

Wm. T. Alexander, Joseph P. Cantwell, Robert Walmsley and sundry other citizens of Cecil county, on or about the third day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, in and by certain articles of association or incorporation, bearing date on the day and year aforesaid, executed in conformity with the provisions of the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at January session eighteen hundred and fifty-two, chapter two hundred and thirty-one, did associate and form themselves into a society, association or Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, located and established at Elkton, in Cecil county, by and under the name, style and title of "Cecil Lodge number sixty-two," Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Maryland, with certain powers, privileges and corporate rights thereby acquired and certain legal restrictions thereby imposed; *and whereas* the said named parties under and by the said corporate name of "Cecil Lodge," number sixty-two, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Maryland, and in conformity with the power and corporate privileges thus acquired, did become, seized and possessed of a certain lot of land in the town of Elkton, under and by virtue of a deed from Francis A. Ellis and wife, bearing date on the twenty-ninth day of September eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and have commenced the erection of a building upon said lot for the meetings of said association or lodge and the preservation of the furniture and property of said lodge, and the more perfect execution of the benevolent purposes thereof, to wit: the relief of each other and their respective families in the event of sickness, distress and death: *and whereas*, the said parties or members of said lodge, believing that the benevolent purposes and objects of their association can be more thoroughly carried out by and through the instrumentality of a more perfect act of incorporation, have prayed that such an act may be passed and the Legislature is willing and desirous to promote such useful and benevolent associations; therefore,

Incorporated. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Robert Marchbank, Francis A. Ellis, George Ricketts, Palmer C. Strickland, John A. J. Creswell, Wm. J. Jones,