

Order of the Sons of Temperance, and by that name and number, they and their successors, shall and may be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in all and any courts of justice, and before all or any judges, officers or persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters and demands whatsoever.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation and their successors, by the name and title aforesaid, shall and may at all times hereafter be capable in law to 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 at any time, or 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 twenty thousand dollars.

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 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, and which may be necessary to the corporation herein created, 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 members of said corporation, the relief of the widows and the education of the orphans of deceased members, and for the promotion of their objects and purposes generally.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this corporation shall have power to alter and amend their bye-laws at pleasure; *provided*, such alterations or amendments shall not conflict or be inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States, or of the State of Maryland, or of the Grand Division of the State of Maryland of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act contained, shall be so construed as to authorise the said corporation to issue any note, token, scrip, device, or other evidence of debt, to be used as currency.

Corporate powers

Proviso

Common seal

May establish bye-laws

Proviso

Banking forbid