FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
Act 235 of 1849

AN ACT to incorporate the grand lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the state of Michigan.

History: 1849, Act 235, Eff. Apr. 2, 1849.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

457.231 Grand lodge of Free and Accepted Masons; body corporate, powers.

Sec. 1. The grand lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the state of Michigan; by that name and style are hereby incorporated and declared a body politic and corporate in deed and law with succession, and shall be in law capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleded [impleaded], answering and being answered, defending and being defended in all courts and places whatsoever, in all manner of action, suits, complaints, matters, and causes whatsoever, and that they and their successors shall have a common seal, and may change and alter the same at their pleasure.

History: 1849, Act 235, Eff. Apr. 2, 1849;—Am. 1871, Act 342, Eff. July 18, 1871;—CL 1915, 10415;—CL 1929, 10616;—CL 1948, 457.231.

Compiler's note: This act does not appear in compilations before that of 1915.

457.232 Officers; board of directors.

Sec. 2. The officers of said corporation shall be: the grand master, deputy grand master, senior grand warden, junior grand warden, grand treasurer, and grand secretary, for the time being, and they shall constitute the board of directors of said corporation for the transaction of all business authorized by this act.

History: 1849, Act 235, Eff. Apr. 2, 1849;—Am. 1869, Act 69, Imd. Eff. Mar. 26, 1869;—Am. 1871, Act 342, Eff. July 18, 1871;—CL 1915, 10416;—CL 1929, 10617;—CL 1948, 457.232.

457.233 Governing law.

Sec. 3. This act shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, so far as the same may be applicable.

History: 1849, Act 235, Eff. Apr. 2, 1849;—CL 1915, 10417;—CL 1929, 10618;—CL 1948, 457.233.

Compiler's note: For provisions of chapter 55, referred to in this section, see MCL 450.504 et seq.

457.234 Powers of corporation; property, holding, disposition.

Sec. 4. Said corporation may, under the direction of the grand lodge when assembled, make all by-laws for its government, the government of all constituent lodges under its jurisdiction, the government of all institutions owned, established or maintained by it, and for the transaction of all business of the corporation. Said corporation may acquire, hold, sell and convey any real or personal estate for its own use or for the use of any institution owned, established or maintained by it. It may own, establish and maintain a home or homes for members of the order of Free and Accepted Masons and their dependent relatives. It may take, hold and convey such other property, real or personal, as may be conveyed, devised or bequeathed to it in trust for any Masonic use, purpose, organization or institution. When authorized by the board of directors, all real and personal estate may be conveyed by deed or bill of sale in the name of the corporation, executed and acknowledged as the act and deed of the corporation by the grand master for the time being, or by such other person as the board of directors may appoint for that purpose, with the seal of the grand lodge attached, and such conveyance so executed shall be valid and binding for all intents and purposes whatsoever: Provided, however, That all property, real or personal, conveyed, devised or bequeathed to said corporation in trust for any Masonic use, purpose, organization or institution shall be held by said corporation and used by it in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which the same is conveyed, devised or bequeathed.

History: 1849, Act 235, Eff. Apr. 2, 1849;—Am. 1871, Act 342, Eff. July 18, 1871;—Am. 1905, Act 1, Imd. Eff. Jan. 26, 1905;—Am. 1911, Act 157, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;—CL 1915, 10418;—CL 1929, 10619;—Am. 1931, Act 10, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;—CL 1948, 457.234.

457.235 Powers of corporation as trustee for subordinate lodges.

Sec. 5. Said corporation may hold real and personal estate of subordinate lodges in trust for the use of such subordinate lodges, and do all acts and things in law relating thereto as trustees, and may convey the same as above, under the direction of such subordinate lodge and the rules, regulations, and by-laws of the grand lodge in relation thereto.

History: 1849, Act 235, Eff. Apr. 2, 1849;—Am. 1871, Act 342, Eff. July 18, 1871;—CL 1915, 10419;—CL 1929, 10620;—CL

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1948, 457.235.

457.236 Amendment or repeal of act.

Sec. 6. The legislature may at any time alter, amend, or repeal this act.

History: 1849, Act 235, Eff. Apr. 2, 1849;—CL 1915, 10420;—CL 1929, 10621;—CL 1948, 457.236.

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