ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Act 63 of 1917

AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of grand chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star in Michigan.

History: 1917, Act 63, Eff. Aug. 10, 1917.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

457.261 Grand chapter of Order of Eastern Star; incorporation.

Sec. 1. Any grand chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star within the state of Michigan may be incorporated under and in pursuance of this act in the following manner.

History: 1917, Act 63, Eff. Aug. 10, 1917;—CL 1929, 10628;—CL 1948, 457.261.

Former law: See Act 194 of 1913, being CL 1915, §§ 10441 to 10449.

457.262 Incorporators; articles of association, execution, contents.

Sec. 2. The worthy grand matron, the worthy grand patron, the associate grand matron, the associate grand patron, the grand secretary, the grand treasurer, the grand conductress and the associate grand conductress of any grand chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in this state, together with not less than 10 past grand matrons or past grand patrons, residents of this state, and being members of the grand chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star proposed to be incorporated, having been directed so to do by the said grand chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, 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 themselves in the first instance and their places of residence;

Second, The names and locations of the subordinate chapters of which they are, respectively, members;

Third, The place of its business office and the corporate name by which it shall be known in law, which shall not be similar to that of any other grand chapter which shall have been previously organized under this act;

Fourth, The object and purpose of such association and the period for which it is to be incorporated, which shall not exceed 30 years.

History: 1917, Act 63, Eff. Aug. 10, 1917;—CL 1929, 10629;—CL 1948, 457.262.

457.263 Body corporate; powers.

Sec. 3. Such corporation, when duly formed under this act, shall become and be 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 impleaded, answering and being answered, defending and being defended in all courts and places whatsoever, as a corporation.

History: 1917, Act 63, Eff. Aug. 10, 1917;—CL 1929, 10630;—CL 1948, 457.263.

457.264 Officers; board of directors.

Sec. 4. The officers of said corporation shall be: the worthy grand matron, the worthy grand patron, the associate grand matron, the associate grand patron, the grand secretary, the grand treasurer, the grand conductress, and the associate grand conductress, 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: 1917, Act 63, Eff. Aug. 10, 1917;—CL 1929, 10631;—CL 1948, 457.264.

457.265 Powers of corporation; property, holding, disposition.

Sec. 5. Said corporation shall have a common seal and may change and alter the same at its pleasure; it may make, under direction of the grand chapter when assembled and established, all by-laws and rules for its government and the government of all subordinate chapters under the jurisdiction of the grand chapter relating to the business and property authorized to be done, held and conveyed by this act; it may take, hold and convey, as may be required from time to time, any real or personal estate for the purpose of its organization and not at any time, exceeding of personal estate, 250,000 dollars, and, of real estate, 500,000 dollars. It may also take, hold and convey such other property, in any amount of value, whether real or personal, as may be conveyed, devised or bequeathed to said corporation in trust for any use, purpose, organization or institution of said Order of the Eastern Star. All real and personal estate so held may be conveyed by deed or bill of sale in the name of the corporation executed by the worthy grand matron, worthy grand patron and grand secretary for the time being, and in case of real estate acknowledged by them respectively to be the act and deed of the

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corporation, or by such other person or persons as the board of directors may appoint for that purpose with the seal of said grand chapter attached and such conveyance so executed shall be valid and binding for all intents and purposes whatsoever: Provided, That all property, real or personal, conveyed, devised or bequeathed to said corporation in trust for any use, purpose, organization or institution of said Order of the Eastern Star shall be held by such corporation and used by it in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which the same is conveyed, devised, or bequeathed, or later modifying instrument executed by the original donors, their successors or assigns.

History: 1917, Act 63, Eff. Aug. 10, 1917;—CL 1929, 10632;—CL 1948, 457.265.

457.266 Powers of corporation as to property of subordinate chapters.

Sec. 6. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, or both, of subordinate chapters and may do all things in law relating thereto as trustee, and may convey the same as above under the direction of such subordinate chapter and the rules, regulations and by-laws of the grand chapter in relation thereto.

History: 1917, Act 63, Eff. Aug. 10, 1917;—CL 1929, 10633;—CL 1948, 457.266.

457.267 Reincorporation under act; rights.

Sec. 7. Any grand chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star which has been heretofore incorporated under any other act of this state may be reincorporated under the provisions of this act upon a proper surrender to the source from which it received them, of all the rights, powers, privileges, property, money, accounts and books of account, bonds and obligations, contracts, actions and rights of actions, and any and all other things which it may have received and which it is not entitled by this act to hold; and such reincorporated organization shall thereupon succeed to any and all rights, privileges, powers and property which it is authorized by this act to hold.

History: 1917, Act 63, Eff. Aug. 10, 1917;—CL 1929, 10634;—CL 1948, 457.267.

Former law: See Act 194 of 1913, being CL 1915, §§ 10441 to 10449.

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