

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of Alberta of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons having sole jurisdiction over Free Masons in the Province of Alberta has petitioned that the said Grand Lodge be incorporated and that regularly Chartered Subordinate Lodges be empowered to become incorporated; and it is expedient to grant the prayer of its petition;

THEREFORE HIS MAJESTY by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta enacts as follows:-

1. In this Act the words "The Grand Lodge of Alberta Ancient Free and Accepted Masons" shall mean the body consisting of Grand Masters, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge for the time being in office.
2. The Grand Lodge of Alberta Ancient Free and Accepted Masons shall be and the same is hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of The Grand Lodge of Alberta Ancient Free and Accepted Masons hereinafter called the Corporation.
3. The said Corporation shall consist of the Grand Master of Alberta and his successors to be from time to time appointed in such manner as is or shall be provided by the Grand Lodge of Alberta and of such other persons as are or may become members of the corporation according to the constitution of the said Grand Lodge as the same exists at the time of the passing of this act or as the said constitution may from time to time be altered by the said Grand Lodge.
4. Such corporation shall have perpetual succession and a common seal with power to change, alter, break and renew the same when and so often as they shall think fit and the said corporation may, under the same name, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, with answer and defence in all courts and places whatsoever; and the said corporation shall be able to and capable, in law, respectively, to purchase, take, hold, give, receive, enjoy, possess, and retain without license in, mortmain all messuages, lands tenements and immovable property, money, goods, chattels and moveable property, which have been or hereafter shall be paid, given, granted, appropriated, devised or bequeathed to it or purchased by it in any manner or way whatsoever, to, for or in favour of the eleemosynary, Masonic and educational uses and purposes within the limits of the said Grand Lodge including thereby the uses and purposes of any Subordinate Lodge, institution, college, school, or hospital connected with or intended to be, or which may hereafter be connected with the said Corporation.
5. The corporation shall, in addition to the powers conferred upon it by the

next preceding Section of this Act and subject to the provisions thereof have power to sell, convey, exchange, alienate, mortgage, lease, or demise any lands, tenements and hereditaments held by the said corporation, whether simply or by way of investment for the uses and purposes set forth in the next preceding Section of this Act or not, and the corporation may also, from time to time invest all or any of its funds and moneys and all or any funds and personal property which may be vested in or acquired by the corporation for eleemosynary, Masonic or educational purposes aforesaid in and upon any mortgage, security of lands, tenements and hereditaments and in other securities in any part or parts of the Dominion of Canada and for the purposes of such investment may take receive and accept a mortgage or mortgages or any assignment or assignments thereof in its own corporate name and shall have and enjoy the same and as large full and ample powers and rights of sale and foreclosure, action and suit upon and for the purposes of enforcing the covenants stipulations, conditions and agreements and all matters and things contained in such mortgages or any of them and in as ample a manner as if it were a private person able and capable in law; and furthermore may sell grant assign and transfer such mortgages or any of them to any person company or body capable of receiving any assignment thereof and may release and discharge such mortgages or any of them either ~~wholly~~ wholly or partly.

6. The said corporation shall in the case of land held by it be able to separate a portion of such land for the purpose of making a road or to make a free grant of a portion not exceeding one acre in extent for the purpose of a school, hospital or other necessary public object.

7. The said corporation may exercise all its powers by and through the General Purpose Committee as established by the Constitution aforesaid or such other boards or committees as the said corporation may from time to time appoint by resolution for the management of all or any of the property of the said corporation but in accordance only with the trusts relating to any property to which any special trust is attached; and the said corporation may also make such regulations for the management and administration of its property as it shall see fit. The corporation shall also have the right of appointing any officer or other faithful agent or agents for the management of its affairs and shall have all other rights necessarily incident to a body corporate.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in all deeds instruments and documents involving in the Province of Alberta shall mean unless a different construction is to be gathered from the said deed instrument or document the Grand Lodge organized by the members of the Masonic body in the Province of Alberta for self government under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

