

## **BAM is a 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) Public Charity.**

Currently This IRS determination provides BAM, Members, and Donors the following advantages:

- 1). BAM is Tax Exempt from Federal and State Income Tax. (See below)
- 2). Donors can receive a tax deduction for qualifying donations made to BAM. (See details below)

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IRS has provided BAM with a letter of Tax Exempt Status allowing us to spend more of our resources on our purpose to promulgate the art of Blacksmithing by not charging us taxes. The State of Missouri follows suit and treats us the same. Our annual filings are not to pay taxes but to demonstrate how we meet our purpose filed with the IRS and our bylaws.

## **Donors can receive a tax deduction for qualifying donations made to BAM**

Donations (not membership dues or fees) made to BAM are tax deductible. Donations can be monetary or non-monetary (non-cash donation). Nonmonetary tax deductions require the filer to itemize. Monetary tax deductions can be used for itemized filers, but standard deduction filers are allow to deduct monetary deductions up to \$300.00 in 2021 for a single filer and \$600.00 for a joint filing.

IRS can require a receipt for monetary donations of \$250.00 or more. BAM can provide such a receipt. IRS can require a receipt for non-monetary donations of any amount and may require an appraisal of anything over \$500.00. BAM will provide a receipt but the valuation is left up to the donor.

This tax deductibility can also be useful for estates. To determine how useful, please discuss with your attorney or financial planner.