

"An Act for the incorporation of the Supreme Lodge of the Shield of Honor of the United States," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, so as to read as follows :

4. Said corporation shall the power to adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations, as it shall deem proper for the purposes of fraternal use, and to govern the payment of sick and death benefits, and also for the adjustment and settlement of the sick and death benefits, and the membership status of those members who may become, in the opinion of said corporation, totally disabled, which adjustment or settlement may be made at any time after such total disability shall occur. Said corporation shall also have the power to adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations, as it shall deem proper to aid its members and their dependents for the education, socially, morally and intellectually of its members, to assist the widows and orphans of deceased members, to establish a fund for the relief of sick, distressed and disabled members, and to provide for the payment of death benefits upon the death of a member, to such member's widow, children, grandchildren, mother, father, brother, sister, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, first cousin, next of kin, who would be the distributees of the member's personal estate, if he died intestate, to affianced husband or affianced wife of the member, or to the persons dependent upon the member for food, lodging, care, clothing or education, or to the person or persons upon whom the member may be dependent for food, lodging, care, clothing or education, and to none other. Provided, that payment can only be made to a beneficiary by reason of dependency, when it is established to the satisfaction of the executive officers of such association that the fact of such dependency, as herein provided, existed at the time of the issuance of the certificate. A benefit shall not be assignable, except to the beneficiaries above specified, and then only by the consent of said corporation, attested by its seal, and the signature of its Supreme Secretary and Supreme Executive Officer, but the member may surrender his benefit certificate, and have a new one or more of the beneficiaries, as above specified, in the manner provided in the constitution and laws of said corporation; and provided further, that the death benefit shall in no case exceed the sum of three thousand dollars.

May pass by-laws.

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