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## **Bylaws**

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- August 10, 2016: addition of Appendix D – Logos
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**Article I      General Provisions**

Section 1      Name

The name of this organization shall be guy hang (“gh”), a not-for-profit corporation incorporated in, by and under the laws of the State of Ohio.

Section 2      Trademarks

The name guy hang, the initials gh, and the organization logo are to be trademark protected.

Section 3      Status

gh will be identified as a Domestic Fraternal Society (501(c)(10)) – a domestic fraternal society, order, or association adhering to the following guidelines:

1. Is a domestic fraternal organization organized in the U.S.,
2. Operates under the lodge system,
3. Devotes its net earnings exclusively to religious, charitable, scientific, literary, educational, and fraternal purposes, and
4. Does not provide for the payment of life, sick, accident, or other benefits to its members.

Section 4      Purpose, Mission and Vision

gh is a philanthropic, social, fraternal organization/community directed towards, and for, men. gh does not discriminate in any manner contrary to law or justice on the basis of race, color, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability, physical challenges (handicap), veteran's status or national origin.

At the same time, gh cherishes its right and duty to seek and retain individuals who will make a positive contribution to the mission, vision and guiding values of the organization in order to further enhance and develop the gh tradition and principles. While the interest and backgrounds of gh members may be diverse, we are all connected by shared values and our underlying desire to have fun with lifetime friends.

gh has no political or religious affiliation(s).

Mission: the mission of gh is to provide an avenue for – and nurture – camaraderie, community, philanthropy and fun.

Vision: the vision of gh is to create a positive difference in the lives of fellow members and the communities in which each member lives – through a focused commitment to the gh mission as well as compassion, networking, and relationships.

Section 5 Guiding Values

- Integrity
- Humor
- Trust and Honesty
- Loyalty
- Selfless
- Accountable
- Responsible
- Encourage
- Kindness and Respect
- Generous
- Excellence
- Productive
- Comfort and Ease
- Open
- Active
- Service-Driven
- Ethical and Moral
- Accepting
- Courageous
- Driven, Passionate and Engaged

Section 6 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of gh shall be initially established from January 1 through December 31.

## Section 7 Presence

gh will maintain an Internet presence at the web address/URL of [guyhang.com](http://guyhang.com) and [ourcoolwebsite.com](http://ourcoolwebsite.com). The site will include the following:

- about
  - mission and vision
    - guiding values
    - strategic framework
  - history
  - benefits
- charities (community involvement)
- membership
  - application
  - bylaws
  - fee(s)
- directory\* (networking)
- financials\*
- calendar\* (of events)
- blog\*
- MYgh\* (member/account information)
- swap shop\*
- bucket list\*
- perks\* (partnerships/affiliations)
- store\*
- photos\*
- contact

\*member in good standing access only

## **Article II Purpose and Powers**

### Section 1 Purpose

Philanthropy. Fun. Community. Camaraderie.

Everyone wants to belong to something – everyone needs to belong to something. Whether it be college fraternities or fraternal organizations, the drive and desire to be a part of a group with shared and common interests, goals and vision is not unique. There are numerous associations of individuals that exist to provide an avenue and purpose to the members they serve.



Social Capital: resources available to an individual through their relationships and connections with others.

### Fraternity

fra-terni-ty/fre'tsrniti/[fruh-tur-ni-tee]

noun, plural fra-terni-ties.

1. a local or national organization of male students, primarily for social purposes, usually with secret initiation and rites and a name composed of two or three Greek letters.
2. a group of persons associated by or as if by ties of brotherhood.
3. any group or class of persons having common purposes, interests, etc.: the medical fraternity.
4. an organization of laymen for religious or charitable purposes; sodality.
5. the quality of being brotherly; brotherhood: liberty, equality, and fraternity.

## Section 2 Objectives

To be the premiere organization that offers its membership the value and benefit of:

- Outings with fellow members
- Strong community involvement and focus benefiting charities of local importance to members
- LinkedIn-type functionality on website with networking opportunities
- "Bucket List" access to events and items available through members
- "Swap Shop" feature – craigslist-type classifieds from/for gh members
- Partnerships and affiliations to provide perks for members only
- Blog functionality on the web-site – a fun and informative medium for topics of member interest
- A gh store providing items with a unique gh design – some created with input from gh members

## Section 3 Powers

To achieve its purposes and goals – as well as support its mission, vision, values and guiding principles – gh members may engage in all moral, ethical and necessary help and programs it deems appropriate and acceptable.

