

**MASONIC LODGES (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 145 of 1865**

**457.202 Incorporators; articles of association, execution, contents.**

Sec. 2. Any 10 or more residents of this state being members either of any commandery of Knights, Templars, council, chapter of Royal Arch Masons or of any chartered lodge of the order of Free and Accepted Masons or being members of any such commandery, council, chapter or lodge who shall be desirous to become incorporated, may make and execute articles of association under their hands and seals, which said articles of association shall be acknowledged before some officer of this state, having authority to take acknowledgments of deeds, and shall set forth—

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

Second, The name and location of the lodge of which they are members; or the name and location of the commandery, council or chapter of which they are members; and in case it is the intention to incorporate a lodge and chapter together, the names of both such lodge and chapter shall be stated or given;

Third, The corporate name by which such association shall be known in the law;

Fourth, The object and purpose of such association, which shall be to promote the general welfare of the Masonic fraternity, and the period for which it is incorporated, not exceeding 30 years.

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