



The Clergy Network

Many Wedding Clergy & Other Civil Marriage Officiators Have Come & Gone... But, The Clergy Network Still Here After 17 Years!

TCN's screened wedding officiants hold advanced earned degrees. Since the 1980's TCN ownership has provided experienced male and female professional ministers, clergy & other civil marriage officiators. We have presided over marriage ceremonies and other celebrations throughout Southern California. We are a network of long-time friends and colleagues.

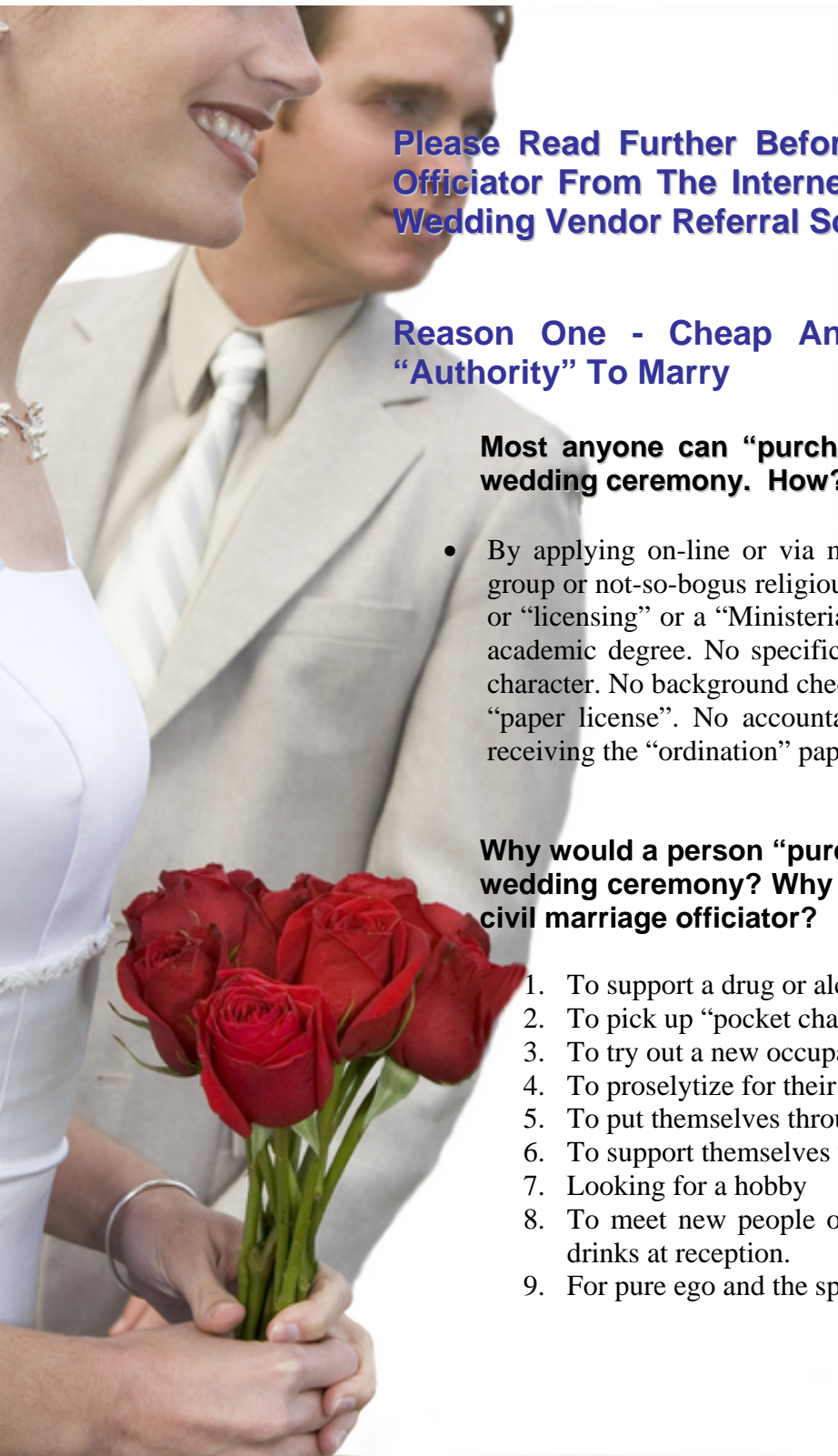
No other Orange County, Los Angeles County, San Diego County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County, Ventura County or other Southern California wedding officiator service can claim the above.

