

Incorporators.

ley, Charles M. Busbee, Henry C. Hedges, John A. Armstrong, William R. Hazlett, William B. Kennedy, James Woodyatt, C. T. Campbell, John Ham Perry, John Gibson, Joshua J. Walton, W. S. Newbury, A. G. Walling, Samuel F. Grovener, Isaac A. Sheppard, James B. Nicholson, M. Richards Muckle, John Hampden Field, Lindsay Anderson, Gilbert F. Robbins, William S. Johnson, Allen Jenckes, Silas Johnstone, Joseph L. Weakley, George B. Boyles, Robert Thompson, I. C. Stafford, M. D. Herring, R. A. Blandford, J. A. Haynie, E. M. Wilson, John N. Gale, George H. Bigelow, Nelson C. Hyde, Alfred R. Courtney, James B. Blanks, Jacob R. Robinson, W. W. Evans, J. A. Miller, George L. Hensel, Thomas S. Spates, Myron B. Lindsley, John G. Clark, Theodore B. Elliott, George E. Weatherby and H. Altman, the present officers and members of the "Sovereign Grand Lodge" of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and their successors, be and they are declared to be a community corporation and a body politic by the name and style and title aforesaid, and by that name they and their successors shall and may at all times hereafter be capable in law to have, receive and retain to them and their successors, property, real and personal, also devises or bequests of any person or persons, bodies, corporate or politic, capable of making the same, and the same at their pleasure to transfer or dispose of in such manner as they think proper; provided always that the said corporation or body politic shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in annual value the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

Declared to be a body politic.

May sue and be sued.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation and their successors, by the name and style and title aforesaid, shall be forever thereafter capable in law 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 and any judge, officer or person whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters or demands whatsoever.

Have common seal.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation to have a common