

CHAPTER 150.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCORPORATION OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS AND GRAND LODGES OF THE ORDER OF KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That any subordinate lodge instituted under the authority of the grand lodge of said order in this state, or of the supreme lodge of the world, or any division, section or grand lodge in this state, instituted under the authority of the supreme lodge of the world of said order, may become incorporated in the manner provided herein.

Bodies may become incorporated.

SEC. 2. Such subordinate lodge, division, section or grand lodge shall cause to be prepared a certificate which shall contain:

To prepare a certificate—what to contain.

First—The charter, name and number of such lodge, division, section or grand lodge.

Second—The time when and authority by which such lodge, division, section or grand lodge was instituted.

Third—The names of the charter members as they appear on the charter or dispensation for a charter of such lodge, division, section or grand lodge.

Fourth—The location of such lodge, division, section or grand lodge.

Fifth—The names of the elective officers of such lodge, division, section or grand lodge, who hold said offices at the time of incorporation.

Such certificate shall be under the seal of such lodge, division, section or grand lodge, and shall be signed by presiding officer, secretary and trustees thereof, and shall be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county where such lodge, division, section or grand lodge is located and meeting at the time of such incorporation, and in the incorporation of a grand lodge said certificate shall also be recorded in the office of the secretary of state.

Certificate under seal—by whom signed.

SEC. 3. Upon filing such certificate in the manner provided in section two (2) heréof, such lodge, division, section or grand lodge shall become a body corporate under its charter name and number, and shall have power to sue and be sued by its corporate name, and in such name to acquire or receive by purchase, gift, grant or bequest any property, real, personal or mixed, and the same to hold, transfer, sell, mortgage, convey, loan, let or otherwise use, in accordance with the laws and usages of said order; but said corporation shall have no power to divert any gift, grant or bequest from the specific purpose designated by the donor.

When deemed a body corporate—power of.

Corporate seal.

SEC. 4. The seal of said lodge, division, section or grand lodge shall be its corporate seal.

When charter surrendered, how property disposed of.

SEC. 5. Whenever the charter of any such subordinate lodge, division or section shall have been surrendered, or taken away by the grand lodge of this state, or the supreme lodge of the world, or whenever by the laws and usages of the said order, such subordinate lodge, division or section shall have become defunct, the corporate powers of such subordinate lodge, division or section shall cease and determine, except that such corporation, as such, shall have power to sell, convey and dispose of such of its property as is not designed for and used exclusively by said order, and collect debts due it, and except as used in the payment of its debts all property and effects of every nature shall be delivered up to the grand lodge of this state, if the same shall have become incorporated, in trust for the supreme lodge of the world, or for its own use and benefit, as the laws of said order shall determine.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 7, 1885.

CHAPTER 151.

AN ACT CONCERNING RELIGIOUS CORPORATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

May form a corporation with perpetual succession.

SECTION 1. That any diocesan council, synod, presbytery, conference association, consociation or other general organization for ecclesiastical or religious purposes existing in any church or religious denomination in this state and which according to the polity, constitution, canons, customs, discipline or usages of such church or denomination, is composed of or represents, several parishes, congregations or particular churches, may organize as, or form a corporation with perpetual succession, in the manner hereinafter provided.

What canon or resolution to contain.

SEC. 2. For that purpose it may adopt a canon or resolution, in which shall be stated.

First—Its purpose to organize and form a corporation under this act.

Second—The name of the corporation and its general pur-