

*An act to incorporate the Chesapeake Lodge, number fifty-nine, of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, in Queen Anne's county.* Passed Mar. 1, 1850.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That John C. Tolson, William H. Millar, Samuel Harper, Isaac Winchester, Roderick W. Eareckson, John S. Bryan, John Denny, Moses C. Legg, and others, officers and members of Chesapeake Lodge, number fifty-nine, 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 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 total value the sum of twelve thousand dollars. Incorporated, &c.

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 or 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 person or persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters or demands whatsoever. Corporate powers

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 change, alter or 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 of this character, and to enable the members of said Order to exercise all things concerning the design of this corporation, which is hereby declared to be the benevolent relief of the sick and distressed; *provided,* that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or taken to confer banking privileges. Common seal

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That this act of incorporation shall continue and exist for thirty years from its date. In force, &c.