## **Article III      Membership**

### Section 1      Formation

Initial members of gh shall be interested individuals that are currently and regularly participating in the gh gatherings upon collective and total donation of their membership dues and interest to gh, effective November 1, 2013.

### Section 2      Admission of Additional Members

Additional persons may submit an application for membership in gh upon initial expressed interest in the organization, and upon successful completion of the application and approval of a majority of existing members and the Officers of gh, provided that such individuals conduct themselves in a manner expected of gh members and reflective of guiding values of the organization.

gh membership is available to any adult male individual and shall not be restricted by race, color, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability, physical challenges (handicap), veteran's status or national origin.

### Section 3      Membership Dues

Dues shall be paid by each gh member in order to maintain the status of "member in good standing." The following is the required minimum membership contribution:

- \$250.00 per year, or
- \$3,000.00 lifetime (payable in six (6) \$500.00 payments over a twenty-four (24) month period – receipt of first payment results in "member in good standing" status).

Additional optional charges may apply or be charged based on gh product or service being rendered or requested, or eligibility to participate/partake.

Dues amounts have been established at a level sufficient to cover the administrative costs and objectives of the organization.

gh member status is granted upon payment of all current dues and fees. gh members whose dues are delinquent shall forfeit member status.

The phrases "member(s) in good standing", "gh member(s)", "member(s)", and

"member status" all refer to individuals with the full membership classification, rights, and entitlements as defined in these bylaws.

In the event that a member fails to make such payment thirty (30) days after receiving notice thereof, the member shall be deemed to have given notice of resignation as a member effective immediately. Delinquent members will have all membership entitlements suspended until they again become members in good standing.

Section 4     Membership Rights and Entitlements

gh member status entitles the individual to e-mail notification and access to the members only section of the gh website for the time, date, and location of all meetings and gh events.

gh member status entitles the individual to gh member discounts on any gh sponsored event, product/service or merchandise if available.

gh member status entitles the individual access to gh resources if available.

gh member status entitles the individual to vote on general issues and the election of Officers.

gh membership shall not entitle any member to any direct share or interest in the funds of the organization.

gh member status entitles the individual to serve on committees as appropriate.

Section 5     Inability to Pay Dues

Persons wishing to initiate or maintain membership in gh that are unable to provide fees identified in III.3 due to circumstances accepted by Officers – and identified and explained prior to expiration of thirty (30) day notice – will be allowed to forgo payment of dues contingent upon re-establishing themselves as a member in good standing once they are able to financially do so.

Section 6     Resignation of Members

Any person may resign as a member of gh by providing thirty (30) days written notice to an Officer of the organization, or by discontinuing payment of

membership dues. Upon such resignation, the resigning member shall have no right to receive a return or refund of any contribution(s) or dues.

Section 7 Member Actions and Endorsements

gh members agree to be bound by the Code of Ethics (identified in III.8) and these bylaws.

No individual member or group of members representing gh shall have authority to endorse or recommend any product, service, or organization in the name of gh unless so authorized by the Officers and/or a majority of members in accordance with these bylaws.

Section 8 Code of Ethics

All members and guests in conjunction or connection with any and all gh activities shall:

- Abide by the bylaws and policies of gh
- Keep confidential anything of sensitive or proprietary nature
- Conduct themselves and their activities in a respectful and courteous manner
- Not engage in sales activities, solicitation, or personnel recruiting unless both members are willing to participate in the exchange
- Not conduct any other activity contrary to the purpose and objectives of gh

Officers of gh shall serve as a Review Board in matters of violation of the Code of Ethics, and upon majority vote shall have the power to revoke an individual's gh member status.

- Any member who has his gh member status revoked shall have no right to receive a return or refund of any contribution(s) or dues

Section 9 Meetings of the Membership

The phrases "regular meetings" and "general membership meetings" refer to any normally scheduled meetings.

gh shall schedule regular meetings, open to all gh members. gh meetings are also open and free-of-charge to occasional visitors and guests. Any guest or visitor wishing to attend a second meeting will be asked to join gh.

