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*An act for the incorporation of La Grange Lodge, No. 36, of the Independent order of Odd Fellows.* Passed Jan. 16, 1843.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Augustus A. Biggs, Moses Dillen, Daniel Hill, Philip Roderick, James Marker, Aaron Kretzer, Jacob Irvin and others, officers and members of La Grange Lodge, number thirty six, 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 the La Grange Lodge, number thirty six 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 and bequests of any 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 three thousand dollars. Incorporation.  
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 any singular actions and matters whatsoever. Corporate powers.

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 may be necessary to the corporation herein constituted, and to enable the members of said order to exercise all things concerning the designs of this corporation for the benevolent relief of the sick and distressed, and the promotion of their purposes generally. May use a common seal.

SEC. 4. *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 or 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 Rights reserved.