

Mission Statement

The Fellowship of Reason® is an open, benevolent, and vital rational moral community in which we celebrate our lives, our freedoms, and our philosophy of reason.

FOR Incorporated

I will incorporate the Fellowship of Reason® as a non-profit Georgia corporation on November 1, 2001. The date is significant because we enjoyed our first monthly Celebration 3 years ago that date and because FOR's URL www.kindreason.com became active 5 years ago. We have met the 1st Sunday of every month since Sunday, November 1, 1998. I'm proud of that record.

Why incorporate?

1. **Participation**—In order for us to progress the concerted efforts of many people will be required. People work for that in which they **have a personal interest**. By creating a non-profit membership corporation, members will be motivated to contribute time, money, and creativity to the success of our project.
2. **Longevity**—Our intention is that the Fellowship of Reason® become an international organization for people who share our philosophy. Ultimately thousands of people will have to participate. Lifetimes will have to be spent growing this organization. Only a legal entity with a perpetual existence can provide an appropriate structure for that growth.
3. **Money**—Currently FOR costs about \$80 per month to operate (rent, postage, coffee and donuts). Members and guests will be more comfortable contributing money for operating costs to a non-profit corporation.

Where's the beef?

While I am proud of and have immensely enjoyed our 36 consecutive monthly Celebrations, our many

pot lucks, our several discussion groups, our many philosophy tapes, and our weekend rafting trip, I come to the conclusion that the core value of our group is not found in any one of these activities. The core value is not in our philosophy. The core value is the many relationships with the wonderful people in our group. I have often remarked to Linda, lately, about the remarkably fine people that we have attending our various activities. I can truthfully and without exaggeration say that in my 50 years of life I have never known a nobler group of people.

Is this accumulation of great people an accident? No! And this is where our philosophy becomes important. Our philosophy acts as a filter, like panning for gold. The entire population is sifted through our philosophy, those stay with us who love the virtues of rationality, productivity, pride, independence, justice, integrity, honesty, self-responsibility, and courage and who love the institutions of the rule of law, individual rights, and freedom. Those who do not share a love of these virtues and institutions move on. Needless to say, since that which draws our group together are these virtues and institutions, we should not be surprised that we have an extraordinarily virtuous group.

We are members of this group because each of us *is* noble!

I wish to thank all of you who have supported the Fellowship of Reason® through the years. Starting November 1, 2001, FOR officially becomes a membership project for which we all share responsibility. I expect we will grow by leaps and bounds!

November 2001 Celebration:

Welcome
Celebration of Freedom—?
Celebration of Visitors
Celebration of Each Other
Celebratory Announcements
Celebration of Personal Mission—Leanna
Celebration of Heroes—?
Celebration of Literature—Ellen
Celebration of Art—Peter and Rhonda
Oratory—"The Wing and the Prayer" by Randy
Closing Quotation

Bring your Personal Mission Notebook to Celebration.

FOR's Potluck supper

Thank you Leanna for hosting potluck in October!

FOR's Café Conversation

Not scheduled for this month.

Current series of Philosophy Tapes

Current session ends Thursday, November 1, 2001.

FOR's Philosophy Tapes

Each Thursday Night: FOR is sponsoring a free taped philosophy course. We meet every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Location and subject to be determined. Our next session begins November 8, 2001.

Celebration Schedule 2001

- Sunday, November 4, 2001—"The Wing and the Prayer" by Randy
- Sunday, December 2, 2001—"Felix the Cat is my God" by Martin

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