

CHAPTER 96.

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An act for the incorporation of Potomac Lodge, number thirty-one, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Hagerstown. Passed Feb 16, 1842.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That R. M. Davis, C. F. Gelwicks, C. D. Yard, R. Sheckles, B. F. Yore, R. Catron, I. A. Hefelfinger, John Cook, G. G. Brendel, Upon Ronshkulp, G. F. P. Schwartz, John Ebert, William Capp, I. Snooks, C. Sheppard, G. W. Post, S. H. Ridenour, I. Spencer, M. S. Barber, O. P. Macgill and others, officers and members of Potomac Lodge, number thirty-one, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and their successors, be and they are hereby declared to be a community, corporation and body politic by the name, style and title of Potomac Lodge, number thirty-one, of the Independent Order of 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 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 value the sum of five thousand dollars.

Incorporated.

Name and style.

Corporate powers

Proviso.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That the said corporation and their successors, by the name and title aforesaid, shall be 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.

Legal capacity.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation to make by-laws, and 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.

General powers.