But What About The Rest Out There? Why Such A Turnover Of Traveling Wedding Officiators In Southern California?

This phenomenon is mostly due to:

- **Reason One** - The cheap and easy purchase of the "authority" to become a wedding ceremony presider/officiator. Most anyone can become an officiator!
- **Reason Two** - Those having a recognized religious denomination's authority to marry, but no required academic education or specialized training.
- **Reason Three** - Those with the authority, advanced degrees and experience choosing not to or only occasionally to preside over wedding or other celebratory ceremonies.

Conclusion To Above - Although having the "authority" to marry, there is usually no commitment to a career in wedding officiation. Not in academic education, specialized training or in career priority. These clergy, ministers or officiators are part-time at best and unreliable at worst. As you will see, a superficial commitment and dedication to other interests can easily take priority over any wedding ceremony. Even your own!



Please Read Further Before You Select A Wedding Officiator From The Internet, Phone Book or Even A Wedding Vendor Referral Source

Reason One - Cheap And Easy Access To The “Authority” To Marry

Most anyone can “purchase” the right to solemnize a wedding ceremony. How?

- By applying on-line or via mail to a bogus non-profit religious group or not-so-bogus religious organization offering “ordination” or “licensing” or a “Ministerial Doctorate”. No career appropriate academic degree. No specific training. No screening of personal character. No background check. Just pay the money and receive a “paper license”. No accountability to peers or higher ups after receiving the “ordination” papers.

Why would a person “purchase” the right to solemnize a wedding ceremony? Why become a wedding minister or civil marriage officiator?

1. To support a drug or alcohol problem
2. To pick up “pocket change”
3. To try out a new occupation
4. To proselytize for their religious or philosophical beliefs
5. To put themselves through school
6. To support themselves until something better comes along
7. Looking for a hobby
8. To meet new people on weekends – a party, free food & drinks at reception.
9. For pure ego and the spotlight



What title would the Internet or mail-order wedding officiator use? Will title give them away?

No, unfortunately, the same titles as the legitimate professional minister, clergy, officiator or civil marriage presider are utilized. Such as:

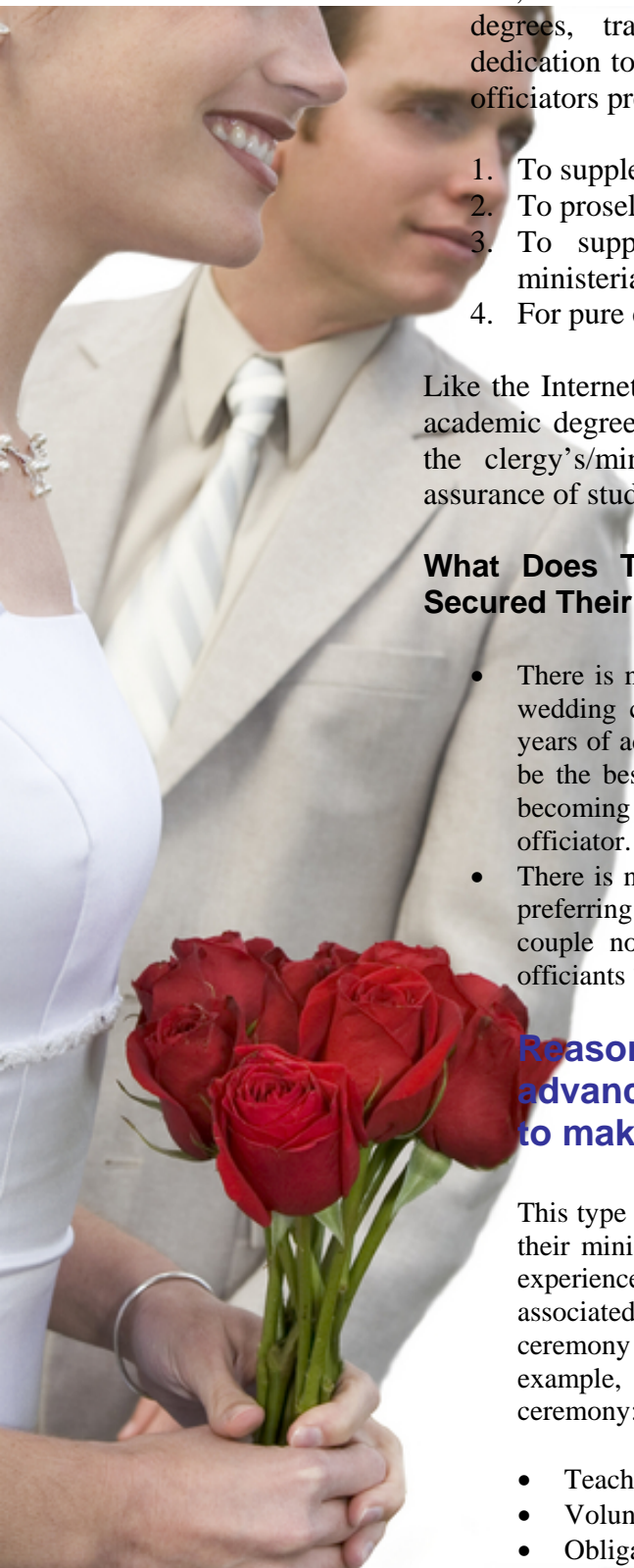
- Doctor
- Reverend
- Bishop
- Clergy or Minister
- Non-Denominational Clergy
- Wedding Celebrant
- Wedding Minister/Officiator or Clergy
- Justice-Of-The-Peace
- Catholic Priest
- Deacon
- Lay Minister
- Licensed Clergy/Minister
- Priest or Orthodox Priest
- Wedding Judge
- Civil Wedding Presider
- Etc.

