

CHAPTER 37.

An Act to Incorporate the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, I. O. O. F.

Feb. 21, 1854.

SECTION

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Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, That Samuel W. Walker, the present Grand Master, Daniel Rohrer, Deputy Grand Master, A. L. Larpentour, Grand Warden, L. A. Babcock, Grand Secretary, and W. M. Stees, Grand Treasurer of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Minnesota, and their successors in office, and such Trustees as may be hereafter elected, and their successors in office, be and they are hereby declared to be a body, politic and corporate, by the name and style of "The Grand Lodge of Minnesota, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows," and may have and keep a common seal, and the same alter, change or renew at pleasure; and by their corporate name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts, either of law or equity, and shall have perpetual succession.

Corporate name and powers.

Said Grand Lodge shall be established at St. Paul, and in their corporate name may contract and be contracted with, may receive by gift or purchase, and may hold and convey real and personal estate to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, and may make such by-laws, rules and regulations as they may deem best: *Provided,* that such by-laws, rules and regulations do not conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the organic act of this Territory.

Where established.

That the Trustees duly elected or appointed, and their successors in office of any subordinate Lodge in this Territory, which now holds or may hereafter hold a charter from said Grand Lodge of Minnesota, of the Independent order of Odd Fellows, upon filing with the Clerk of any Court of Record in the county where such Lodge is established, or in the county to which it may be attached for judicial purposes, a certificate signed by the said Trustees then holding office in said Lodge, under the seal of said Lodge, setting forth therein the name of the Lodge, the county and place where the Lodge is to meet, shall have all the rights and privileges given the Grand Lodge in the first and second sections of this act, in the name specified in said certificate: and the said clerk shall have a fee of one dollar for filing and recording such certificate, which he is hereby required to do upon the payment of said fee.

Trustees—their duty.

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

N. C. D. TAYLOR,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

S. B. OLMSTEAD,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—February twenty-first, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

W. A. GORMAN.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
St. Paul, March 31st, 1854. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original act on file in this office

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,

Secretary of Minnesota Territory.