

Harrison D. Black, Edward Curry, Thomas Quynn, P. H. Kidwell, S. A. Lackey, Anthony Lofters and John M. Carleton, the officers and members of Chosen Friends Lodge, number thirty-four, of the Order of Independent Odd Fellows, and their successors, be and they are hereby declared to be a community, corporation and body politic forever, by the name, and style and title of Chosen Friends Lodge, number thirty-four, 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 devisees 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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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 or any judges, officers or persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters or demands whatsoever.

Proviso

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.

Seal, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That any hall that may hereafter be erected in the town of Cumberland, for the meetings of the above corporation, and the ground and appurtenances thereto attached, be and the same are hereby released from taxation.

Property released from taxation

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful at any time, for the General Assembly to demand a

Right of Legislature to demand a statement