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KING HIRAM CHAPTER,

OF

Royal Arch Masons,

LEWISTON, ME.

ORGANIZED DECEMBER 15, A. L. 5854:
UNDER A DISPENSATION, DATED NOVEMBER 28, A. D. 1854, A. L. 5854,
AND IN THE YEAR OF THE ORDER 2388. CHARTER
GRANTED MAY 3, 2389.

Approved and Adopted May, 5864.

LEWISTON, MAINE:
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1864.
STATE OF MAINE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

An Act
To incorporate the Officers and Members of King Hiram Chapter, of Lewiston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. Alonzo Andrews, Joseph Covell, Albert H. Kelsey, Thurston Libby and Levi Bates, their associates and successors, are hereby incorporated into a body politic, by the name of the Officers and Members of King Hiram Chapter, with power to sue and be sued, to have a common seal, and to change the same, to make any by-laws for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of this State, to take and to hold, for charitable and benevolent uses, any real estate to the value of five thousand dollars; and any personal estate to the value of ten thousand dollars; and to give and grant, or bargain and sell the same, with all such privileges, immunities and powers, as are incident to corporations instituted for purposes of charity and beneficence.
ACT OF INCORPORATION.

Sec. 2. The first meeting of said corporation shall be holden at such time and place, and be notified in such manner as the majority of the persons herein named may direct.

Sec. 3. The powers granted by this act may be enlarged restrained or repealed, at the pleasure of the Legislature.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 26, 1855. This bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted
SIDNEY PERHAM, Speaker.

IN SENATE, February 27, 1855. This bill having had two several readings, passed to be enacted
FRANKLIN MUZZY, President.

MARCH 1, 1855. Approved. ANSON P. MORRILL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Augusta, March 27, 1855. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original deposited in this office.
ALDEN JACKSON, Secretary of State.

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KING HIRAM ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

ARTICLE I.
OF THE CHAPTER.
This Chapter shall be known by the name of King Hiram Royal Arch Chapter, and shall be composed of Royal Arch Masons not members of any other Chapter.

ARTICLE II.
OF THE CONVOCATIONS OF THE CHAPTER.
Section 1. The stated convocations of this Chapter shall be holden on the second Friday of each month.
Sec. 2. The High Priest, or in his absence the King, or if both be absent, the Scribe, shall have power to call special convocations at their discretion.

ARTICLE III.
OF THE OFFICERS OF THE CHAPTER.
Sec. 1. At the stated convocation in June, annually, the chapter shall elect by written ballot, a High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, Captain of
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the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, and three Masters of Vails, and a majority shall be necessary to a choice. The Committee of Finance shall also be elected by ballot, and may be voted for on one ticket.

The H. P., as soon after his installation as may be, shall appoint a Chaplain, two Stewards, and a Sentinel.

Sec. 2. The officers shall be installed as soon after their election as may be convenient, and shall fulfill the duties of their respective offices until others are installed in their stead.

Sec. 3. The officers of the Chapter shall officiate in the lodges holden for conferring the appendant degrees, according to their rank.

ARTICLE IV.

COMMITTEES.

Sec. 1. A Committee of Inquiry, consisting of three discreet and experienced companions, members of the Chapter, shall be appointed by the High Priest on each petition, for the degrees or for membership, whose duty it shall be strictly to inquire into the moral character and reputation of the applicant, and no one shall be admitted without a recommendation in writing by said committee.

Sec. 2. Any companion who has been exalted in this Chapter, may become a member thereof by signing the by-laws, within three months of the time of his exaltation, and no fee for membership, or diploma, shall be required of such companion.

Sec. 3. There shall be a Committee of Charity, consisting of three. The High Priest shall be chairman of this committee, ex officio, and the remaining two shall be appointed by him, with the approval of the Chapter. Their duty shall be to grant relief in such cases as they may deem proper; and they shall have authority to draw upon the Treasurer for that purpose, not exceeding the amount of five dollars at any one time.

Sec. 4. The Committee of Finance shall consist of three, whose duty it shall be to inspect the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, and report thereon in writing at the annual convocation, and at any other time, when required by a vote of the Chapter.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES AND COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The Treasurer shall, before his installation, give bonds for the faithful discharge of his duties, which bond shall be approved by the Council and deposited with the H. P. He shall have charge of all the funds of the Chapter, collect all interest arising from the same, pay all legal demands on the Chapter, when approved by the Chapter, and at the annual convocation shall render a just and fair account of all moneys received and paid, and also a correct statement of the funds; shall deliver all property entrusted to his care to his successor, taking duplicate receipts therefor, one of which shall be kept by the Secretary. For the performance of his duties he shall receive such compensation as the Chapter shall determine.

Sec. 2. The Secretary shall attend all the Convocations of the Chapter, make a fair record of the proceedings
and read the same when requested; collect all dues not included in the Treasurer's duty, and pay the same to the Treasurer once a month; issue notifications when directed to do so; present each member of a committee with a copy of his appointment, keep a correct list of the names of members, and their residence, record the names of all members and visitors present at each convocation; report the names of all delinquents to the Chapter annually, and at the close of the year, render a just account of all moneys by him received and a statement of balances due from members. He shall deliver to his successor in office, all property of the Chapter entrusted to his care, taking duplicate receipts therefor, one of which shall be kept by the Treasurer. For the faithful performance of his duty he shall receive such compensation as the Chapter may determine.

