Internal Revenue Service

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to your request for a letter affirming your organization's exempt status.

In November 1984, we issued a determination letter that recognized your organization as exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(13) of the Internal Revenue Code. That letter is still in effect.

Your organization is required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, if its gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the organization's annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$20 a day, up to a maximum of \$10,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

Section 170(c)(5) of the Code provides for the deduction for Federal income tax purposes of contributions to cemetery companies of the type described in section 501(c)(13). To be deductible, the contributions must be voluntary and must be made to or for the use of a nonprofit cemetery whose funds are irrevocably dedicated to the care of the cemetery as a whole. A donor may not deduct a payment made for the perpetual care of a particular lot or crypt. Furthermore, payments made to a cemetery company as a part of the purchase price of a burial lot or crypt, even though irrevocably dedicated to the perpetual care of the cemetery as a whole, are not deductible.

All exempt organizations (unless specifically excluded) are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more paid each employee during a calendar year. The organization is also liable for tax under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act for each employee to whom it pays \$50 or more during a calendar quarter if, during the current or preceding calendar year, it had one or more employees at any time in each of 20 calendar weeks or it paid wages of \$1,500 or more in any calendar quarter.

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

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Your organization is not required to file federal income tax returns unless it is subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Internal Revenue Code. If it is subject to this tax, your organization must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your organization's activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in Code section 513.

The law requires you to make your organization's annual return available for public inspection without charge for three years after the due date of the return. If your organization had a copy of its application for recognition of exemption on July 15, 1987, it is also required to make available for public inspection a copy of the exemption application, any supporting documents and the exemption letter to any individual who requests such documents in person or in writing. You can charge only a reasonable fee for reproduction and actual postage costs for the copied materials. The law does not require you to provide copies of public inspection documents that are widely available, such as by posting them on the Internet (World Wide Web). You may be liable for a penalty of \$20 a day for each day you do not make these documents available for public inspection (up to a maximum of \$10,000 in the case of an annual return).

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your organization's exempt status, you should keep it with the organization's permanent records.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

This letter affirms your organization's exempt status.

Sincerely,

John & Richards

John E. Ricketts, Director, TE/GE Customer Account Services