DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴՈՒԹԻՒՆ ՀԱՅՑՑ ԱՄԵՐԻԿԱՑԻ ԱՐԵՒԵԼԵԱՆ ԹԵՄԻ

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

January 11, 1994

Reverend Deacon Norman Odabashian
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church
678 Richmond Rd.
Richmond Hts. OH 44143

Dear Diratzoo:

Chrisdos Dzunav Yev Haydnetzav!

Enclosed is a signatured application to solemnize a marriage in the state of Ohio. I have signatured this application form and am returning it to you for proper disbursement.

Will be in touch before next month's visit. Hope you had a wonderful time in Rome.

In - Christ,

Father Garabed Kochakian
Chancellor

Enc.

GK/as

APPLICATION FOR MINISTER'S LICENSE
TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES

_____ , having
<p style="text-align:center">PRINT OR TYPE NAME</p>

presented credentials showing himself/herself to be a regularly ordained or licensed

minister of the _____ religious society or

<p style="text-align:center">DENOMINATION OR NAME OF INDEPENDENT CHURCH</p>

congregation, hereby requests that a license be issued to him/her to solemize

marriages within this State so long as he/she continues a regular minister in such

society or congregation.

_____   Rev. Fr. gershed Korhelian

DATE   SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

_____
STREET ADDRESS

_____
CITY   STATE   ZIP CODE

_____
TELEPHONE

PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR CREDENTIALS AND LICENSE FEE OF $10.00

BOB TAFT
Secretary of State
State of Ohio

To the Clergy:

In response to your request, enclosed is an application for a minister's license to solemnize marriages in Ohio. To apply, please submit to this office a completed application form, the credentials described below, and a check or money order in the amount of ten dollars ($10.00) made payable to Bob Taft, Secretary of State. When everything has been properly submitted, we will mail your license to you.

Please note that the appropriate credentials, or xeroxed copies of the credentials, must be submitted before such a license is issued. An ordination certificate, a license, or any similar official statement (with signatures) issued by your society or congregation which indicates that you are a duly ordained or licensed minister would be considered acceptable. THE NAME OF THE CONGREGATION FOR WHOM YOU ARE A PASTOR OR MINISTER MUST BE IDENTICAL AND APPEAR ON BOTH YOUR CREDENTIALS AND APPLICATION. Also, if your credentials require a current fellowship card to be valid, we would also require a copy of this card.

Please note that our license to solemnize marriages is valid only so long as you (the minister) continue in the regular service of the congregation or denomination as stated on the face of our license.

If you have any questions in this matter, please feel free to contact this office at (614) 466-2585.

Very truly yours,

Marty Brown
License Administrator

mjb
1993
Enclosure
3079C

OHIO MINISTER LICENSING LAW

SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGE

3101.08 WHO MAY SOLEMNIZE

An ordained or licensed minister of any religious society or congregation within this state licensed to perform marriages, a judge of a county court anywhere in the state, an authorized judge of a municipal court any-where in the state, a probate judge in their county, the mayor of a municipal corporation in any county in which such municipal corp-oration wholly or partly lies, the superinten-dent of the state school for the deaf, or any religious society, in conformity with the rules and regulations of its church, may join toget-her as husband and wife any persons not prohibited by law.

3101.09 PROHIBITION

No person, except those legally authorized, shall attempt to solemnize a marriage, and no marriage shall be solemnized without the issuance of a license.

3101.10 LICENSE TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES

A minister upon producing to the secretary of state, credentials of his being a regularly ordained or licensed minister of any religious society or congregation, shall be entitled to receive from the secretary of state a license authorizing him to solemnize marriages in this state so long as he continues as a regular minister in such society or congregation. A minister shall produce for inspection his license to solemnize marriages upon demand of any party to a marriage at which he officiates or proposes to officiate or upon demand of any probate judge.

SECTION 3 (EFFECTIVE JUNE 4, 1976)

All ministers who are licensed or authorized to solemnize marriages in any county on the effective date of this act are deemed licensed with the secretary of state as provided in sections 111.16, 3101.10, 3101.11, and 3101.12 of the Revised Code as amended by this act.

3101.11 RECORDING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

The secretary of state shall enter the name of a minister licensed to solemnize marriages upon a record kept in the office of the secretary of state.

3101.12 RECORD AND LICENSE AS EVIDENCE OF AUTHORITY

When the name of a minister licensed to solemnize marriages is entered upon the record by the secretary of state, such record and the license issued under section 3101.10 of the Revised Code shall be evidence that such minister is authorized to solemnize marriages in this state.

3101.13 RECORD OF MARRIAGE

A certificate of every marriage solemnized shall be transmitted by the authorized person solemnizing the marriage, within 30 days after the solemnization, to the probate judge of the county where the marriage license was issued. All such certificates filed with the judge, shall be consecutively num-bered and recorded in the order in which they are received.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

3101.99 PENALTIES

(B) Whoever violates section 3101.09 of the Revised Code shall be fined five hundred dollars and imprisoned not more than six months.

(C) Whoever violates section 3101.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than fifty dollars.

111.6 FEES TO BE COLLECTED

The Secretary of State shall charge and collect, for the benefit of the state, the following fee:

(K) for a minister's license to solemnize marriages, ten dollars.