

CHAPTER 164.

CHAP. 164.

An act for the incorporation of Friendship Lodge, Number seven, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Passed Feb. 11, 1846.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That David Martin, Elias R. Newman, David Parr, W. Burgen, C. Gault, W. M. Starr, James E. Crangle, Walter Dyer, William Hackney, A. Hamner, W. T. Preston, William H. Jarvis, John H. Hulse, Samuel Emory, Thomas G. Deford, A. W. Miles, G. J. Wollet, M. Suter, James P. Harrison, T. Wentz and others, the officers and members of Friendship Lodge Number Seven, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, attached to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and their successor, be and they are hereby incorporated, and made a body corporate and politic, by the name and number of Friendship Lodge Number Seven, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Maryland; and by that name, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded; have a common seal, and the same, at their pleasure, alter; and be entitled to use the powers and privileges incident to such corporation.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That the said corporation shall be capable of taking and holding real and personal estate, not exceeding in value the sum of twenty thousand dollars, which estate shall never be divided among the members of the corporation, but shall descend to their successors for the benevolent relief of the sick and distressed, the education of the orphans of its members, and for the promotion of these purposes generally.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That this corporation shall not be permitted to issue any note, token, device or scrip, or other evidence of debt to be used as a currency.

SEC. 4. And be it enacted, That this corporation shall have power to alter and amend their bye-laws at pleasure; provided, they do not conflict with the laws of the State of Maryland, the laws of the United States, or the laws of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 5. And be it enacted, That this act of incorporation shall enure for thirty years from its passage, and that the legislature reserves to itself the right to alter and annul this act of incorporation at pleasure.