ROYAL ARCANUM
Act 130 of 1879

AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of a grand council of the Royal Arcanum.

History: 1879, Act 130, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1879.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

457.431 Grand council of Royal Arcanum; incorporation.

Sec. 1. That the grand council of the Royal Arcanum of the state of Michigan, may be incorporated in pursuance of the provisions of this act.

History: 1879, Act 130, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1879;—How. 4565;—CL 1897, 8017;—CL 1915, 10489;—CL 1929, 10694;—CL 1948, 457.431.

457.432 Incorporators; articles of association, execution, contents.

Sec. 2. Any 10 or more persons, residents of this state, being members of the grand council of the Royal Arcanum of the state of Michigan, desirous to become incorporated, may make and execute articles of association, under their hands and seals, which articles of association shall be acknowledged before some officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments of deeds, and shall set forth:

First, The names of the persons associating in the first instance, and their places of residence;

Second, The corporate name by which such association shall be known in law;

Third, The object and purpose of such association, which shall be to promote the general welfare of the fraternity known as the grand council of the Royal Arcanum, and the period for which it is incorporated, not exceeding 30 years.

History: 1879, Act 130, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1879;—How. 4566;—Am. 1895, Act 255, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895;—CL 1897, 8018;—CL 1915, 10490;—CL 1929, 10695;—CL 1948, 457.432.

457.433 Articles, charter and constitution; filing; body corporate, powers.

Sec. 3. A copy of said articles of association, together with a copy of the charter and constitution of said grand council, shall be filed with the secretary of state, and thereupon the persons who shall have signed such articles of association, their associates and successors shall be a body politic and corporate by the name expressed in such articles of association, and by that name, they and their successors shall have succession, and shall be persons in the law, capable to purchase, take, receive, hold and enjoy, to them and their successors, estates, real and personal, of suing and being sued, and to have a common seal, which may be altered or changed at their pleasure: Provided, That the value of such real and personal estate shall not exceed the sum of 10,000 dollars, and that they and their successors shall have power to give, grant, sell, lease, demise and dispose of [said] real and personal estate, or part thereof, at their will and pleasure, and the proceeds, rents and incomes shall be devoted exclusively to the charitable and benevolent purposes of the Grand Council of the Royal Arcanum. Said corporation shall have full power to make and establish rules, regulations and by-laws for regulating and governing all the affairs and bussiness [business] of said corporation not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state or of the United States, and to designate, elect, or appoint from its members such officers, under such name and style as shall be in accordance with the constitution of the Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum.

History: 1879, Act 130, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1879;—How. 4567;—CL 1897, 8019;—CL 1915, 10491;—CL 1929, 10696;—CL 1948, 457.433.

457.434 Articles; certified copy as evidence.

Sec. 4. A copy of the record of such articles of association under the seal of the state, duly certified according to law, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all courts of this state of the existence and due incorporation of such corporation.

History: 1879, Act 130, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1879;—How. 4568;—CL 1897, 8020;—CL 1915, 10492;—CL 1929, 10697;—CL 1948, 457.434.

457.435 Subordinate councils; chartering; existing councils; regulation.

Sec. 5. Such corporation when duly formed shall have power to institute and charter subordinate councils of said order within this state, and from time to time to make, ordain, constitute and establish such general laws and by-laws, ordinances and regulations for the government of such subordinate councils, not repugnant to law or to the constitution or regulations of the grand council of the Royal Arcanum, as to them shall seem proper and necessary; and in case of violation or non-compliance with such ordinances, by-laws and

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regulations, to revoke and annul the charter granted to such subordinate councils: Provided, That the existing subordinate councils heretofore duly chartered by the grand council of Michigan or the supreme council, shall be subject to the control of the said grand council under this act as heretofore, and in the same manner, and to the same extent as those that may hereafter be instituted and chartered under this act.

History: 1879, Act 130, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1879;—How. 4569;—CL 1897, 8021;—CL 1915, 10493;—CL 1929, 10698;—CL 1948, 457.435.

457.436 Subordinate councils; incorporation; body corporate, powers; certified copy of articles as evidence.

Sec. 6. Any 9 or more persons, residents of this state, being members of any subordinate council, having been duly chartered by the grand council of this state, desirous to become incorporated, may make and execute articles of association under their hands and seals, specifying as provided in article 2 of this act, and file a copy of such articles with the clerk of the county in which such corporation shall be formed, which shall be recorded by such clerk in a book to be kept in his office for that purpose; and thereupon the persons who shall have signed such articles of association, their associates and successors, shall be a body politic and corporate by the name expressed in such articles of association; and by that name they and their successors shall have succession, and shall be persons in the law, capable to purchase, hold, enjoy, grant, sell, give, lease and demise real and personal estate, of suing and being sued, and may have a common seal, and change and alter [the same] at pleasure; and a certified copy of the record of such articles of association, under the seal of the county where the record is kept, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all courts in this state of the existence and due incorporation of such corporation: Provided, That the value of such real [and personal] estate shall not exceed the sum of 1,000 dollars, and that they and their successors shall have authority and power to give, grant, sell, lease, demise and dispose of said real and personal estate, or part thereof, at their will and pleasure, and the proceeds, rents and income shall be devoted exclusively to the charitable and benevolent purposes of the order of Royal Arcanum.

History: 1879, Act 130, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1879;—How. 4570;—CL 1897, 8022;—CL 1915, 10494;—CL 1929, 10699;—CL 1948, 457.436.

457.437 Erection of building; capital stock, creation, shares.

Sec. 7. Any corporation formed in pursuance of this act may erect and own such suitable edifice, building or hall, as such corporation shall seem proper, with convenient rooms for the meetings of the councils of the order of Royal Arcanum, and for that purpose may create a capital stock of not more than 10,000 dollars, to be divided into shares of not more than 10 dollars each.

History: 1879, Act 130, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1879;—How. 4571;—CL 1897, 8023;—CL 1915, 10495;—CL 1929, 10700;—CL 1948, 457.437.

457.438 Governing law; amendment of act.

Sec. 8. All corporations formed under this act shall be subjected [subject] to the provisions of chapter 130 of the Compiled Laws of this state, so far as the same may be applicable to corporations formed under this act and the legislature may alter or amend this act at any time.

History: 1879, Act 130, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1879;—How. 4572;—CL 1897, 8024;—CL 1915, 10496;—CL 1929, 10701;—CL 1948, 457.438.

Compiler's note: For provisions of chapter 130 of the Compiled Laws of 1871, referred to in this section, see MCL 450.504 to 450.525.

457.439 Amendment of articles; procedure.

Sec. 9. Every corporation organized or existing under the provisions of this act may at any regular meeting or at any meeting duly called for that purpose, amend its articles of association in any manner not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, but such amendment shall not become operative until a copy of such amendment, signed by the presiding officer and the secretary of the corporation shall have been recorded as is provided herein for the recording of original articles of association when such amendment shall have the same force and effect as though included in the original articles.

History: Add. 1895, Act 255, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895;—CL 1897, 8025;—CL 1915, 10497;—CL 1929, 10702;—CL 1948, 457.439.

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