The location for gh meetings will vary, yet location will be communicated to gh

members with as much advance notice as possible, no less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to an event.

Due to inclement weather or multiple member schedule conflicts, a meeting may be canceled. As much advance notice as possible will be provided in the event of a cancellation.

## **Article IV      Officers of the Corporation**

### Section 1      Designation

The business of gh shall be managed by the Executive Council.

The Executive Council of gh will be comprised of Officers in the roles of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate past Chairman and such other Officers as the Chairman may appoint, or that a majority of the membership deems appropriate, required and/or necessary.

The immediate past Chairman is limited to an advisory role and may only cast tie-breaking votes in normal Executive Council decisions, but will have one full vote in the removal of an Officer.

A simple majority is required for quorum and voting in normal Executive Council decisions.

### Section 2      Composition and Terms

The initial Officers of gh are listed in Appendix A of the bylaws. The initial Officers will not be subject to term limits except those that are identified in these bylaws.

### Section 3      Functions and Powers

gh Officers will control and manage gh's affairs, subject to the limitations of the Articles of Organization (Appendix C), and all other applicable state and federal laws.

Subject to the foregoing, the day-to-day business of gh shall be conducted by its Officers, as provided in this section.

The business of gh shall be managed by the Executive Council.

A bank account in the name of gh is established and shall be maintained as directed by the Executive Council and these bylaws. Signatory authority for all accounts shall reside with the current Chairman and Treasurer.

The gh General Membership List and any other contact list or subset may not be provided to anyone except as directed by the Executive Council and these bylaws.

Upon leaving any gh office, that Officer is required to collect all materials related to that office and deliver them to any current Executive Council member.

#### Chairman

The elected Chairman shall, in addition to the duties of the Executive Council, perform the following functions:

- Act as the primary interface with all outside organizations, with exceptions as directed by the Executive Council and these bylaws
- Preside at all Executive Council meetings
- Coordinate advertisement and partnerships for gh as appropriate, including but not limited to, follow-up with new attendees at meetings, telephone calls to nonmembers, and letters to potential new members
- Have and exercise general charge and supervision of the Officers of the organization
- Be the source of all official copies of gh historical and administrative records, documents, and publications
- Ensure the distribution of published entitlements to gh members, and the distribution of materials for the Executive Council where appropriate. (i.e., business cards, brochures, letterhead, and envelopes)
- Ensure reasonable notification of Executive Council and member meetings
- Be restricted to the role of an ex-officio member of all gh committees, and only vote in tie breaking situations

#### Vice Chairman

The elected Vice Chairman shall, in addition to the duties of the Executive Council, perform the following functions:

- Ensure communications are properly edited and distributed to members
- Attend and keep minutes of all Executive Council meetings

- In absence of the Chairman, have full exercise of all rights and powers of the Chairman

#### Secretary

The elected Secretary shall, in addition to the duties of the Executive Council, perform the following functions:

- Update and maintain the gh website
- Update and maintain the gh database records
- Ensure the integrity of the gh website and database
- Develop and distribute membership directory
- Provide member names and addresses to third parties as approved by Executive Council
- Coordinate meeting locations and directions
- Maintain, along with the Chairman, historical reference and future plans

#### Treasurer

The elected Treasurer shall, in addition to the duties of the Executive Council, perform the following functions:

- Provide supervision of gh financial affairs and perform all standard duties incident to the Office of Treasurer
- Disburse funds of gh as are required in the authorized conduct of gh affairs and activities
  - No funds are to be considered authorized without prior approval via the budgeting process
- Provide for the custody and safekeeping of all Securities of gh
- Issue invoices
- Issue receipts for all payments received
- Prepare and provide quarterly financial statements to the Executive Council and to gh members upon request
- File an annual statement with the State of Ohio and any other governing body, in accordance and compliance with the law, to preserve the not-for-profit status of this organization

#### Section 4 Nomination, Election and Term of Office

Candidates for gh Officers must be a member in good standing as of the date of their nomination.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman must be members in good standing for a minimum of one year prior to assuming responsibilities of the role and must have previously served one term as an Officer. They shall serve for a two-year term, and each shall be eligible for re-election. The term of office for Treasurer and Secretary shall consist of one year coincident with the calendar year.

