work. Writing, publishing and distrubuting each semi annual "Abbot's Report" entails 3 full days of work. The Abbot receives no financial compensation for any of these duties. Our Abbot makes his living as a professional storyteller at Renaissance Festivals and while some might consider these performances to be more like religious services than Weenie Roasts are, he does not. Renaissance Festivals pay Brother Donald to tell stories continuously for three and a half hours each festival day. He has been wearing brown monk's robes with hooded cowls and has performed this remarkable feat of oratorical endurance 40 to 50 days a year for more than 20 years. The storytelling business has never grossed as much as \$15,000 in any year.

Schedule A. Churches (Continued)

- 17 Will any funds or property of the organization be used by any officer, director, employee, minister, or pastor for his or her personal needs or convenience? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe the nature and circumstances of such use.

In the future, the Order hopes to provide living facilities for its monks in monasteries.

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- 18 List any officers, directors, or trustees related by blood or marriage.

N/A

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- 19 Give the name of anyone who has assigned income to the organization or made substantial contributions of money or other property. Specify the amounts involved.

The Abbot, Donald Heller, has donated the majority of the \$11,500 that now comprises our treasury. He sincerely believes that if he takes care of the Benevolent Order, that the Benevolent Order will provide for him in his old age. Smaller donations have been made by many other monks at many other times and places over the past twenty years.

Instructions

Although a church, its integrated auxiliaries, or a convention or association of churches is not required to file Form 1023 to be exempt from Federal income tax or to receive tax-deductible contributions, such an organization may find it advantageous to obtain recognition of exemption. In this event, you should submit information showing that your organization is a church, synagogue, association or convention of churches, religious order or religious organization that is an integral part of a church, and that it is carrying out the functions of a church.

In determining whether an admittedly religious organization is also a church, the IRS does not accept any and every assertion that such an organization is a church. Because beliefs and practices vary so widely, there is no single definition of the word "church" for tax purposes. The IRS considers the facts and circumstances of each organization applying for church status.

The IRS maintains two basic guidelines in determining that an organization meets the religious purposes test:

1. That the particular religious beliefs of the organization are truly and sincerely held, and
2. That the practices and rituals associated with the organization's religious beliefs or creed are not illegal or contrary to clearly defined public policy.

In order for the IRS to properly evaluate your organization's activities and religious purposes, it is important that all questions in Schedule A be answered.

The information submitted with Schedule A will be a determining factor in granting the "church" status requested by your organization. In completing the schedule, consider the following points:

1. The organization's activities in furtherance of its beliefs must be exclusively religious, and
 2. An organization will not qualify for exemption if it has a substantial nonexempt purpose of serving the private interests of its founder or the founder's family.
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