

THE GRAND AND GLORIOUS ORDER OF THE HILLBILLY DEGREE



Information Guidelines for Applying for Charter!!

1. Need at least 4 members who are in good standing in sponsoring Shrine Center to commit to being a member!
2. Have Meeting prior to Requesting Shrine Center approval on forming and applying for charter! Must vote on the following: Shrine Center Unit or Club! (Please read Imperial document on subject to group before voting). Also go over the Grand and Glorious Order of Hillbilly Degree constitution and By Laws! **Acceptance of these is a must to be given charter by both Shrine Center and new clan!**
3. After voting on Acceptance of constitution and by – Laws and selecting Unit or Club designation, using the following guidelines, Prepare a Set of Clan By – Laws:

A. Elected Officers Duties:

- i. Raban – Chair ALL meeting of Clan – Serve on Audit Committee – Oversee Degree work and Events!
- ii. Keeper of the Cobb – Responsible for fundraising events, location, entertainment, food, serve on audit committee, and assisting Raban in his duties!
- iii. Guardian of Still – Responsible for beverages, assisting keeper of the Keeper of the cob and Raban on degree work, and welcoming prospective new members!
- iv. Keeper of Quill – Keeps ALL RECORDS – Responsible for submitting reports to Shrine Center and Imperial Hillbilly's! Also, in charge of banking accounts!
- v. ALL OFFICERS ARE EXPECTED TO DONATE THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS TO THEIR CLAN! (Everyone pays)

- B. Audit Committee: Consists of Following: Raban, Keeper of Cob, and one member elected at large from group! Must Meet Each Year before report is filed with Imperial Hillbillies!

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- C. Banking account: **Must have at least three signatures on account** – Raban – Keeper of Quill and one other from clan! Number required to write checks up to clan!
(Should Have Clan Debit Card)

Must Also determine amount of yearly startup amount: (Example: \$2000)
Also, should have a reserve amount: (Example: \$2000)

- D. Appointed Jobs: Hat fitter and Bard

- E. Location of meetings – time and day of each month held (6 required)

- F. Degrees should be held at official Clan Fundraisers – Number of Degrees per year up to clan (One Required)

Determine one time Initiation Fee: (Example; \$45 men - \$35 Gals - \$70 couple)

- G. Hillbilly Mama's - **ONLY ONE** (must be married to)

To remove a lady from clan rolls – Letter requesting removal must be presented to Host clan of member – Exec. Board (Raban, Keeper of Cob, Guardian of still, and keeper of Quill) Member cannot be on board!! For approval!

1. These By-Laws are to be submitted to your Shrine Center for Approval, along with divan approval of Constitution and By-Laws of Grand and Glorious Order of The Hillbilly Degree!
2. A copy of your By-laws for Imperial Hillbillies approval and the form letter supporting the request from Shrine Center for a charter for an active clan to be started,
3. A letter requesting a charter signed by at least 4 Hillbilly clan members!
4. A \$25 one-time charge for Charter is required with the above!

The above three combined information requirements, should be sent to:

Imperial Raban – Donald Cox, 798 Glendale St, Portsmouth OH 45662

After Charter is approved by Imperial Hillbilly Clan, a degree must be held, and an election of officers completed within 60 days!

NOTIFICATION OF DEGREE - DATE -TIME AND PLACE should be placed in Shrine Center communications 30 days prior to work and sent to hillbilly.webmaster@gmail.com for placement on hillbilly website!

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Imperial Clan – Hillbilly Degree Unit or Club?

The Grand and Glorious Order of the hillbilly degree originated as a sideline degree for **Shriners** to be a fund-raising tool for fundraising for the Shriners Hospitals for Children and to be a fun way of doing it! (History can be found on Website) Those who were initiated were accepted into a Hillbilly Clan!

From the start it was accepted as a good way to get both nobles and their ladies involved in the fundraising events! Having both a men's degree and a woman's degree made the process even more attractive to couples!

As the fast growth continued soon, as most organizations run into, the degree as it is known, (because of the large amount of money generated) became a sought after group where some Shrine centers wanted total control of monies made and thus deviating from the constitution and by-laws of The grand and Glorious Order of the Hillbilly Degree as set forth by the Imperial Shrine in Tampa, which was accepted by Shrine center in their request for granting them a clan!

This was then under Imperial Direction resolved by a having group petitioning Shrine Center decide whether to become a unit or club! The direction of funds was to still go to either Hospital or Sponsoring Shrine Center Hospital Transportation fund! **EXCEPT IN CASES**, where **units are Required to**, in the event of **EMERGENCY**, provide support for Shrine Center operation!