Nomination for election to an Officer shall be made by a Nominating Committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor at any member meeting at which one or more Officers will be elected. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Officers of gh and any other volunteering members. The Nominating Committee shall be formed at the first member meeting of each fiscal year to service from the close of that meeting until the close of the first member meeting of the following fiscal year. The Nominating Committee shall make as many nominations for election to Officers as it shall in its discretion determine, but in no case fewer than the number of vacancies to be filled.

Individuals with gh member status shall have the right to vote on any issue put before the body assembly of the organization provided they are in attendance at the meeting.

Voting may be counted by voice, by show of hands, or by ballot in all decisions except the normal election of gh Officers, which must be by official ballot.

All voting decisions shall result from a simple majority vote of gh members present, unless otherwise indicated in these bylaws.

All Officer roles within gh are required to be gh members in good standing and maintain their membership status/standing for the duration of their term. Each shall serve two-year terms, and they may be reappointed.

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary shall serve without compensation, however they may be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses while transacting business on behalf of gh.

## Section 5 Vacancy

Any vacancy in the Officers shall be filled by an affirmative vote of a



majority of the membership. The nominations for appointment must then be accepted by a simple majority vote of the gh members present. If not filled previously, the vacancy shall be filled through an election at the next succeeding meeting of the members of gh. Any Officer selected by the members to fill a vacancy shall serve as such until the expiration of the term being filled.

Section 6 Succession

Upon resignation, disability or death of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall fulfill the remainder of the Chairman's term in office.

Upon resignation, disability or death of the Vice Chairman, a majority of the membership shall elect a new Vice Chairman to fulfill the remainder of the Vice Chairman's term in office.

Section 7 Meetings, Attendance and Quorum

A majority of the Officers will constitute a quorum for the transaction of gh business at any meeting of the Executive Council.

The basis and foundation of gh are meetings. Meeting minutes and attendance will not be recorded for meetings, other than Executive Council meetings.

A majority of gh members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting.

Section 8 Execution of Instruments

Loans

No loans shall be made, or accepted, on behalf of gh, and no evidences of indebtedness shall be issued in gh's name, unless authorized by a resolution of gh Executive Council. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Checks, Drafts, Notes

All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of gh shall be signed by such Officer or Officers, agents or agents of gh and in such a manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Executive Council.

### Deposits

All funds of gh not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of gh in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Executive Council may select.

### Loans to Executive Council

gh may not directly or indirectly lend money to or guarantee the obligation of an Officer of gh.

## Section 9 Books and Records

Each member in good standing shall have access to the books and records of gh upon request. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year and the books will be closed and balanced at the end of the year. Officers may, in their discretion, require the audit of gh's books and records from time to time.

## Section 10 Administration

The official text font for gh correspondence, web-site content, documentation and paperwork is "Segoe UI."

All gh documentation, correspondence and paperwork must appear on approved gh letterhead.

## Section 11 Parliamentary Authority

Rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules Of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of this organization in all cases not provided for in these Bylaws.

## Section 12 Annual Meeting

A regular meeting of the Executive Council of gh shall be held annually. Such meeting shall occur without any notice to the Officers other than the notice occurring in this bylaw. By resolution the Executive Council may provide the time and location, either within or without this state, for the holding of any additional regular meetings without any notice other than such resolution.

Section 13

Minutes

The Vice Chairman takes minutes at Executive Council meetings of gh – where and when appropriate. Meeting minutes shall be filed and required copies be submitted to gh members upon request.

Section 14

Conflict of Interest

Whenever an Officer has a financial or personal interest in any matter coming before gh, the affected person shall:

- a) fully disclose the nature of the interest, and
- b) withdraw from discussion, lobbying, and voting on the matter.

Any transaction or vote involving a potential conflict of interest shall be approved only when a majority of disinterested Executive Council members determine that it is in the best interest of gh to do so. The minutes of meetings at which such votes are taken shall record such disclosure, abstention and rationale for approval.

