

**AN ACT TO INCORPORATE
THE GRAND CHAPTER OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ALBERTA**

(Assented to May 10th, 1973)

Preamble

WHEREAS the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta has sole jurisdiction over all Capitular and Royal Arch Masons in the Province of Alberta.

AND WHEREAS the said Grand Chapter, through the persons named hereunder, has petitioned and prayed for the passing of an Act to incorporate the Capitular and Royal Arch Masons in the Province of Alberta.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to grant the prayer of the petition;

THEREFORE, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Short Title

1. This Act may be called as *The Alberta Royal Arch Masons Act*.

Interpretation

2. In this Act

(a) "Constitution" means the constitution and regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta as adopted by its 55th Annual Convocation held in Edmonton, Alberta, on May 10th, 1969, and amendments thereto or substitutions therefor;

(b) "Grand Chapter" means the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Alberta as it is now or may be hereafter defined in the Constitution;

(c) "Royal Arch" means the Royal Arch Masons of Alberta incorporated by this Act;

(d) "Subordinate Chapter" means any Chapter which is presently or may be hereafter constituted under a warrant or a charter from the Grand Chapter all as provided in the Constitution, and also includes a lodge as defined in the Constitution.

Incorporation

3. O. Paul Thomas, the Grand First Principal, and F. R. Erick Mulder, the Grand Second Principal, and Dr. Philip J. Kendal, the Grand Third Principal, and Fredrick J. Hand, the Honorary Grand Secretary, Emeritus, and Andrew, C. Gunning, the Grand Treasurer, and Edward C. Glover, the Grand Scribe E., and such persons as are now or may become members of a Subordinate Chapter are hereby incorporated under the name of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Corporate capacity

4. The Royal Arch shall have the perpetual succession and a common seal with powers to change, alter, break and renew the same when and so often as it shall think fit and it shall have those objects which are more particularly set out in its existing Constitution.

5. (1) Subject to the Act, the Constitution is hereby adopted as the Constitution of the Royal Arch and such Constitution shall not be changed or amended except in the manner more particularly set out in the constitution and according to the terms and conditions set forth in this Act.

(2) The provisions in the Constitution respecting amendment thereto and the objects of the Royal Arch shall not be changed except with the permission of the Lieutenant Governor in council.

Powers

6. The Royal arch shall have the following additional powers and capacities:

- (a) to accept gifts, grants, legacies, devises or bequests in trust or otherwise of real or personal property and choses in action of every nature and wheresoever situate for its objects and according to the terms and conditions set forth in this Act;
- (b) to acquire by purchase, transfer, lease or otherwise, real or personal property and choses in action of every nature and kind and wherever situate and to have, hold, and possess the same and to sell, let, transfer, gift and dispose of the same at any time and in such manner as it shall consider fit.
- (c) to contract and be contracted with and to have the capacity to sue and answer and defend in all courts and places whatsoever;
- (d) to invest and deal with its moneys and assets in such security and in any other manner as it may from time to time determine;
- (e) to raise and assist in raising money for and to aid by way of promise, endorsement, guarantee or otherwise, any member of the Royal Arch or and company, or organization having objectives like or similar to those of the Royal Arch and to guarantee the performances of any contract and the payment of debts of any such member, company or organization.
- (f) to borrow, raise or secure the payment of money in such manner and in such amounts as it thinks fit;
- (g) to have all such other powers, rights, privileges, and immunities vested by law in a corporation of which may be necessary or proper for the carrying out of its objects.

Application of the Companies Act

7. The Royal Arch is exempt from each of sections 6, 73, 74, 79, 97, to 106 inclusive, 118, 146, and 287 of *The Companies Act*.

Management and Administration

8. Subject to this Act, the Royal Arch may exercise all its powers and shall be managed, controlled and administered by and through the Grand Chapter in the manner and as provided in the Constitution.

Subordinate Chapters

9. (1) Subject to this Act, the Constitution and the Superior Authority and Jurisdiction of Grand Chapter, all Chapters which are now or may hereinafter be constituted by Grand Chapter shall have like powers, capacities and authorities as those set out in this Act.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a Chapter and its officers shall not have the power and authority to act as agent for the Royal Arch or to bind it for any debt, obligation, act, omission or liability whatsoever but each such Chapter may, however, be liable or responsible to any person, firm or corporation on account thereof.
- (3) Should any Subordinate Chapter cease to exist or be dissolved for any cause whatsoever, all its property including choses in actions shall at once vest in the Royal Arch.

Non-profit Organization

10. (1) The Royal Arch shall be a non-profit organization and as such it shall not declare any dividends or distribute its property among its members.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Royal Arch may in accordance with its objects and powers make charitable and beneficial gifts and loans to its members.

Members

11. (1) A member or officer of the Royal Arch shall not in his individual capacity be or become liable for any debt or liability of the Royal Arch or of any Chapter.
- (2) A person shall be entitled to become a member and maintain and be divested of his membership in the Royal Arch in the manner and according to the provisions there-for contained in the Constitution.
- (3) A member shall not have or hold or be entitled to claim ownership or a share or interest or any of the capital or assets of the Royal Arch.