

county, a corporation duly incorporated under the General Laws of this State," be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, and eight additional sections, to follow immediately after Section 8, be and the same are hereby added thereto and respectively designated as Sections 8 A, 8 B, 8 C, 8 D, 8 E, 8 F, 8 G and 8 H, and the charter of the Supreme Council of United Craftsmen be and the same is hereby amended in accordance with the provisions of said re-enacted and additional sections, which respectively read as follows :

2. That this corporation is hereby declared to be legally organized under its charter, as amended by Chapter 512 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Session of 1904; and all the acts, contracts, matters and things done and executed by it in effecting and completing its organization under its charter or in pursuance of its constitution and laws, and all its certificates issued thereunder, be and the same are hereby legalized, ratified and confirmed; provided its said constitution and laws, where inconsistent herewith, be changed and amended in accordance with the provisions of this Act. And except as is herein provided, this corporation shall be governed by this Act and shall be exempt from all provisions of the insurance laws of this State; and no law hereafter passed shall apply thereto unless it be expressly designated therein.

Rights and franchises confirmed.

3. That this corporation shall be known as a fraternal beneficial order or association, and as such shall be formed, organized and carried on for the sole benefit of its members and their beneficiaries, and not for profit. It shall have a lodge system with ritualistic form of work and representative form of government, and in order to fully and effectually carry out the purposes and protect the interests for which it is incorporated, it shall have the power to ordain, establish and put in execution a constitution and laws, rules and regulations, not in conflict with its charter and the laws of this State, as shall seem necessary and proper for its organization, maintenance and government; and such constitution, laws, rules and regulations made in accordance with the provisions and objects of this Act shall be legal and binding until altered, amended or repealed. The supreme council, as now and as hereafter it may be constituted, when in regular session or in special session called for that purpose,

A fraternal beneficial order.