

CHAPTER 129.

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An act for the Incorporation of Howard Lodge, number twenty eight, of the Order of Independent Odd Fellows, in Dorhecs er county. Passed Mar. 8, 1838.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That William M. Price, John Roberson, John B. Leckir, John W. Stewart, James R. Stewart, William McClayland, William H. Akers, John Dean, William Hooper, Thomas Sarele, Elijah B. Stephens, Nimrod Newton, John Clifton, Henry W. Houston, Solomon C. Wright, R. McClayland, William W. Clifton, and Matthias Travers, the officers and members of Howard Lodge, number twenty-eight, of the Order of Independent Odd Fellows, in Dorchester county, and their successors, be, and they are hereby declared to be, a community, corporation and body politic forever, by the name, style and title of "Howard Lodge, number twenty-eight, 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 devises and bequests of any person or persons, bodies corporate and politic, capable of making the same, and the same, at their pleasure, to transfer and 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 total value the sum of five thousand dollars.

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

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the corporation to have a common seal for their use, and the same, at their will and pleasure, to