



Application for International Membership

Annual membership is from **July 1st through June 30th** of each year. International Membership dues are **\$350** and will be prorated based on your enrollment date. Your International Membership includes:

- Subscription to *The Independent* magazine and The Weekly Wrap and Independent Insider e-newsletters
- Annual Resource Guide, a directory of OGR members and your one-stop place to find information on member services, Golden Services Group co-op buying group, OGR Committees, and the Board of Directors
- Discounts on registration rates to OGR Educational Seminars and Annual Conference
- Exclusive access to the OGR website, www.ogr.org
- OGR certificate and logo identifying your firm as an OGR member
- OGR's supplier network, offering you discounts on a variety of products and services

MAIN FIRM MEMBERSHIP

Firm Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Owner (if different): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Shipping Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ Website: _____

AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIPS

Please indicate any affiliate/branch locations for membership that you own or manage within a 100-mile radius of your main location. *Affiliate memberships can be added at no additional charge.*

Affiliate #1

Firm Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Owner (if different): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Shipping Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ Website: _____

Affiliate #2

Firm Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Owner (if different): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Shipping Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ Website: _____

Affiliate #3

Firm Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Owner (if different): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Shipping Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ Website: _____

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND CASE VOLUME

Is your firm independently owned? Yes No

What year was your firm founded? _____

Please indicate the number of adult cases/calls for the past fiscal year. _____

Please tell us why you would like to join OGR and what affiliation with the Order of the Golden Rule means to you.

Standards of Ethical Conduct

“Service measured not by gold, but by the Golden Rule.”

Our Standards of Ethical Conduct are a pledge of members’ ethics and professionalism in their interactions with families. *Please read carefully and sign your agreement indicated below.*

We believe in the validity and the application of the Golden Rule and pledge our efforts to the pursuit of this standard in all our personal and professional relationships.

- 1 We pledge ourselves to attend to the preparations, care and disposition of deceased human bodies with compassion and understanding, having due regards and respect for the reverent care of the human body, to those bereaved, and the overall spiritual dignity of man.
- 2 We pledge ourselves to serve any deserving family in time of need, regardless of monetary consideration.
- 3 We will observe the laws governing the practice of funeral directing and abide by the codes of ethics of our professional associations, to the end that funeral service and this firm shall merit and receive the confidence of the public.
- 4 We will adhere to high standards of character, integrity and responsibility; we will make no false representations; we will be truthful in our dealings with the public and within the profession.
- 5 We pledge to respect all faiths, creeds and customs, and to be responsive to the needs of those we are called upon to serve.
- 6 We acknowledge our fiduciary relationship to the families that we serve and pledge to hold their confidences inviolate.
- 7 Our charges, which are commensurate with services rendered, are based on our known costs of operation and shall be set forth in such a manner that the public may know what is included in such charges.
- 8 At the time that funeral arrangements are made, we will furnish each family with a complete and clear explanation of the charges for the services provided and merchandise selected, together with an itemization of monies to be advanced as an accommodation to the family and the agreed-upon method for the payment of the account.
- 9 We will maintain and provide to the public complete facilities and equipment, including a highly competent and well-qualified staff.
- 10 We recognize the fact that funeral services is a practice affecting the public health, safety and welfare; funeral directors are called upon to serve their fellow man during one of the most trying periods human beings can experience. We pledge ourselves to the pursuit of our continuing education to the end that those who look to us may be well served.
- 11 We will provide the public with full information pertaining to all aspects of funeral service, and we will cooperate with all others with whom we share caretaking responsibilities as we develop facts, research and knowledge, which will better enable us to meet the needs of those who mourn.

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

I certify that all statements contained in this application are true and further agree that any knowingly false statements shall be grounds for rejection of any membership upon discovery. I hereby agree to abide by the Golden Rule Standards of Ethical Conduct.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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