Section 15

Indemnity

gh agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless the Executive Council and members, from and against all liability, loss, cost or expense (including attorney's fees) by reason of liability imposed, arising out of or related to gh's activities, whether caused by or contributed to by the members or any other party indemnified herein, unless caused by the sole negligence of the member or any other party indemnified herein.

**Article V**

**Committees and Task Groups**

Section 1

Committees

The performance of such duties that the Officers deem appropriate may be assigned to one or more committees, and each committee shall have such authority as may be determined by the gh Officers. Members and the Chairman of any committee shall be drawn from the general membership and consist only of members in good standing. Reports of any committee activity shall be presented in a written or oral report to gh Officers.

gh committees shall have the vested authority to complete their specific task

without a requirement to bring decisions before the general membership for vote, but shall be held to the controls and procedures as defined by the Officers and these bylaws.

Such committees shall cease to function when their specific task has been completed.

Section 2 Limits on Authority of Committees

No committee may do any of the following:

- Authorize distributions;
- Approve action required by law to be approved by Executive Council or members;
- Fill vacancies on the Executive Council or on any of its committees;
- Amend articles of incorporation;
- Adopt, amend, or repeal bylaws;
- Approve a plan of merger not requiring member approval.

Section 3 Task Groups

gh Officers may establish task groups to accomplish specific goals. Task groups may be made up of any combination of gh members in good standing or other persons not members of gh, including members of regulatory authorities with whom gh desires to foster coordination, cooperation and a relationship. A chairperson of the task group shall be chosen by the members of the task group, as long as the chairperson is a gh member in good standing. Reports of any task group activity shall be presented to gh Officers.

**Article VI Removal and Resignation**

Section 1 Removal

Any Officer appointed by the gh membership and/or Executive Council may be removed by the Executive Council at any time with or without cause, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed.

Complaints or a request for investigation may be made by any gh member, to any member of the Executive Council.

At a special meeting of the Executive Council called for that purpose, the entire Executive Council or any individual Officer may be removed from office by a vote of a majority of the Officers entitled to vote in an election of Officers.

Following their investigation, the Executive Council shall vote and determine by simple majority whether to continue with the removal process.

The Officer in-question has the right to address the membership immediately prior to any removal vote. The result shall be determined by a simple majority vote of present gh members.

Section 2      Resignation

Any Officer may resign at any time by delivering his resignation in writing to the Chairman or to a meeting of Officers or general membership. Such resignation shall take effect at such time specified therein, or if no such time is specified, then upon delivery thereof.

**Article VII      Bylaws and Amendments**

Section 1      Amendments

Copies of proposed changes to the bylaws must be provided to the Officers thirty (30) days prior to the vote. A committee may be established by the Officers to update bylaws.

An announcement that changes to the bylaws are being proposed must be made to the general membership, and copies of the proposed changes provided upon request, thirty (30) days prior to the vote.

These bylaws may then be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of gh members present and eligible to vote, at any meeting.

Any changes to these bylaws must be represented in the "Revision Record" of this document.

Section 2     Renewal

These bylaws will be considered valid and operative – and auto-renew on the first day of each year – unless changes to the bylaws are presented to, and accepted by, the membership.

Section 3     Current Release

This document shall take effect immediately upon its acceptance and passage by the membership, and supersede all constitutions and bylaws previously adopted.

**Article VIII    Dissolution**

At such time that gh should ever be dissolved, any monies remaining after all debts are paid shall be distributed as directed by the then current Officers, but shall not entitle any member to share or interest in the funds of the organization.

