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An Act to Incorporate the Grand Lodge of the British Order of Good Templars of Prince Edward Island, and to provide for the incorporation of the County and Primary Lodges in connection therewith.

[Passed May 11, 1866.]

WHEREAS certain persons in this Island have associated themselves in a Society for the advancement of the cause of Temperance therein, under the names of the Grand Lodge and County and Primary Lodges of the British Order of Good Templars of Prince Edward Island, holding warrant and authority under the Supreme Lodge of British North America; and whereas it is found necessary for the better management of the pecuniary affairs of the said Order that it should be protected by an Act of Incorporation.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows: That George P. Tanton, Frederick Strong, James W. Falconer, John B. Schurman, the Reverend William Ryan and Donald Montgomery, members of the said Order, and their successors, and such and so many other persons and parties as shall have or shall become members thereof, shall be and are hereby constituted a Body Politic and Corporate by the name of "The Grand Lodge of the British Order of Good Templars of Prince Edward Island," and by that name shall and may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in all Courts of Law and Equity whatsoever, and shall have uninterrupted succession and a common seal, which may by them be changed and varied at their pleasure.

II. It shall be lawful for the said Corporation to acquire and hold land, and immoveable or real and personal property, provided that the real estate to be held by the said Grand Lodge shall at no time exceed in value the sum of Two thousand pounds; and it shall be lawful for the said Corporation to sell, mortgage, lease, or otherwise dispose of or incumber the said property or estate as they may see fit.

III. It shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation to appoint such members thereof as they

may think proper, in such manner as they may by their By-laws provide, for the purpose of managing the funds and property of the said Corporation, and to revoke such appointments and substitute others in their places as they may think expedient; and to demand and accept such security as they may from time to time deem proper from such parties or from any other officers appointed by the said Corporation for the performance of their respective duties; and to make, ordain and put in execution all such By-laws and rules which they may deem necessary for the purposes aforesaid, not contrary to the laws, rules and regulations of the Supreme Lodge of the British Order of Good Templars of British North America, nor at variance with the laws of this Island.

IV. Each County Lodge or Primary Lodge of the British Order of Good Templars, now instituted, or which may hereafter become instituted within Prince Edward Island, may, in the manner hereinafter specified, be and become a body politic and corporate by the name of the said County Lodge, and by the name, number and place of location of the said Primary Lodge; and that each County Lodge or Primary Lodge, upon so becoming incorporated, shall have all the powers and privileges conferred upon the said Grand Lodge by the first and second sections of this Act, for the sole purpose of managing their real and personal estate; provided that the real estate to be held by such County Lodge or Primary Lodge shall in no case exceed the value of one thousand pounds.

V. Each County Lodge or Primary Lodge which may be desirous of becoming incorporated shall and may, by a vote of two-thirds of its members present, at any regular meeting, (of the intention to propose which vote, two weeks notice at least shall be given in regular meeting of such County Lodge or Primary Lodge by some member thereof in writing) decide to become so incorporated; and upon a copy of the vote of such decision specifying the name of such County Lodge, and the name, number and place of location of such Primary Lodge, and the names of not less than ten of the members of such County Lodge or Primary Lodge, and its Presiding Officer and Secretary, together with a certificate of the Grand Lodge under its corporate seal, and the signature of its Presiding Officer and Secretary, that such County Lodge or Primary Lodge is in full standing in the order being filed in the Office of Registrar of Deeds and Keeper of Plans of the said Island; the members of such County Lodge or