

pose of entering into a recognizance as provided for by sections thirty-six and fifty-one of chapter one hundred and sixty-two of the Public Statutes and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, a defendant or debtor imprisoned on mesne process or execution, and the proceedings provided for in chapter one hundred and eighty-five of the Public Statutes shall be followed so far as the same are applicable thereto.

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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE ODD FELLOWS' HOME OF MASSACHUSETTS.

*Chap. 560*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. William E. Ford, John J. Whipple, Henry E. Ruggles, Frederic A. Barbour, J. Lawrence Martin, Nathan Taylor and Charles N. Alexander, their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name of the Odd Fellows' Home of Massachusetts; with all the privileges and powers and subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions set forth in the general laws which now are or may hereafter be in force relating to similar corporations.

Odd Fellows' Home of Massachusetts incorporated.

SECTION 2. The object and purpose of this corporation shall be to collect, receive and hold moneys and any kind of personal property given by voluntary contributions, bequests or otherwise, and real estate purchased, granted, given or devised, and the same shall be held, used, improved and expended in the care and maintenance of indigent and unfortunate members of the fraternity of Independent Order of Odd Fellows within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or in the care or support of the wife or widow of such odd fellows, or in the care, support or education of any minor child or children of a dependent or deceased odd fellow.

Objects and purposes.

SECTION 3. The corporation hereby established shall consist of the grand master, deputy grand master and grand warden of the grand lodge of Massachusetts, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, during their several terms of office, *ex officio*, and the grand patriarch of the grand encampment of Massachusetts, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, during his term of office, *ex officio*, and seven or more other odd fellows in good and regular standing, resident within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, who

Organization of the corporation, etc.

shall be known as the Trustees of the Odd Fellows' Home of Massachusetts, to be elected by said grand lodge and grand encampment in such apportionment and for such terms as said grand lodge shall determine, all of whom shall be liable to removal for cause by the grand body electing them. The grand secretary and grand treasurer of said grand lodge shall during their several terms of office be the secretary and treasurer respectively of this corporation. All other officers, agents, servants and employces shall be selected by the corporation. The corporation shall have power and authority to make, adopt and enforce any and all wholesome rules and regulations for the government and management of said home and for the efficient administration of the power conferred by this act: *provided, however*, that said rules and regulations may be altered or annulled by said grand lodge at a regular session thereof. The corporation shall submit to said grand lodge and grand encampment at each regular session a report of its doings and acts, of all receipts and expenditures, and of the condition of the home and of its funds.

Proviso.

Vacancies in office of trustee.

SECTION 4. Any vacancy among said trustees may be filled temporarily by the other members of this corporation until the next session of the grand lodge or grand encampment, when the vacancy shall be filled by an election in that body entitled to representation.

May hold real and personal estate.

SECTION 5. The corporation hereby established is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate for the aforesaid charitable uses and purposes, free from taxation, to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, to be devoted exclusively to the purposes and objects hereinbefore set forth. Said trustees shall invest the funds of this corporation in such securities only as are authorized by law for the investment of the funds of savings banks in this Commonwealth. No officer of said corporation shall hire or borrow any portion of the funds belonging to said corporation nor be security for loans thereof to another.

Present board of trustees to continue in office.

SECTION 6. The present board of trustees of the Odd Fellows' Home of Massachusetts, now existing as a voluntary association, shall hold the office of trustees of this corporation during the term for which they were severally elected by the said grand bodies.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved June 22, 1898.*