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Things That Shouldn't Be
Conducting Church business on my store premises

Dear Sir,

I am the manager of Georgettes General Store. Twice in the last two days, I have had two Sea Org members come into my store to conduct Church business on the premises. There were also some earlier times this occurred. These are the details:

On Sunday 5 May, Alex Jentsch, Call In & Promo IC from CLO WUS came into my store and made a bee-line to my cashier, Richard Helmlinger. He handed him a signup sheet and Dianetics Event tickets and told (not asked) my cashier to get 'x' number of confirms for the event.

I pulled Alex into the backroom and told him that this was a store not a church and he could not take my cashier to wear a church hat on these premises. His "think" was that there were customers he had seen coming into the store that were not coming into the orgs and therefore I had valuable comm lines to other Scientologists and he wanted to tap into that to get these people confirmed. Great idea, I suppose, but I repeated (numerous times) that I was a shop, not a church, and that I pay my cashiers to do work for my shop, not someone else's business, and that my comm lines are mine, not the church's.

I eventually got Alex to respect my viewpoint, although I could see that he wasn't really in agreement with my viewpoint. He took his signup sheet and tickets and went his merry way.

The next day, I had two IAS uniformed staff come into my shop and walk around. They walked slowly through the store like they were "staking it out". It was rather stranger. Then they walked out. I normally query all customers who walk in and then out without a purchase about what they were looking for that they didn't find (a qual step for me). "Miriam" (IAS staff) told me "Someone". Thinking this was an ethics matter that I needed to keep an eye out for "someone", I asked her "Who?" She replied "Not a specific someone, just someone... for regging." There was no one in the shop at the time. No one. And that's why they were leaving.

I told Miriam that she could not come into my shop in order to reg people. She told me that she would wait until someone did their purchase. No, I told her, her "business" stopped at the sidewalk (pointing to the bottom of the steps in front of the front door of the shop); that I was a business and not a church and that she could not come in here and bother my customers—well-intentioned or not. She seemed to sort of "get it" and went away.

Another day about three weeks ago, I received a phone call in my shop asking for a cashier who was not on duty at that time. I asked who was calling. The person replied "Gold". I asked why they wanted to talk to my cashier because they were not allowed to receive personal phone calls at the shop. I was told pointedly "This is not a personal call!" Oh, what was it, I asked. "I wanted to know if she had any wins with Dianetics because we're doing

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some filming." I told the caller that that represented a personal call because it had nothing to do with Georgettes General Store business. I don't think the caller really "got it" but since my cashier wasn't there anyway, they hung up.

Another day about 5 weeks ago, I had a Div6 AOLA staff member come who wanted to sign up my cashier (the one currently "on duty") for a membership. I was talking with another cashier of mine who had an idea. We sent the AOLA staff member over to talk to the cashier on duty (who was in the other building from where we were standing). I figured it would be a 5-minute cycle. A while later, my cashier comes storming in there and tells me that this AOLA staff member had been regging her for over half an hour while she was on post and in front of other customers. I went and handled the matter.

About 3 weeks ago, two staff members from ASHO/F, MAA Arthur Milford and the Student MAA (a young woman), came over to my shop. They wanted to speak with me AND my cashier (church business). I told them they couldn't come in my shop to conduct church business, especially while we were on post. Arthur said he would "back off" if a customer came in the shop. I told him that our work didn't stop when all the customers left the space. We had other duties to attend to. Anyway, I wound up taking the two MAAs out back to talk to them about my cycle anyway (using about 45 minutes of my post time), and my cashier made an appointment to see them on Sunday.

In conclusion

None of these cycles should have occurred on the premises. Although as a shop we represent a safe space for Scientologists, one cannot conduct church business on our property. One cannot assume that all staff at Georgettes are Scientologists, nor that all customers in the shop at any given time are Scientologists.

To notice that many Sea Org staff members seem to think that Georgettes is an extension of PAC Base is flattering, though incorrect. It is not. It is a business that is governed by the laws of the land and by LRH Tech as best we can apply it as it applies to a shop. It is *not* a church and although we like to support the church in any way we can, we cannot allow church business to be conducted on the property. Two people who come in the shop together who go sit out back and yack about church business is quite okay in my book, but soliciting Georgettes' staff and customers is not okay any day of the week.

I would appreciate it if there is anything that can be done from your hat. I'm not sure how best to handle the misguided Sea Org members without appearing like I'm anti-Church. In alignment with their viewpoint that going up the Bridge is the most important thing on the planet, so too do they seem to think that all activities align with and must support the church. Not true, when I am not a church and have my own Admin Scale.

Is there anything you could do to help in this matter?

Sincerely,

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