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CHAPTER I. STATE LAWS AND STATUTES

Original Act Incorporating the Grand Lodge of Minnesota

Chapter 72, Private Acts of the Territory of Minnesota, 1853.

(Chapter 17, Laws of Minnesota, 1853)

An Act to incorporate the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That Alfred E. Ames, the present Grand Master, Aaron Goodrich, Deputy Grand Master, Daniel F. Brawley, Senior Grand Warden, and Abram Van Vorhes, Junior Grand Warden of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Minnesota, and D. B. Loomis, J. C. Ramsey, E. Case and A. T. C. Pierson, as trustees, and their successors in office, be, and they are hereby declared to be, a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "The Grand Lodge of Minnesota," may have and keep a common seal, and the same alter, change or renew at pleasure; and by their corporate name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts, either of law or equity, and shall have perpetual succession.

SECTION 2. Said Grand Lodge shall be established in St. Paul, and in their corporate name may contract and be contracted with, may receive by gift or purchase, and may hold and convey real and personal estate to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, and may make such by-laws, rules and regulations as they may deem best: Provided, That such by-laws, rules and regulations be not contrary to the constitution of the United States, or of the organic act of this Territory.

SECTION 3. That Alfred E. Ames, the present W. Master, D. M. Coolbaugh, Senior Warden, and C. T. Stearns, Junior Warden of Cataract Lodge, No. 2, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and their successors be, and they are hereby, declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "Cataract Lodge, No. 2, of St. Anthony," and by such name may have and possess all the rights and privileges given the Grand Lodge in the first and second sections of this act.

SECTION 4. That Daniel F. Brawley, the present W. Master; D. W. C. Dunwell, Senior Warden, and Lott Moffet, Junior Warden, of St. Paul Lodge, No. 3, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and their successors be, and they are hereby, declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "St. Paul Lodge, No. 3, of St. Paul," and by such name may have and possess all the rights and privileges given the Grand Lodge in the first and second sections of this act.

SECTION 5. That F. K. Bartlett, the present W. Master; H. N. Setzer, Senior Warden, and Wm. Holcombe, Junior Warden, of St. Johns Lodge, No. 1, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and their successors be, and they are hereby, declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "St. Johns Lodge No. 1 of Stillwater," and by such name may have and possess all the rights and privileges given the Grand Lodge in the first and second sections of this act.

SECTION 6. That whenever said Grand Lodge shall authorize or charter Subordinate Lodges in any part of Minnesota, the Master and Wardens of each such Subordinate Lodge, upon filing with the clerk of any court of record in the county where such Lodge is established, or in the county to which the same is attached for judicial purposes, a certificate, signed by the Master and Wardens then constituting the Lodge, setting forth therein the name of the Lodge, the county and the place where the Lodge is to meet, shall have and possess all the rights and privileges given the Grand Lodge in the first and second sections of this act, in the name specified in said certificate, and that said clerk shall have a fee of one dollar for filing and recording every such certificate, which he is hereby required to do, upon the payment of such fee.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 5, 1853.

Chapter 85, Special Laws of Minnesota for 1885.

An Act to Amend, Confirm and Define an Act Entitled:

"An Act to Incorporate the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota," approved March Fifth (5th), One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Three (1853). Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota" approved March Fifth (5th), one thousand eight hundred and fifty three (1853), be amended, and the same is hereby amended, by adding thereto as follows:

SECTION 8. That Henry R. Denny, the present Grand Master, R. H. Gove, the present Deputy Grand Master, J. A. Keister, the present Senior Grand Warden, Albert Marden, the present Junior Grand Warden, of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Minnesota, and D. B. Loomis and A. T. C. Pierson, the first (1st) four (4) being the successors of the Grand officers named in said act, and the last two (2) being the surviving individual corporators named in said act, be, and they are hereby, declared to be the existing and surviving members of said corporate body; and they are hereby authorized to meet and elect, from members of said Grand Lodge, two (2) persons to succeed J. C. Ramsey and E. Case, deceased, as trustees, to complete the membership of said corporate body as contemplated by said act.

SECTION 9. That the present Grand officers of said Grand Lodge above named, and their successors in said offices, shall serve as, and continue to be, respectfully, members of said corporation and trustees, with the powers, rights and privileges contemplated in said act, for the term for which they shall have been respectively elected by said Grand Lodge to their respective offices, and until their successors in such offices shall have been duly elected and installed, and said D. B. Loomis and A. T. C. Pierson, and the two (2) persons so to be elected as above provided, shall serve as and continue to be members of said corporate body and trustees, with the powers, rights and privileges contemplated in said act, one (1) for the term of one (1) year, one (1) for the term of two (2) years, and one (1) for the term of three (3) years, and one (1) for the term of four (4) years, from January fifteenth (15th), one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five (1885), the period of incumbency of said persons respectively to be determined by lot. At the next Grand Annual Communication of said Grand Lodge, and at each successive Annual Communication there shall be elected by the members of said corporate body, after the election and installation of Grand officers of said Grand Lodge, one (1) trustee, who shall serve for four (4) years and until his successor is elected.

SECTION 2. That section two (2) of said act be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out after the word "estate," in the third (3rd) line thereof, the words "to the amount of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars"; also by striking out the last six (6) words of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the following words: "this state: Provided further, that said board of trustees, which shall consist of said Grand officers and said individual corporators and their successors as above provided, shall not sell or convey any estate or interest in real property belonging to said Grand Lodge, nor lease the same for a term exceeding three (3) years, without the approval of the Grand Lodge, obtained when in session, nor without the approval of at least three-fourths (3/4) of the members of said corporation."

SECTION 3. That the incorporation of the Subordinate Lodges named in Section three (3), four (4) and five (5) in said act, and of all Subordinate Lodges heretofore incorporated, or purporting to have been incorporated, under the provisions of Section six (6) of said act, be, and the same is hereby, legalized and