9. Each subordinate lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons now organized in this province or which may hereafter become organized by or under the authority of the said Grand Lodge within this province may in the manner hereinafter specified be and become a body politic and corporate by the name and number by which it may be designated by such Grand Lodge and whenever a subordinate lodge shall become incorporated as aforesaid it shall have the same powers and privileges as are heretofore conferred upon the said corporation for acquiring, holding, purchasing, having, taxing, receiving by gift or devise exchanging, selling and leasing all real and personal estate for prosecuting and defending any actions and for borrowing money and mortgaging and executing instruments as security therefor.
10. Each subordinate lodge now established or which may hereafter be established under the authority of the said Grand Lodge and which may be desirous of becoming incorporated shall and may by a resolution approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting resolve to become so incorporated; and upon evidence by a certified copy of such resolution signed by the Master and Secretary of such Subordinate Lodge being filed with the Provincial Secretary and a certificate of the Board of General Purpose of the Grand Lodge under the seal thereof and under the signatures of the presiding officer and secretary that such subordinate lodge is in good standing in the order and such subordinate lodge shall be and become from the time of the issuance by the Provincial Secretary of his certificates hereinafter provided for, a body politic and corporate as aforesaid by the style or name and number by which it may be designated by the said Grand Lodge and as such shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to change or alter the said seal by by-law to that effect approved according to such regulations as may be in force under the Constitution of such Grand Lodge.
11. Any subordinate lodge which shall seek to become incorporated under this Act shall be entitled upon producing and filing of the proofs, documents and

certificates aforesaid and upon payment of a fee of ten dollars to receive a certificate of incorporation under the provisions hereof under the hand of the Provincial Secretary in such form as he may deem suitable and such certificate shall be final and conclusive evidence of such subordinate lodge being a corporation under this Act.

12. No member of the aforesaid Grand Lodge or of any subordinate lodge so incorporated shall have any power to assign or transfer to any person or persons whatsoever any interest which he may have to or in the funds or property of the said Grand Lodge or any subordinate lodge but the same shall at all times be the property and remain under the control of the said Grand Lodge or subordinate lodge respectively and no property or stock of any kind belonging to the said incorporated Grand Lodge or any subordinate lodge shall be subject to the payment of the private debts or any of its members nor liable to be taken in execution by any judgment creditor against any individual member or members of said Grand Lodge or any subordinate lodge.

13. Should any subordinate lodge cease to exist or be dissolved from any cause whatsoever the property (real and personal) held or belonging to such subordinate lodge shall at once vest in the said Grand Lodge but charged with the payment of the debts of such subordinate lodge to the full extent of such property.

Provided that such devolution of property upon the said Grand Lodge shall in no way affect or prejudice the powers conferred thereon for holding property.

14. Whenever a debt has been or shall be contracted by any such lodge incorporated under this Act for the building, repairing, extending or improving of any building or for acquiring land held by any such lodge under the provisions of this Act or for the purchase of the land on which the same has been or is intended to be erected any such incorporated lodge may from time to time secure the debt or any part thereof by a mortgage upon the lands and buildings or may borrow money to pay the debt or part thereof and may secure the repayment of the loan and interest by a mortgage upon its lands and buildings or part thereof upon such terms as may be agreed upon.

15. When any member is expelled or suspended by any subordinate lodge or by the said Grand Lodge the said member shall cease to have any interest or claim whatever upon the funds or property of such Grand Lodge or subordinate lodge while under such suspension or exulsion:

Provided that in the case of a suspension such member shall be restored to his

rights and privileges upon being reinstated or such suspension vacated.

16. In case the Grand Lodge declare the authority or charter of any subordinate lodge forfeited pursuant to the Constitution of the said grand lodge such subordinate lodge shall be and be held to be dissolved from the date of the resolution declaring such forfeiture.
17. No officer or member of such grand lodge or of any subordinate lodge shall be or be held liable or responsible for any debt or obligation of such grand lodge or subordinate lodge beyond the extent of any unpaid dues or subordinate lodge beyond the extent of any unpaid dues or subscriptions, owing by him to such lodge.
18. Any transfer of real estate or any interest therein vested in the corporation shall be deemed to be duly executed for that purpose if the same has affixed thereto the seal of the Corporation verified by the signature of the Grand Master for the time being of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and the Grand Secretary and a discharge of a mortgage if executed in the same way shall be deemed to be properly and effectually executed.
19. Any transfer, mortgage or lease of real estate or of any interest therein or any transfer of stocks funds debentures or other personal property of any subordinate lodge or incorporate under Section 10 of this Act shall be deemed to be duly executed for that purpose if the same has affixed thereto the common seal of the said Subordinate Lodge so named therein and of the Secretary of such Lodge.
20. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

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