

## CHAPTER XVII—AN ACT to incorporate the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota.

March 5, 1853.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, That Alfred E. Ames the present Grand Master, Aaron Goodrich Deputy Grand Master, Daniel F. Brawley Senior Grand Warden, and Abram Van Vorhes Junior Grand Warden of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of Minnesota, and D. B. Loomis, J. C. Ramsey, E. Case and A. T. C. Pierson, as Trustees, 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;" 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.

Corporators.

Name.

SEC. 2. Said Grand Lodge shall be established in 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 be not contrary to the constitution of the United States, or of the Organic Act of this Territory.

Powers and privileges.

SEC. 3. That Alfred E. Ames, the present W. Master, D. M. Coolbaugh, Senior Warden, and C. T. Stearns, Junior Warden of Cataract Lodge No. 2, of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and their successors, be and they are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate by the name and style of "Cataract Lodge No. 2 of St. Anthony," and by such name may have and possess all the rights and privileges given the Grand Lodge in the first and second sections of this act.

Cataract Lodge.

SEC. 4. That Daniel F. Brawley, the present W. Master, D. W. C. Dunwell, Senior Warden, and Lott Moffett, Junior Warden, of St. Paul Lodge No. 3 of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and their successors, be and they are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate by the name and style of "St. Paul Lodge No. 3 of St. Paul," and by such name may have and possess all the rights and privileges given the Grand Lodge in the first and second sections of this Act.

St. Paul Lodge.

SEC. 5. That F. K. Bartlett, the present W. Master, H. N. Setzer, Senior Warden, and Wm. Holcombe, Junior Warden of St. John's Lodge No. 1 of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and their successors, be and they are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate by the name and style of "St. John's Lodge No. 1, of Stillwater," and by such name may have and possess all the rights and privileges given the Grand Lodge in the first and second sections of this act.

St. John's Lodge.

SEC. 6. That whenever said Grand Lodge shall authorize or charter subordinate Lodges in any part of Minnesota, the Masters and Wardens of each such subordinate Lodges upon filing with the Clerk of any court of record in the county where such Lodge is established, or in the county to which the same is attached for judicial purposes, a certificate signed by the Master and Wardens then constituting the Lodge, setting forth therein the name of the

Charter of Subordinate Lodges, &amp;c.

Clerk's Fee.

Lodge, the county and the place where the Lodge is to meet, shall have and possess 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 that said Clerk shall have a fee of one dollar for filing and recording every such certificate, which he is hereby required to do upon the payment of such fee.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

DAVID DAY,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*  
MARTIN McLEOD,  
*President of the Council.*

APPROVED—March fifth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }  
St. Paul, March 22, 1853. }

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

ALEX. WILKIN,

*Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.*

March 5, 1853.

CHAPTER XVIII.—AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the erection of Public Buildings in the Territory of Minnesota, approved February 7, 1851," and an Act amendatory thereto, approved March 6, 1852.

Act amended.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, That an act to amend an act to provide for the erection of Public Buildings in the Territory of Minnesota, approved February 7, 1851, and an act amendatory thereto, approved March 6, 1852, be amended as follows: That the words "the Chief Justice" wherever they occur in the act to which this is amendatory, be and the same are hereby erased, and that Benjamin W. Brunson be, and he is hereby constituted one of the said board of building commissioners, in lieu of the Chief Justice, for the term of one year, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified.

Commissioner appointed.

His duties.

SEC. 2. The duty of the commissioner herein appointed, shall be to exercise a general superintendence over the Public Buildings of the Territory, to let all contracts under the direction of said board of building commissioners, for labor or materials to be used in or about said buildings, and be the general business agent of said board, for which services he shall receive a salary of five hundred dollars per annum, said salary to be paid out of any money appropriated for the use of the Territory.

Commissioner to be elected annually

SEC. 3. Hereafter the Legislative Assembly in Joint Convention shall annually elect some person to act as commissioner, as aforesaid, until the said buildings shall be completed.

SEC. 4. All acts, or parts of acts conflicting herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

DAVID DAY,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*  
MARTIN McLEOD,  
*President of the Council.*