LEGION OF THE CROSS
Act 106 of 1891

AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of the supreme temple, grand temples and primary societies of the Legion of the Cross, and to define their objects and prescribe their powers.

History: 1891, Act 106, Eff. Oct. 2, 1891.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

457.601 Legion of Cross; incorporation.

Sec. 1. That the supreme temple, grand temples and primary societies of the Legion of the Cross may be incorporated in pursuance of the provisions of this act.

History: 1891, Act 106, Eff. Oct. 2, 1891;—CL 1897, 8099;—CL 1915, 10573;—CL 1929, 10774;—CL 1948, 457.601.

457.602 Supreme temple; incorporators; articles of association, execution, contents.

Sec. 2. Any 10 or more members of the Legion of the Cross, residing in this state, and who are officers or representatives in the supreme temple of said order, desiring to become incorporated, may make and execute under their hands and seals, and acknowledge before some officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments to deeds, articles of association, which shall set forth:

First, The names, and official position in the supreme temple, of the persons so associating, and their respective places of residence;

Second, The corporate name of the association, which shall be the Supreme Temple of the Legion of the Cross, and the place where its business office is located; and

Third, The object and purpose of such association, which shall be to manage, control, govern, organize, institute and charter grand temples and primary societies of the order, for social, moral and benevolent purposes; and the period of incorporation, which shall not exceed 30 years.

History: 1891, Act 106, Eff. Oct. 2, 1891;—CL 1897, 8100;—CL 1915, 10574;—CL 1929, 10775;—CL 1948, 457.602.

457.603 Grand temple; incorporators; articles, execution, contents.

Sec. 3. Any 10 or more members of said order, residing in this state, who are officers or representatives in any grand temple of said order, desiring to become incorporated, shall make, execute and acknowledge, in the manner and form prescribed in section 2 of this act, articles of association which shall set forth:

First, The names and official positions in the grand temple, of the persons so associating, and their places of residence;

Second, The corporate name of the association, which shall be such as has been granted by the supreme temple; and the place where its business office is located; and

Third, The object and purpose of such association, which shall be to manage, control, govern, organize, institute and charter primary societies of said order within its territorial jurisdiction, in accordance with the constitution and laws of the order, for social, moral and benevolent purposes; and the period of the corporation, which shall not exceed 30 years.

History: 1891, Act 106, Eff. Oct. 2, 1891;—CL 1897, 8101;—CL 1915, 10575;—CL 1929, 10776;—CL 1948, 457.603.

457.604 Primary society; incorporators; articles, execution, contents.

Sec. 4. Any 10 or more members of any primary society of said order, residing in this state, desiring to be incorporated, shall make, execute and acknowledge, in manner and form prescribed in section 2 of this act, articles of association, which shall set forth;

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

Second, The corporate name of the association which shall be such as shall have been designated in its charter; and the place where its business office is located; and

Third, The objects and purpose of the association, which shall be for social, moral and benevolent purposes; and the period of its incorporation, which shall not exceed 30 years.

History: 1891, Act 106, Eff. Oct. 2, 1891;—CL 1897, 8102;—CL 1915, 10576;—CL 1929, 10777;—CL 1948, 457.604.

457.605 Articles; filing, recording; body corporate, powers; certified copy of articles as evidence.

Sec. 5. The articles of any such association shall be filed and recorded in the office of the secretary of state, and a copy of the record thereof duly certified by such secretary, together with the certificate, shall be filed and recorded in the office of the clerk of the county where the business office of the association is located,

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and thereupon the persons so associating therein, their associates and successors, shall be a body corporate and politic, by the name expressed in such articles, and by that name they and their associates and successors shall have succession and shall be capable of suing and being sued, and shall have a common seal to be altered at pleasure, in such manner as the constitution or laws of the order shall prescribe. Such corporation may take, purchase, receive, hold and enjoy real, personal and mixed property, not exceeding in amount 150,000 dollars; and may give, grant, mortgage, sell, lease, devise and dispose of all or any part of such property at pleasure, and the rents, profits and proceeds shall be devoted exclusively to the benevolent purposes of the said order. A copy of such articles of association and certificate, as recorded by the county clerk, duly certified by such clerk, shall be prima facie evidence in all courts and tribunals, of the due incorporation of such association.

History: 1891, Act 106, Eff. Oct. 2, 1891;—CL 1897, 8103;—CL 1915, 10577;—CL 1929, 10778;—CL 1948, 457.605.

457.606 Supreme temple; powers.

Sec. 6. The supreme temple shall have full power to make, ordain, establish, enact, modify, revise, amend and repeal a constitution, laws, by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of the supreme temple, of all grand temples and primary societies of the order, and the governmental departments of such temples, not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, and of this state; and to designate, elect or appoint officers of the supreme temple, of grand temples and primary societies under such name and styles as shall be prescribed in the constitution of the order, and to designate the mode and time of electing or appointing such officers, and for their suspension or removal, and for the mode of accepting, organizing, instituting and chartering grand temples and primary societies of the order, and suspending and revoking any charter so granted. It shall have power to create and organize for itself, its grand temples and primary societies, legislative, executive and judicial departments of government, and to prescribe the powers and duties of each, and to create, manage and disburse, and provide for the creation, management and disbursement by grand temples and primary societies of mutual benefit or relief funds, to be expended in case of the death, sickness, distress, total disability, or arrival at the age of expectancy of life, of members, under such laws, rules and regulations as the supreme legislative department shall adopt, and as shall be ratified by a 2/3 majority of the beneficiary members of the whole order.

History: 1891, Act 106, Eff. Oct. 2, 1891;—CL 1897, 8104;—CL 1915, 10578;—CL 1929, 10779;—CL 1948, 457.606.

457.607 Supreme temple; only one to be incorporated; approval of articles of subordinate bodies.

Sec. 7. No more than 1 association shall be incorporated under this act as the supreme temple of the Legion of the Cross, and the articles of association of any grand temple or primary society of said order shall not be accepted for record in the office of the secretary of state, unless the same shall have indorsed thereon the approval of the supreme temple of said order, by the supreme presiding officer and supreme secretary, attested by the seal of the supreme temple.

History: 1891, Act 106, Eff. Oct. 2, 1891;—CL 1897, 8105;—CL 1915, 10579;—CL 1929, 10780;—CL 1948, 457.607.

457.608 Erection of building; library; governing law.

Sec. 8. Any corporation formed under this act may erect and use a suitable edifice of its own design, for its own use, and may maintain a library. Such corporation shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 130 of Howell's annotated statutes of this state, so far as the same may be applicable.

History: 1891, Act 106, Eff. Oct. 2, 1891;—CL 1897, 8106;—CL 1915, 10580;—CL 1929, 10781;—CL 1948, 457.608.

Compiler's note: The reference in this section to chapter 130 of Howell's Annotated Statutes evidently was intended to be to chapter 130 of the Compiled Laws of 1871. See MCL 450.504 to 450.525.

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