

The Spudstitution

Preamble

We, the people of this Old Orchard Church Youth Group, in order to preserve and promote well-being of taterkind, do ordain and establish this spudstitution for the governing of spudmanity.

Article 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Old Orchard Church Youth Group's Tater Fellowship, hereafter referred to as *an assembly of spudkind, Taterkind, This Tater Fellowship, This Youth Group, or, spudmanity.*

Article 2: Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to cultivate a love of and appreciation for the wonderful creation of our LORD Jesus that is the Potato. The Board and Spudtsar shall assist in staying true to this purpose and help spudmanity remember said purpose.

Article 3: Membership

Section 1: All who attend this Youth Group are hereby counted as an honorary member in this spudmanity.

Section 2: Membership shall not be by any means of registration, but granted upon the second consecutive attendance of an individual. Status of member is revoked upon absence for a period greater than twelve consecutive meetings. Upon graduation of the twelfth grade membership status is made permanent and elevated to *Spud Emeritus*. Status of *Spud Emeritus*, once granted to any individual, cannot and shall not be revoked under any circumstance.

Section 3: The privileges and benefits of membership are as follows: You shall be permitted to vote upon decisions and movements in any and all meetings of this assembly of

spudkind. Spud Emeritus is differentiated from member in their ability to maintain status indefinitely without condition. Status within this Tater Fellowship shall not be withheld from any person under any circumstance whatsoever.

Article 4: Meetings

Section 1: This Tater Fellowship shall not meet on a strict, regular schedule, but rather on Sunday nights usually in the basement of Six-hundred and Thirty-Nine Amelia Avenue in Webster Groves Missouri, in the United States of America. This facility is henceforth referred to as *The Milligan House*. Meetings shall be organized by whosoever is in the position of Youth Pastor at Old Orchard Church.

Section 2: Policy Decisions can be motioned to the floor by any Member or Spud Emeritus of spudmanity that is present at a meeting. Motions must have a second to back them up, other than whosoever brought them to the floor. They can, and should be discussed by the collective group present until decision to vote is declared by the Spudtsar. Votes must be blind, and one-half majority to be passed. They shall be counted by the Spudtsar, whose count is final and shall not be challenged. If a tie results, the Spudtsar can decide whether to cast a vote, or bring in a somewhat unbiased individual to cast a blind vote. Each present member can cast a single vote either 'ye' or 'nay' in regards to the motion or decision being voted upon. Decisions made shall take be put into place at the very end of the meeting they were voted in, or as otherwise specified by the Spudtsar.

Article 5: Officers

Section 1: The group shall have the following officers: A Spud, a Spudtsar, a Scrituber, and a Root Guard.

Section 2:

The Spud has no official duties, except that of being present at each and every meeting.

The Spudtsar must fulfill all duties entrusted to them by this spudstitution, its amendments, and any other legal documents and agreements of this Assembly of Spudkind.

In addition, they must also provide, or approve another party to provide, the potato to withhold the position of Spud. They must also determine when the Spud's life is at its end, and oversee the burial. In said burial, they must place the spud in the grave by hand, and shovel the first shovel of dirt in the burial.

The role of the Scrituber is to remember the minutes of the meetings of spudmanity. Their recollection shall not be challenged except by the Spudtsar, who can also have them voted out of office if their memory seems unfit for keeping track of minutes. Another Scrituber must be voted in before the close of the current meeting in session, and shall not be required to recall the minutes of the meeting in which they were voted in.

The Root Guard is to prevent the Spud from all harm, to the best of their ability. They must assist in the burial of the Spud, to the extent requested by the Spudtsar, bar the first shovel of dirt in burial, which is reserved for the spudtsar.

Section 3:

The Spud's term lasts until death or impeachment, and the new spud must be re-instated by the Spaudtsar by the end of the next meeting proceeding the burial. Their name must be voted in by one-half majority.

The Spudtsar has a term of one semester, and can serve three consecutive terms.

The Root Guard's term is one year, and can serve four consecutive terms.

Article 6: Elections

Section 1:

Elections must take place once per semester. The vote must be blind, and all but the Spudtsar can vote, if present. Whosoever receives the majority vote as counted by the Spudtsar, whose count is final, is the officer-elect, and their term commences on the first minute of the first session, of the next semester. If the vote is a tie, all power is in the hand of the Spudtsar to decide which of the two or more tied candidates win the vote.

Section 2:

An Officer-Elect must go through the inauguration ceremony of the passing of flame from the candle of the current officer to the candle held by the Officer-Elect, on the first meeting of their term.

Section 3:

Any officer may be impeached for any reason, legitimate or not, provided that the proper procedure is undergone. There must be a ballot vote, counted up by the Scrituber, unless it is them being impeached; in that case, the Spudtsar counts the ballots. The vote must be three-quarters majority for an impeachment to take place. The new Officer must be elected and inaugurated before the end of the session.

Article 7: Motions

Section 1:

In order for a decision relating to this Spudstitution, it's By-Laws, Amendments, or otherwise a motion must be broought to the floor by any present member. This motion must be seconded by any other present member in order to be voted in.

Section 2:

Before a motion is voted upon, and after being seconded, there is opportunity to discuss. The member originally making the motion is given opportunity to speak first, and then any othe member may speak in an orderly fashion. Order is kept, and the conversation is mediated by the Spudtsar. The decision can be changed

as the conversation progresses by the member who brought forth the motion.

Section 3: The motion's decision must be voted upon by one-half majority. The decision takes effect on the start of the next session, unless noted in the decision.

Article 8: By-Laws

Section 1: By-Laws can be established and amended by anyone, and go through the motioning procedure outlined in Article 7.

Section 2: By-Laws must be concise, and without obvious loopholes. They may not contradict this spudstitution in any way. They must be easy to interpret, and can be vetoed by the Spudtsar for any reason.

Article 9: Amendments

Section 1: Amendments may be made to this spudstitution and it's By-Laws, by any present member.

Section 2: Amendments must follow the motioning procedure outlined in Article 7, but must also be voted two-thirds majority, and can be vetoed by the Spudtsar for any reason.

Article 10: Ratification

This spudstitution must be ratified by a three-fourths majority vote, by ballot— To be counted publicly. Members must vote 'Ye' to agree with it, or 'Nay' to disagree with it.

Article 11: Interpretation

Any questions regarding the interpretation of this spudstitution must be answered by the Spudtsar, whose interpretation shall be ratified by a three-fourths majority vote. This vote is to be done by ballot, read publicly to all present members. It is recommended, but not required, that the interpretation is followed by an amendment that clarifies the constituion.