

and their successors, lands, tenements, rents, annuities, bank and other stock, pensions and other hereditaments in fee simple or for terms of years, life, lives or otherwise, and also goods, chattles or effects, of what nature, quality or kind soever by gift, bargain, sale, demise or bequest of any person, or persons, bodies corporate or politic, capable of making the same, and the same or any part thereof at their pleasure to grant, alien, lease, transfer or dispose of, in such manner as they shall judge most conducive to the benevolent and charitable purposes of said fraternity; *provided, always,* that the said corporation or body politic shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in value the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

Proviso.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said corporation and their successors, by the name, style and title aforesaid, shall have power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in all or any courts of justice, and before all or any judge, officers or persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters and demands whatsoever.

Corporate powers.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said corporation and their successors shall have a common seal for their use, and the same at their will and pleasure to change, alter and make anew, from time to time as they may think best, and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, privileges and immunities as are incident or necessary to corporations, and what may be necessary to the corporation herein constituted, to enable it duly and fully to execute all things touching and concerning the design and intent thereof, for the benevolent succor and relief of distressed persons, and for the attainment of other equally laudable objects.

Rights and privileges.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the General Assembly reserves to itself the right to change, alter, amend or repeal this Act at pleasure.

Reservation.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

In force.