**APPENDIX A – List of Officers**

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Chairman	Name	Roderic H. Keeley
	Address	[REDACTED]
	Phone	[REDACTED]
	E-Mail	[REDACTED]
Vice Chairman	Name	TBD
	Address	
	Phone	
	E-Mail	
Treasurer	Name	Jeremy Lewis
	Address	[REDACTED]
	Phone	[REDACTED]
	E-Mail	[REDACTED]
Secretary	Name	Stephen J. Chapman
	Address	[REDACTED]
	Phone	[REDACTED]
	E-Mail	[REDACTED]

## APPENDIX B – Strategic Framework

## APPENDIX C – Articles of Organization

# gh Strategic Framework

Drivers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association and connection with similar-minded and directed individuals</li> <li>• Philanthropic focus partnered with a desire to do good and be better</li> <li>• Transparency to social organizations that may not be known or present</li> <li>• Engage in business with individuals that are known and can be trusted</li> <li>• Support the development and success of friends</li> <li>• Accessibility to resources/ portfolio that would not be available individually or otherwise</li> <li>• Pooling of resources allows for greater opportunities</li> </ul>

- Drivers – why we are needed
- Vision – picture of the future; what we want to be known for; where we aspire to be
- Mission – why we exist; what we aspire to do
- Principles – what we will do – measure of conduct or behavior
- Guiding Values – how we will act, engage and hold ourselves
- Goals and Strategies – how we will realize our mission

**Vision**

Create a positive difference in the lives of fellow members and the communities in which each member lives – through a focused commitment to the gh mission as well as compassion, networking, and relationships.

**Mission**

Provide an avenue for – and nurture – philanthropy, fun, community, support and camaraderie.

- Principles**
- Serve Our Members and Communities
  - Foster an Environment of Consideration, Inclusion and Value
  - Act with Objectivity and Transparency
  - Deliver Worth
  - Strive to Do Best
  - Support Charity of Choice
  - Keep Our Commitments
  - Innovate, Learn and Improve Continuously

- Guiding Values**
- |   |  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrity</li> <li>• Humor</li> <li>• Trust and Honesty</li> <li>• Loyalty</li> <li>• Accountable</li> <li>• Responsible</li> <li>• Encourage</li> <li>• Productive</li> <li>• Kindness and Respect</li> <li>• Active</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generous</li> <li>• Excellence</li> <li>• Comfort and Ease</li> <li>• Service-Driven</li> <li>• Ethical and Moral</li> <li>• Accepting</li> <li>• Courageous</li> <li>• Driven, Passionate and Engaged</li> <li>• Selfless</li> <li>• Open</li> </ul> |
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Goals	Strategies
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Deliver Culture of Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate impact of gh Vision and Mission</li> <li>• Improve and enrich quality of life and community of members through gh involvement</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Enable Avenue for Resource Sharing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase opportunities to share, receive, and benefit from member resources</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Build Portfolio of Interest and Worth</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide resources of value and interest</li> <li>• Enhance and/or increase personal portfolio options</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Optimize Relationships and Networking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster growth and development of "six degrees"</li> <li>• Provide appropriate support and opportunities to members</li> <li>• Evolve connections into measurable value and worth</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Give Forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote transparent philanthropic focus and cause</li> <li>• Foster ability to be better and to do good</li> <li>• Enhance offerings of charity contribution based on member desire</li> </ul>	



Articles of Incorporation of the undersigned, all of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of Ohio, do hereby certify:

**First:** The name of the Organization shall be guy hang (“gh”).

**Second:** The place in Ohio where the principal office of guy hang is to be located is the city of Medina (Post Office Box 78, Hinckley, Ohio 44233), Medina County.

**Third:** Said Organization is organized exclusively for philanthropic, networking, charitable, and educational purposes, including, but not limited to, 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.

**Fourth:** The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial trustees of the gh Organization are as follows:

Name: Roderic H. Keeley

Address: [REDACTED]

Name: Jeremy Lewis

Address: [REDACTED]

Name: Stephen J. Chapman

Address: [REDACTED]

**Fifth:** No part of the net earnings of the Organization shall inure the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in the furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Organization 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, guy hang 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 Organization.

**Sixth:** Upon the dissolution of gh, 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 Organization is then located, exclusively for such purpose or to such organization or organizations, as said Courts shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

APPENDIX D - Logos

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## **APPENDIX E – Deductions of Contributions**

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-tege/eotopice85.pdf>

Deductions of Contributions to IRC 501(c)(3) Organizations and Other Exempt Organizations

### **Domestic Fraternal Societies**

IRC 170(c)(4) provides that a contribution by an individual is deductible when made to a domestic fraternal society, order, or association, operating under the lodge system, but only if such contribution or gift is to be used exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. These are organizations of the type described in IRC 501(c)(8) and 501(c)(10). IRC 501(c)(8) describes fraternal beneficiary societies operating under the lodge system or for the exclusive benefit of the members of a fraternity itself operating under the lodge system and providing for the payment of life, sick, accident, or other benefits to the members of such societies or their dependents. A fraternal society exempt under IRC 501(c)(10) is one described in IRC 501(c)(8) except that it does not provide benefits to members and its earnings are devoted to religious, charitable, scientific, literary, educational, and fraternal purposes.

