

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 547

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*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

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AN ACT to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Home of Maine.

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*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 1. Charles O. Small, Reuel Robinson, Leon S.  
2 Merrill, Louis E. Flanders, and Ellery Bowden, their asso-  
3 ciates and successors, are hereby created and constituted a  
4 body politic and corporate under and by the name and style  
5 of the ODD FELLOWS' HOME OF MAINE; with all  
6 the powers and privileges and subject to all of the duties,  
7 liabilities and restrictions incident to similar corporations  
8 created under the laws of this state.

Sect. 2. The objects and purposes of this corporation

2 shall be to collect, receive and hold moneys and any and all  
3 other kinds of personal property given by voluntary con-  
4 tributions, bequests, or otherwise, and real estate purchased,  
5 given, granted or devised, the same to be held, used, im-  
6 proved and expended in the purchase of lands, in the erec-  
7 tion, establishment and equipment of buildings thereon and  
8 the care and maintenance therein and thereon and else-  
9 where, of indigent and unfortunate members of the fra-  
10 ternity of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows within the  
11 state of Maine; in the care, support and maintenance of the  
12 wife or widow of any such member and in the care, support,  
13 maintenance and education of any minor child or children  
14 of a dependent or deceased member of the fraternity.

Sect. 3. The corporation hereby created and established  
2 shall consist of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master,  
3 and Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine, Inde-  
4 pendent Order of Odd Fellows, during their respective and  
5 several terms of office, *ex officiis*, and the Grand Patriarch  
6 of the Grand Encampment of Maine, Independent order of  
7 Odd Fellows, during his term of office, *ex officio*, and the  
8 President of the Rebekah Assembly of Maine, Independent  
9 Order of Odd Fellows, during her term of office, *ex officio*,  
10 and five other Odd Fellows and three other Rebekahs, all  
11 in good and regular standing in their respective lodges,  
12 resident within the State of Maine, who shall be known  
13 as the Trustees of the Odd Fellows' Home of Maine; said  
14 Odd Fellow trustees to be elected by the said Grand Lodge

15 and for such terms of office as said Grand Lodge shall  
16 determine; and said Rebekah trustees to be elected by the  
17 said Rebekah Assembly for such terms as said Grand Lodge  
18 shall determine; all of said trustees shall be removable for  
19 cause by the body electing them. The Grand Secretary and  
20 Grand Treasurer of said Grand Lodge shall, during their  
21 several terms of office, be the Secretary and Treasurer, re-  
22 spectively, of this corporation. All other officers, agents,  
23 committees, employees and servants shall be selected by the  
24 corporation. The corporation shall have the power and  
25 authority to make, adopt and enforce any and all by-laws,  
26 rules and regulations for the government and management  
27 of said home and for the efficient administration of the  
28 powers conferred by this act; provided, however, that such  
29 by-laws, rules and regulations shall first be approved by  
30 the Grand Lodge at a regular session thereof; and provided  
31 further that said by-laws, rules and regulations may be  
32 altered, amended, or annulled by said Grand Lodge at any  
33 regular session thereof. The corporation shall submit to  
34 said Grand Lodge at each regular session a full report of its  
35 doings and acts, of all receipts and expenditures, and of the  
36 true condition of the home and its funds. Copies of said  
37 report shall be furnished to the Grand Encampment and Re-  
38 bekah Assembly at their regular session.

Sect. 4. Any vacancy occurring among said Trustees may  
2 be filled temporarily by the other members until the next  
3 regular session of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly

4 when the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the election,  
5 for the remainder of the term, by that body entitled to  
6 representation.

Sect. 5. The corporation hereby created and established is  
2 authorized to receive, hold and use real and personal estate  
3 for the aforesaid charitable, educational and benevolent uses  
4 and purposes, and free from taxation so long as the same  
5 shall be used for said purposes in accordance with such by-  
6 laws, rules and regulations as shall be prescribed and adopted  
7 for the same, to an amount not exceeding three hundred  
8 thousand dollars (\$300,000.) Said trustees shall invest the  
9 moneys and funds of the corporation in Savings Banks, in  
10 the interest paying departments of Trust Companies and  
11 National Banks, in sound real estate first mortgages, and in  
12 such other securities only as are authorized by law for the  
13 investment of the funds of Savings Banks in the State of  
14 Maine. No officer of the corporation shall hire or borrow  
15 any of the moneys or funds belonging to said corporation or  
16 be security for loans thereof to another.

Sect. 6. This act shall not take full effect until accepted by  
2 votes of the said Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly at  
3 their regular sessions; but in case the Rebekah Assembly  
4 shall vote not to accept the provisions of this act, then in such  
5 case the affirmative vote of said Grand Lodge, taken as  
6 aforesaid, shall be sufficient and the corporation created and  
7 established by this act shall consist of the Grand Master,  
8 Deputy Grand Master and Grand Warden of the Grand

9 Lodge of Maine, the Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encamp-  
10 ment of Maine during their several terms of office, ex-officiis,  
11 and five other Odd Fellows, as provided in the third section  
12 of this act, and it shall have all the rights, powers and privi-  
13 leges and be subject to all the duties, conditions and obliga-  
14 tions of this act; provided, however, that none of the moneys,  
15 funds or other properties which have heretofore been re-  
16 ceived and accumulated and are now held by said Grand  
17 Lodge and Rebekah Assembly, or any moneys, funds or  
18 other property which may hereafter be received, accumu-  
19 lated, or held by either said Grand Lodge or Rebekah Assem-  
20 bly, shall be conveyed, given, paid to, or turned over to this  
21 corporation until said Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly,  
22 at regular sessions of the same shall have voted so to do.