

ted according to the rules thereof, be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of Morning Star Lodge, No. twenty, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and by that name shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and shall have and use a common seal, and may take, hold and enjoy estate, real, personal or mixed, to an amount not exceeding, in value, thirty thousand dollars, and the same may alienate, convey or transfer at pleasure, and may pass such by-laws for the good government and regulation of their association, as they may think proper; *provided*, the same be not inconsistent with the constitution or laws of this State, or of the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That for the purpose of enabling the said society hereby incorporated to provide for the purchase or erection of a suitable house or hall for the accommodation thereof, the members of said Lodge may cause subscription books to be opened under the direction of commissioners appointed by themselves, at such time and place as they may direct, for the subscription of stock in shares of ten dollars each, to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, and which amount, when so subscribed, shall be applied to the purchase or erection of a suitable hall as aforesaid, or the said Lodge shall have power to borrow for the same purpose an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, for which certificates of debt may be issued, bearing an interest of six per centum per annum, and which shall be payable at such time as shall be agreed upon by the said Lodge, and the person or persons who shall loan the said money as aforesaid; *provided*, that no certificate under this section shall be for a less sum than one thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That said corporation is hereby prohibited from issuing any note, certificate, device, or evidence of debt to be used as currency; and that the right is hereby expressly reserved to the General Assembly of Maryland, to repeal this act at its pleasure.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall endure for thirty years from the date of its passage, if not sooner repealed by the General Assembly.

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Name
Legal capacity

Proviso

Open books of
subscription

Shares \$10

To be applied
to erection of
buildingsIssue certifi-
cates, &c

Proviso

Banking forbid

Right to repeal

In force