

capable in law to acquire and hold, and in anywise dispose of property, and to sue and be sued, plea and and be impleaded in any Court whatever, to have and to use a common seal and to alter the same at pleasure, and may generally do, execute and enforce all and singular such acts, contracts, matters and things as may be necessary or proper to carry into effect the powers herein granted, or to protect the interests and promote the objects and designs of their incorporation; provided, however, that in the exercise of any of the powers herein granted to such subordinate councils or branches, they shall at all times and in all respects be subject to the powers and limitations contained in their respective charters, granted by this corporation, and to the constitution, laws, rules and regulations thereof; provided further, that the property and assets of each subordinate council or branch only shall be liable for the debts and engagements of such subordinate council or branch. And in order to carry out fully and effectually the purposes and to protect the interests for which their separate incorporation is authorized, they shall have the power to pass such by-laws, rules and regulations not in conflict herewith nor with the powers granted in their charters, or with the constitution and laws of the supreme council as may seem necessary and proper for their organization, maintenance and government; but no such by-laws passed by subordinate councils or branches shall be put in operation or become effective until they have been submitted to and been duly approved by the supreme council as provided in its laws. A certified copy of the charter, under the seal of the supreme council or the subordinate council to which it has been granted, shall be sufficient evidence of the corporate existence of any such subordinate council or branch of the order.

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Power given to
pass by-laws
etc.

SE. That in addition to collecting and paying over moneys belonging to this corporation and transacting such other business committed to them by the supreme council the subordinate councils or branches of the order shall have the right, subject to the limitations placed upon them by the supreme council, to collect and receive money from their members, to be paid in fixed periodical instalments or assessments or otherwise provided in their by-laws, and may invest and accumulate the same for the use and benefit of their members and their beneficiaries and may issue certificates

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