

or bequests of any person or persons, bodies corporate or politic, capable of making the same, and the same at their pleasure to transfer, or dispose of in such manner as they may think proper; *Provided always*, that the said corporation or body politic, shall not, at any time, hold or possess property, real, personal, or mixed, exceeding in annual value the sum of five thousand dollars.

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Limitation.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation and their successors, by the name and title aforesaid, shall be forever thereafter 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.

Legal capacity.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said 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, and what may be necessary to the corporation herein constituted, and to enable the members of said order to exercise all things concerning the design of this corporation, for the benevolent relief of the sick and distressed, and for the promotion of their purposes generally.

Corporate seal.

General powers.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That any Hall that may hereafter be erected, in the city of Annapolis, for the meetings of the above corporation, and the grounds and appurtenances thereto attached, be and the same are hereby released from taxation.

Hall, &c. released from tax.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, 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 from the said corporation, and the purposes for which disbursements shall have been made, and shall also have the right to authorise one or more persons to inspect such general accounts in the books of the corporation, as shall relate to such statements.

Right of inspection reserved.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the General Assembly of Maryland reserves the right to change, alter, or annul this act of incorporation at any time.

Right to repeal or alter.