"You may deduct charitable contributions of money or property made to qualified organizations if you itemize your deductions." (IRS Publication 78)

IRC 501(c)(8) Fraternal Beneficiary Societies and IRC 501(c)(10) Domestic Fraternal Societies

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-tege/eotopicf04.pdf>

## **APPENDIX F – Tax Deductible Expenses – Charity**

<http://taxes.about.com/od/deductionscredits/a/CharityDonation.htm>

Donations to charity are tax deductible expenses. These donations can reduce your taxable income and lower your tax bill. Not everyone will be able to deduct their charitable contributions, however. You will need to itemize your tax deductions in order to claim any charity.

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### **Where to Claim the Charity Deduction**

You claim your tax deduction on Form 1040, Schedule A (PDF).

### **Rules for Claiming the Charitable Contribution Deduction**

Your gift of cash or property must meet certain criteria in order to be tax-deductible.

**You must actually donate cash or property.** A pledge or promise to donate is not deductible until you actually pay.

**You must contribute to a qualified tax-exempt organization.** Charities will let you know if they have received their 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Some organizations are not required to obtain 501(c)(3) status from the IRS. These include churches and other religious organizations.

**You must be able to itemize.** Giving to charity is a great tax planning strategy, but it only works for people who are eligible to itemize their deductions.

**You must meet record keeping requirements.** This includes saving canceled checks, acknowledgment letters from the charity, and appraisals for donated property.

### **Keeping Records of Your Charity**

Taxpayers are required to keep excellent records of their charitable contributions. Under the Pension Protection Act, you must keep written records of all cash donations. Donations of \$250 or more will not be allowed as a tax deduction unless you have supporting documentation. Your records must indicate the name of the charitable organization, the date of your contribution, and the amount your contribution.

### **Non-Cash Contributions of Property**

Contributions of property (other than cash) are subject to strict record keeping and substantiation rules. You must be able to substantiate the fair market value of the goods or property you donated, plus keep any written acknowledgments you receive from the charity.

### **Fair Market Value of Contributed Property**

You must make an assessment of the fair market value of the property you contribute.

### **Non-Cash Contributions Totaling More Than \$500**

You must attach IRS Form 8283 if your total non-cash contributions exceed \$500.

### **Car Contributions: Must Have Written Acknowledgement**

If you contribute a car, truck, boat, airplane, or other vehicle, and the vehicle is worth more than \$500, you must have received a written acknowledgement from the non-profit before you can claim a tax deduction.

### **Non-Cash Contributions over \$5,000: Must Have Written Appraisal**

If you contribute property worth more than \$5,000, you must obtain a written appraisal of the property's fair market value.

### **Limits on the Charitable Contribution Deduction**

Your charitable contribution tax deduction may be limited. There are limits specific to charitable contributions, and there are general limits on itemized deductions.

### **50%, 30%, and 20% Limits on Charitable Contributions**

- Generally, you can deduct cash contributions in full up to 50% of your adjusted gross income
- Generally, you can deduct property contributions in full up to 30% of your adjusted gross income
- Generally, you can deduct contributions of appreciated capital gains assets in full up to 20% of your adjusted gross income

Charitable contributions in excess of these limits can be carried over to the following tax year. The excess contributions can be carried over for a maximum of five years.

### **Not Tax Deductible**

Contributions are not tax deductible if given to any of the following:

- Political parties, political campaigns, or political action committees
- Contributions given to individual people
- Fees or dues paid to professional associations
- Contributions to labor unions, chambers of commerce, or business associations
- Contributions to for-profit schools and hospitals
- Contributions to foreign governments
- Fines or penalties paid to local or state governments
- The value of your time for services rendered to a non-profit