

CHAP. 55.	<p>Martin, J. Bond Chaplain, Mathew W. Harcastle, George T. Millington, Nicholas Robinson, James C. Millington, Francis E. Jump, Charles W. Smith, Daniel Hubbard, Mathew Driver, Joseph M. Bernard, William B. Tillotson, Richard B. Willis, William Roe, William Hemsley, John Caulk, Thomas Dyott, Samuel J. Brown, Nehemiah Baily, George Hickson, and Thomas Willoughby, the officers and members of Caroline Lodge number twenty two, of the order of Independent Odd Fellows, in Caroline county, and their successors, be, and they are hereby declared to be a community, corporation and body politic forever, by the name, style and title of "Caroline Lodge, number twenty two, of the Order of Independent Odd Fellows," and by that name they and their successors shall and may at all times hereafter be capable in law to have, receive and retain, to them and their successors, property real and personal; also devises and bequests of any person or persons, bodies corporate and politic, capable of making the same, and the same at their pleasure to transfer and dispose of, in such manner as they may think proper: <i>Provided always</i>, that the said corporation or body politic, shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of five thousand dollars.</p>
Title	
Capabilities	
Legal capacity	<p>Sec. 2. <i>And be it enacted</i>, That the said corporation and their successors, by the name and title aforesaid, shall be forever hereafter capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in all or any courts of justice, and before all and any Judges, officers or persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters or demands whatsoever.</p>
Seal	<p>Sec. 3. <i>And be it enacted</i>, That it shall and may be lawful for the corporation to have a common seal for their use, and the same at their will and pleasure to change alter and make anew from time to time as they may think best, and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, privileges and immunities as by law are incident or necessary to corporations of this character, and to enable the members of said order to exercise all things concerning the design of this corporation, which is hereby declared to be the benevolent relief of the sick and distressed: <i>Provided</i>, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or taken to confer banking privileges.</p>
General powers	
Authority reserved	<p>Sec. 4. <i>And be it enacted</i>, That it shall and may be lawful at any time, for the General Assembly to demand a statement of the amount of property, real and personal, belonging to the said corporation, and of the debts due to and</p>