No, unfortunately, the Internet or mail-order authorized wedding officiator can purchase academic letters as well. Such as:

- B.A.
- M.A.
- Ph.D.
- Etc.

Reason Two - Those With A Non-Denominational or Denominational Religious Denomination's Authority To Marry,... But No Required Training

Here, the wedding officiators "authority" to marry may come from a recognized non-denominational or denominational religious group.



But, like the Internet or mail-order clergy, there are no advanced degrees, training, experience, peer accountability or life-long dedication to the role of ceremony officiator. These types of marriage officiators preside for the following reason:

1. To supplement current week-day ministerial salary
2. To proselytize for their religious or philosophical beliefs
3. To support themselves until a church related teaching or ministerial position comes available
4. For pure ego and the spotlight

Like the Internet or mail-order clergy, titles may be used without earned academic degrees. A title, such as “Doctor”, may be granted along with the clergy’s/minister’s “ordination” or “licensing”. The title is no assurance of study, skill or lifetime experience or achievement.

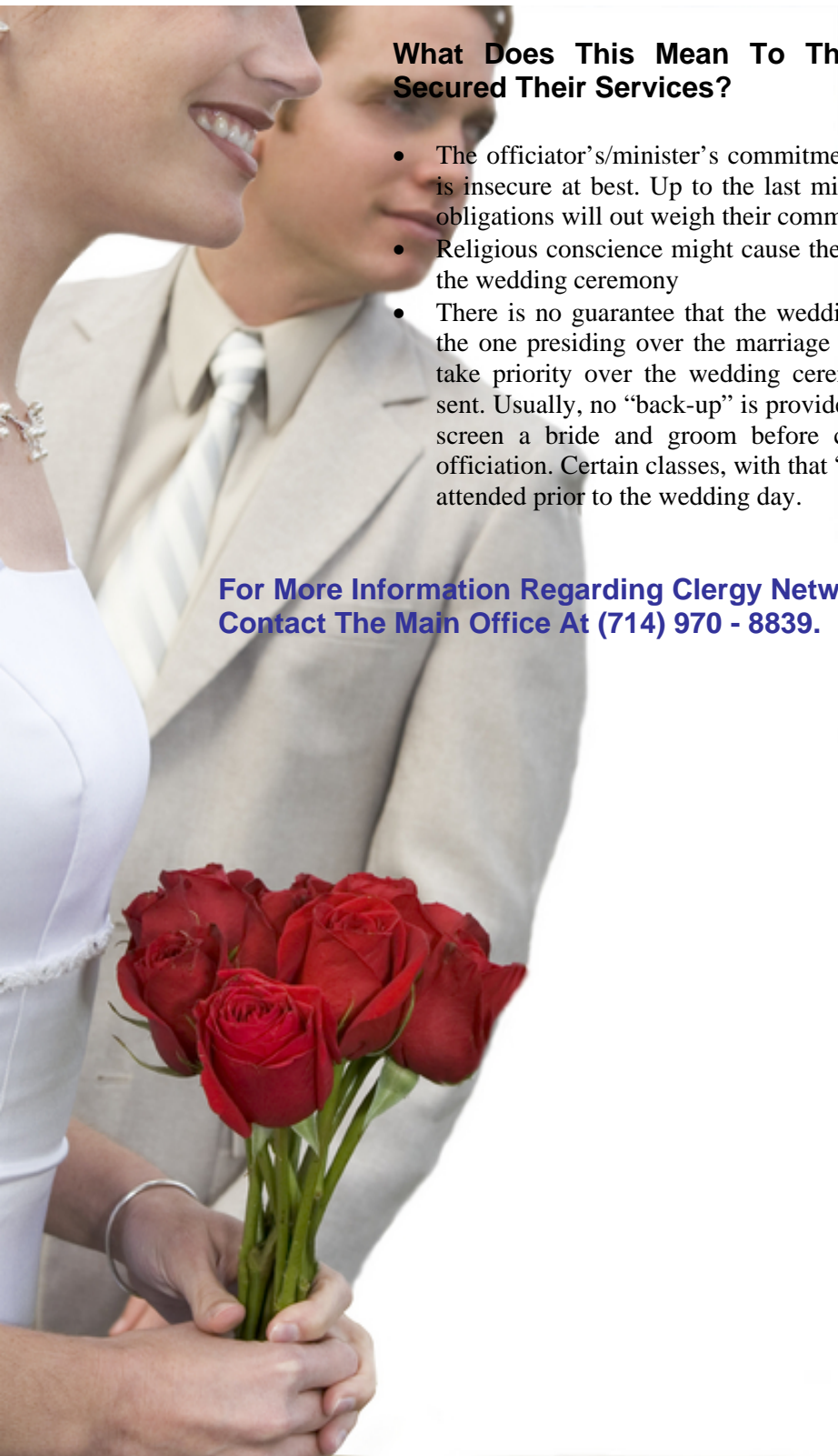
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- There is no assurance of skill, experience or even commitment to your wedding ceremony officiation. There is also no shortcut to the many years of advanced training a real clergy/minister or officiator receives to be the best in their chosen career. A lot of money and time goes into becoming a legitimate professional clergy, minister, celebrant or officiator.
- There is no assurance as to ceremony content. This is especially true if preferring a non-religious wedding ceremony and marriage vows. For the couple not sharing the same religious faith, no guarantee as to the officiants “faithfulness” to the marriage ceremony wording.

Reason Three- Those with the authority, advanced degrees and experience choosing not to make marriage officiation their career.

This type of officiant, clergy or minister will possess the commitment to their ministerial career, the authority to marry, even some training and experience or earned titles. However, their real focus is on duties associated with their denomination. The performing of a wedding ceremony is a “necessary evil” associated with their “ordination”. For example, certain tasks will take priority over officiating a wedding ceremony:

- Teaching at their church or para-church ministry
- Volunteer work at charity events or functions
- Obligations to their congregation or fellow clergymen



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- The officiator's/minister's commitment to solemnize the wedding ceremony is insecure at best. Up to the last minute, denominational or other religious obligations will out weigh their commitment to the wedding ceremony.
- Religious conscience might cause them to retract their agreement to perform the wedding ceremony
- There is no guarantee that the wedding clergy/minister or officiator will be the one presiding over the marriage ceremony. If ministry related concerns take priority over the wedding ceremony, a substitute officiator might be sent. Usually, no "back-up" is provided as most clergy/ministers want to pre-screen a bride and groom before committing to the wedding ceremony officiation. Certain classes, with that "back-up" officiator would have to be attended prior to the wedding day.

For More Information Regarding Clergy Network Career Officiators – Please Contact The Main Office At (714) 970 - 8839.