Sec. 3. The Sentinel shall attend in season at every convocation, shall have the Hall ready for meetings of the Chapter, and shall receive such compensation as the Chapter shall determine.

ARTICLE VI.
OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES AND BALLOTING.

Sec. 1. Every Candidate for the degrees conferred in this Chapter shall make application in writing, signed by himself, stating his place of residence, age and occupation, the Lodge of which he is a member, and that he has not made application to any other Chapter and been rejected; accompanied by a recommendation signed by two or more members of this Chapter, and shall deposit ten dollars; if he be rejected the deposit shall be returned, if accepted it shall be passed to his credit.

Sec. 2. No Candidate shall be proposed or balloted for at a special convocation, nor until his application has been submitted for the consideration of the members at least four weeks, except in those cases allowed by the Grand Chapter.

Sec. 3. In ballotting if more than one negative vote appear, the ballot shall cease, and the candidate be declared rejected; but if on the first ballot one negative only appear a second ballot shall immediately take place, and if on the second ballot a negative still appears the candidate shall be declared rejected.

Sec. 4. The ballot shall be taken in open Chapter, and every member present shall vote unless excused by the Chapter. No one shall inspect the ballot save the Council, and no one who voted in the affirmative shall make known to another or to the Chapter what manner of vote he cast.

Sec. 5. Every candidate shall pay the fees for all the degrees previous to being advanced to the degree of M. M. Mason.

Sec. 6. After a petition has been presented to and accepted or received by the Chapter, it cannot be withdrawn unless the petitioner leaves the State before his application can be acted on, or unless by unanimous consent of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VII.
MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 1. No companion shall be admitted to membership unless proposed at a stated convocation, and unless
he receive a unanimous vote, at some following stated
convocation, or unless, having been exalted in this
Chapter, he shall have signed the by-laws within three
months thereafter.

Sec. 2. The members of this Chapter shall sign the
by-laws in force at the time of their admission. Every
member of the Chapter, except the Treasurer, Secretary,
Chaplain and Sentinel, shall pay to the Secretary
on or before the annual convocation in each year, and
before the election of officers, the sum of one dollar as
quarterages; and no member who shall neglect to pay
his assessments shall be eligible to office, or allowed to
ballot or vote upon any question, except upon the ad-
mision of candidates, until such assessments shall first
be paid or remitted; and if a motion is made to remit,
it shall be decided by secret ballot.

ARTICLE VIII.
FEES.
Sec. 1. The fees for all the degrees shall be thirty-
five dollars, and shall be paid previous to either of the
degrees being conferred, but if the candidate has con-
stitutionally received the Past Master's degree, then
thirty-two dollars.

Sec. 2. Those not having received all the degrees
in this Chapter, shall be subject to a fee for mem-
ship of three dollars.

ARTICLE IX.
ASSESSMENTS AND FUNDS.
Sec. 1. Assessments may be made upon the mem-
bers, of such sums as the Chapter shall at any stated
convocation, by a majority vote, decide, provided that
previous notice of such intended assessments shall be
given on the summons calling said convocation.

Sec. 2. All moneys given or bequeathed to the
Chapter, not otherwise appropriated by the donor,
together with one-fifth part of all moneys received from
candidates over and above the dues to the Grand Chap-
ter, and also such sums as the Chapter may from time
to time direct at a communication called for the purpose,
shall from time to time be paid over to the Board of
Trustees, to constitute a Charity Fund, to be by said
Trustees invested as they may consider most advanta-
geous to the Institution.

ARTICLE X.
OF THE GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE CHAPTER.
Sec. 1. No disputes concerning nations, politics or
religion shall in any case be permitted in the Chapter.
Any companion who shall violate this provision, or be
guilty of any dishonest, immoral or unmasonic conduct,
shall, for the first offence, be reprimanded by the High
Priest; if he repeat such offence he may be suspended
or expelled.

ARTICLE XI.
Sec. 1. Royal Arch Masons, who have been emi-
nently useful to the Institution generally, or to this
Chapter particularly, may be, by a unanimous ballot of
the members present, exempted from all assessments and
other dues, and may enjoy all the rights and privileges
of other members.
Sec. 2. All motions in relation to the special appropriations of the funds of the Chapter, or alteration in the by-laws, and remitting of dues, shall be made in writing, and be read in the Chapter, before any action shall be taken thereon.

Sec. 3. No amendment or alteration in the foregoing by-laws shall be made at the convocation at which it is proposed, nor until after it has been considered by a committee, and notice of a proposed amendment has been given on the notifications of the convocation at which it is to be considered, nor unless by a vote of two-thirds of members present.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF CHARITY FUND.

Sec. 1. The High Priest, King, and Scribe, Treasurer and Secretary, of King Hiram Chapter, for the time being, shall constitute a Board of Trustees of said Chapter, whose offices shall continue during their continuance as officers of said Chapter; and the election of any person to any of said offices in said Chapter shall be considered a legal election as Trustee, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 2. All moneys belonging to the Charity Fund, except interest and income, shall from time to time be invested in stock or securities, as the Board of Trustees may direct; and all moneys arising from interest and income, when not required for charity, shall be added to the Charity Fund at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. All moneys bestowed in acts of charity and benevolence shall be paid by the Treasurer, by order of the Committee of Charity, and the Treasurer shall at each annual convocation, and before the choice of officers, and as much oftener as may be required, render a true and particular account of the funds, and the manner in which the same have been appropriated and disbursed.
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