

members of the said society, and all those who, at any time hereafter, according to the constitution and by-laws of the said society, shall become members thereof, be and they are hereby created and made a corporation and body politic for ever hereafter, under the name of Saint Patrick's Society.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the aforesaid members, and their successors, by the same name, shall be able and capable in law to purchase, hold, have and enjoy, to them and their successors, in fee, or any other less estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, or other hereditaments, within this state, by the gift, grant, bargain, sale, alienation, enfeoffment, release or confirmation, of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make the same, and such lands, tenements, rents, annuities or other hereditaments, and any estate, right or interest therein or thereto, or any part thereof, at their pleasure to grant, alien, sell, assign and convey, in such manner and form, in accordance with the laws of this state, as they shall think meet and convenient for the furtherance of the objects of the said society; and also that they may take and receive any sum or sums of money, and any kind of goods and chattels, that shall be given or sold to them by any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make a gift or sale thereof, and employ the same towards maintaining the said society, in such manner as they shall judge necessary and convenient for the promotion of the purposes of its association.

May purchase
and hold property

3. *And be it enacted*, That the aforesaid members, and their successors, shall be able in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court or courts, before any judge, judges or justices within this state, or elsewhere, in all and all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands, of whatsoever kind, nature or form they may be, to make, have and use, one common seal, and the same to alter at pleasure, and all and every other matter and thing therein to do, in as full and effectual a manner as any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, within this state, in like cases may or can do.

May sue and be
sued, &c

4. *And be it enacted*, That the yearly value of the lands, tenements, rents, annuities and other hereditaments, and real estate of the said society and corporation, shall not exceed twelve thousand dollars current money; and all gifts to the said society and corporation, after the yearly value of their real estate shall amount to twelve thousand dollars as aforesaid, and all bargains and purchases to be made by the said society and corporation, which may increase the yearly value of said estate, above and beyond the sum aforesaid, shall be absolutely void and of none effect.

Yearly value of
lands, &c. not to
exceed \$12,000

5. *And be it enacted*, That the officers of the said society shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, messenger, committee of investigation and stewards, the five former of whom shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting on the first day of April in every year, and the two latter in the same manner semi-annually, commencing at the same time, a majority of the members present being necessary to constitute a choice: the society shall also have power to appoint such other officers as may be deemed expedient and necessary, in such manner as may be thought proper.

Officers