Under a **UNIT** as stipulated under Imperial Shrine Law a noble may **ONLY BELONG TO ONE** under their centers umbrella!

Under a **CLUB** that is sanctioned to operate under the umbrella of their center, the funds are protected to be sent **ONLY to Hospitals** or the Shrine Center sponsored **transportation fund** under which Clan was created! Under a club on the other hand, as stipulated by Imperial Shrine law, nobles can join as many clubs of sponsored shrine center that they govern. Thus, creating a large pool of prospective members, increasing fundraising capabilities for clan and greater results for the Shrine Center!

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ALL funds raised by clans are to be reported in a **yearly** report, with total donated (Dollar amount of all material things donated) and a report sent into **Imperial Hillbilly Keeper of the Cob!**

This report can be accessed, filled out, copied and emailed online to Keeper of the Cob

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Request for Charter to Establish a Hillbilly Clan

Date: _____

Shrine Center: _____

On behalf of the above Shrine Center, located in the state of: _____

Do hereby support the request for a charter to form a Hillbilly clan under our shrine center jurisdiction!

We also submit that this clan will be operating as a: Unit: Club:

In supporting this request our shrine center agrees that this clan will adhere to the constitution and By-Laws of the Imperial Hillbillies, the Imperial Shrine located in Tampa, and Shrine Center under which it was formed!

We also know that a charter for the Grand and Glorious Order of Hillbilly Degree, can ONLY be issued or removed by the Imperial Officers of said group! Any outhouses formed by your original Clan, are to operate and be supervised by Main Clan under which the Charter and By-laws was granted!

A Complete Shrine center financial report must be submitted to center under which the clan operates and an Imperial clan report of its total donated amount and new members will be submitted by Keeper of Quill to Imperial Hillbilly's yearly.

Respectfully Submitted

Illustrious Sir - Potentate

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Date _____



Hillbilly Degree

Clan # _____

Shrine Center Name



Petition for Membership

Clan E-Mail: _____

Check one!

_____ (Men) I certify that I'm a member in good standing of THE SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA and I'm willing to participate in the initiation.

_____ (Men) I'm a member of clan# _____ and apply for associate membership in Clan# _____

_____ (Ladies) I certify my Husband is a member of the Shrine of North America

HB Card #: _____ Signature: _____

Unit #: _____ Initiated: _____ Approved: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Fee: _____ Recommended By: _____

Mailing Address of Clan: _____

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Important Notice to ALL Clans!

Each and all clans were issued their charter upon application and agreed to abide by the CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS of the GRAND AND GLORIOUS ORDER OF THE HILLBILLY DEGREE!

The other terms and conditions you agreed to and are CAUSE for SUBSPENDITION are the following!

Definition of what is a by-law: A rule adopted by an organization chiefly for the government of its members and the regulation of its affairs!

By-Laws can be changed by the members at Imperial Hillbilly Convention.

By-law changes must be posted on Hillbilly news (Website) for Three months prior. To convention to be voted on! Therefore, you will find on page 6 of our By-Laws item 10. Hillbilly news (Website) will carry all official announcements and notices of clans! A fee of \$10 will be charged each new member joining as a registration fee and collection of and transmission to Imperial Officers of their information, along with membership card number, and fee will be the responsibility of each clan! OUTHOUSES are to submit their financial reports, list of new members and fees to main clan to incorporate to their yearend report to be sent to Shrine Center and Imperial Hillbilly's!

It is the responsibility of ALL CLANS TO PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION for their officers, such as name, complete address, phone number and clan contact e-mail address!

FAILURE OF SENDING IN REPORTS – NON-PAYMENT OF FEE AND INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS ARE CAUSE FOR SUBSPENDSTION!

Insurance: 99% of the time ALL UNITS AND CLUBS ARE COVERED UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF SPONSORING SHRINE CENTER!!! Check with your Shrine Center!!

Imperial Officers

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New Clan Report

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(Only to be completed for Startup – Please fill out completely)

Date Clan Established: _____ Name Selected: _____

Clan Number: _____ Initiation Fee (includes \$10 Imperial Fee): _____

of startup members: _____ Shrine Center: _____

Raban: _____ Phone: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Keeper of Cob: _____ Phone: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Guardian of Still: _____ Phone: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Keeper of Quill : _____ Phone: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Clan Email Address: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

When completed, copy to your computer and send as attachment using Email to donaldnelson53@yahoo.com

If no computer email, send by snail mail to

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