KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE
Act 78 of 1891

AN ACT to provide that the grand and subordinate castles and the commanderies of the Knights of the Golden Eagle of the state of Michigan may be incorporated; and to impose certain duties upon the department of commerce.

History: 1891, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 2, 1891;—Am. 1982, Act 104, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

457.581 Knights of Golden Eagle; incorporation.

Sec. 1. That grand and subordinate castles and commanderies of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, of the state of Michigan, may be incorporated in pursuance of the provisions of this act.

History: 1891, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 2, 1891;—CL 1897, 8089;—CL 1915, 10563;—CL 1929, 10764;—CL 1948, 457.581.

457.582 Grand castle; incorporators; articles of association, execution, contents.

Sec. 2. Any 5 or more persons, residents of this state, being members of any grand castle of the Knights of the Golden Eagle of the state of Michigan, who desire to become incorporated, may make and execute articles of association, under their hands and seals, which said articles of association shall be acknowledged before some officer of the state having authority to take acknowledgment of deeds, and shall set forth:

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

Second, The corporate name by which such association shall be known in law, and the place of its business;

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

History: 1891, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 2, 1891;—CL 1897, 8090;—CL 1915, 10564;—CL 1929, 10765;—CL 1948, 457.582.

457.583 Grand castle; filing copy of articles of association, charter, and constitution with department of commerce; signers of articles, associates, and successors as body public and corporate; power and authority.

Sec. 3. A copy of said articles of association, together with a copy of the charter and constitution of said grand castle, shall be filed with the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce, and thereupon the persons who shall have signed the articles of association, their associates and successors, shall be a body public and corporate, by the name expressed in such articles of association, and by that name, they and their successors shall have succession, shall be person 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 they and their successors may have a common seal, which may be changed and altered at their pleasure: Provided, That the value of said real and personal estate shall not exceed the sum of $50,000.00, 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 any part thereof, at their will and pleasure, and the proceeds, rents, and incomes, shall be devoted exclusively to charitable and benevolent purposes of the Knights of the Golden Eagle. Said corporation shall have full power and authority to make and establish rules, regulations, and bylaws for regulating and governing all the affairs and business of said corporations, according to the laws of this state, and 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 grand castle.

History: 1891, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 2, 1891;—CL 1897, 8091;—CL 1915, 10565;—CL 1929, 10766;—CL 1948, 457.583;—Am. 1982, Act 104, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

457.584 Evidence of existence and incorporation.

Sec. 4. A copy of the record of such articles of association under the seal of the department of commerce, 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: 1891, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 2, 1891;—CL 1897, 8092;—CL 1915, 10566;—CL 1929, 10767;—CL 1948, 457.584;—Am. 1982, Act 104, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

457.585 Subordinate castles; chartering; existing castles; regulation.

Sec. 5. Such corporation when duly formed, shall have power to institute and charter subordinate castles

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and branches within this state, and from time to time to make, ordain, constitute and establish such constitution, general laws and by-laws, ordinances and regulations as the grand castle shall deem proper for the regulation and government of such subordinate castles or branches not repugnant to the laws of this state: Provided, however, That the existing subordinate castle or branches heretofore duly charted [chartered] by the grand castle, shall be subject to the control of the grand castle, under this act, as heretofore, and in the same manner and to the same extent, as those that may be [hereafter] hereinafter instituted and chartered under this act: Provided further, That in case the corporators or persons, associating in the first instance, shall by death, resignation, or for other cause, under the rules of the grand castles become ineligible to act in such capacity, their successors may, from time to time be appointed by the grand castles.

History: 1891, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 2, 1891;—CL 1897, 8093;—CL 1915, 10567;—CL 1929, 10768;—CL 1948, 457.585.

457.586 Subordinate castle; incorporation; making, executing, and filing articles of association; signers of articles, associates, and successors as body politic and corporate; powers; evidence of existence and incorporation.

Sec. 6. Any 5 or more persons, residents of this state, being members of a subordinate castle of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, having been duly chartered by the grand castle, who desire to become incorporated, may make and execute articles of association, specifying as provided in section 2 of this act, and file a copy of the same with the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce and thereupon the persons who shall have signed said 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 corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all courts of this state of the existence and due incorporation: Provided, Said corporation shall be limited to the powers and provisions of section 3 of this act, regarding real and personal estate, and the proceeds thereof, under the rules and regulations of the grand castle, and may elect or appoint from among its members such officers under such names and style as shall be in accordance with its constitution.

History: 1891, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 2, 1891;—CL 1897, 8094;—CL 1915, 10568;—CL 1929, 10769;—CL 1948, 457.586;—Am. 1982, Act 104, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

457.587 Erection of building; capital stock, creation, shares; cemetery.

Sec. 7. Any corporation formed in pursuance of this act may erect and own such suitable edifice, buildings or hall, as to such corporation shall seem proper, with convenient rooms for the meetings of the fraternity of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and for that purpose may create a capital stock of not more than 50,000 dollars to be divided into shares of not more than 25 dollars each; and any such corporation may take, purchase, hold and own such suitable lot or parcel of ground as may be convenient for the purpose of a cemetery, and may make all lawful rules and regulations for the disposition of lots, and the burial of the dead therein as to such corporation may seem proper.

History: 1891, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 2, 1891;—CL 1897, 8095;—CL 1915, 10569;—CL 1929, 10770;—CL 1948, 457.587.

457.588 Commanderies; incorporation.

Sec. 8. Any grand commanderies of the Knights of the Golden Eagle of the state of Michigan, and subordinate commanders thereof, having been duly chartered, may be incorporated in like manner as grand and subordinate castles of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and enjoy the same powers and privileges and benefits under the provisions of this act.

History: 1891, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 2, 1891;—CL 1897, 8096;—CL 1915, 10570;—CL 1929, 10771;—CL 1948, 457.588.

457.589 Governing law; amendment of act.

Sec. 9. All corporations formed under this act shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 73 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: 1891, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 2, 1891;—CL 1897, 8097;—CL 1915, 10571;—CL 1929, 10772;—CL 1948, 457.589.

Compiler's note: For provisions of chapter 73 of the Compiled Laws of 1857, referred to in this section, see MCL 450.504 and 450.525.

457.590 Business offices; location; notice of change.

Sec. 10. The location of the business offices of the grand castles and commanderies of the Knights of the

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Golden Eagle or either of them may be changed at any time, upon filing a written notice of such change in the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce, within 20 days from the time of the change of such location.

History: 1891, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 2, 1891;—CL 1897, 8098;—CL 1915, 10572;—CL 1929, 10773;—CL 1948, 457.590;—Am. 1982, Act 104, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

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